



Miami-Dade County League of Cities May BOD Meeting

The MDCLC held its Board of Director's meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Melreese Country Club. The meeting was well attended. Various topics were discussed. Vice Mayor Felicia Robinson, City of Miami Gardens gave the invocation. Mayor Peggy Bell, Town of Cutler Bay, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT):

Thank you to CITT for sponsoring the MDCLC May 5, 2016 Board of Director's meeting.

Mr. Scurr informed everyone of the updated *People's Transportation Plan 2.0 (PTP 2.0)*. The PTP 2.0 will feature multiple technologies such as Metrorail, Metromover, Light Rail, Commuter Rail, Full BRT, and Express Bus. As opposed to PTP 1.0 that features a single technology: Metrorail. PTP 2.0 will build rapid transit lines to West Dade, Kendall, Florida City, Miami Beach, and North Dade; expanding bus service; adding 635 buses; improving traffic signalization to reduce traffic backups; improving major and neighborhood roads and highways, including drainage; and funding to municipalities for road and transportation projects by levying a ½ percent sales surtax whose proceeds will be overseen by the CITT. Mr. Scurr asked that everyone in their municipalities actively participate and support state legislation.



Vice Mayor Felicia Robinson, City of Miami Gardens gave the invocation.



Mayor Peggy Bell, Town of Cutler Bay, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



CITT Executive Director, Mr. Charles Scurr.

Moment of silence in memory of Robert M. Levy:

Immediate Past President Jon Burgess, Councilman, City of Homestead, MDCLC Executive Director, Richard Kuper and MDCLC President Francis Suarez shared a few words in memory of Mr. Robert “Bob” M. Levy. Councilman Burgess asked everyone to please stand for a moment of silence. Councilman Burgess and Mr. Kuper suggested creating an award in honor of Bob Levy, and presenting it to the League member that was proactive during the legislative session and advocated for League issues. Councilman Burgess asked for everyone’s support in honoring him.

Resolution NO. 2016-87

City Attorney Craig Leen, Coral Gables presented a resolution declaring principles of inclusion for individuals with autism and other special needs and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these principles. Mr. Leen urged everyone to adopt this resolution. The MDCLC has adopted Resolution NO. 2016-87.

President Suarez asked for a motion to approve Resolution NO. 2016-87. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (visit MDCLC.org to read resolution)

Installation of Board Members:

President Francis X. Suarez introduced Judge Laura Ann Stuzin of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Judge Stuzin was then asked to swear in several Board Members who were not installed at the 62nd Annual Gala: Commissioner Vince Lago, Coral Gables, Mayor Jeff Porter, Homestead, Mayor Luigi Boria, Doral. Congratulations to our newly installed Board members!



(left to right) MDCLC Executive Director, Richard Kuper, Esq., MDCLC President Francis X. Suarez, MDCLC Immediate Past President Jon Burgess.



Craig Leen, Esq., City of Coral Gables.



(left to right) Mayor Jeff Porter, City of Homestead, Commissioner Vince Lago, City of Coral Gables, Judge Laura Ann Stuzin, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Mayor Luigi Boria, City of Doral, MDCLC President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami.

Florida League of Cities award presentation and legislative briefing:

Each year, the Florida League of Cities recognizes legislators and local elected officials who worked closely with the League's advocacy team and showed strong and consistent support of municipal home rule issues. The highest tribute, the Defender of Home Rule Award, is reserved for those legislators who consistently defended local government authority. In addition, the League's advocacy team would not be successful without the support of local government officials who consistently respond to the League's request to reach out to members of the Legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue. Mr. Dudley presented Home Rule Hero awards to Councilman Anthony DeFillipo, City of North Miami Beach, Councilman Joshua Fuller, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Councilman Manny Cid, Town of Miami Lakes, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor Claudia Cubillos, Village of El Portal (accepted by Councilman Harold Mathis on behalf of Mayor Cubillos), Mayor George Vallejo, City of North Miami Beach, Mayor Peggy Bell, Town of Cutler Bay. Mr. Scott Dudley then mentioned that there is now an 82.3 billion dollar budget, a 5% increase from last year making it the largest budget in the history of the state of Florida. The legislature delivered by giving more money for transportation related issues (MDCLC League priority). 9.8 billion dollars are for DOT (Department of Transportation) work plan. He then discussed key issues such as funding for seaport, economic development, and tax cuts. He urged our local elected officials to take the time and meet with their state representatives and senators and to invite them to make presentations at their commission meetings. Mr. Dudley thanked the League for the opportunity to make this presentation.



(left to right) MDCLC President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami, Councilman Harold Mathis, Councilman Manny Cid, Town of Miami Lakes, Councilman Joshua Fuller, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Senator Gwen Margolis, District 35, MDCLC Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor, City of North Miami Beach, Mayor Peggy Bell, Town of Cutler Bay, Councilman Anthony DeFillipo, City of North Miami Beach, Legislative Director Scott Dudley, Florida League of Cities.

- Save the Date

MDCLC Ethics Training Course

When: May 20, 2016

Where: Coral Gate Community Center

1415 SW 32nd Ave.

Miami, FL 33145

No charge, Courtesy of the MDCLC

MUST RSVP by

TODAY, May 16, 2016

MDCLC-Attorney Luncheon Seminar

When: June 23, 2016

Where: 94th Aero Squadron

1395 NW 57th Ave.

Miami, FL 33126

Cost: \$35.00

MUST RSVP