



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 4, 2014**



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# Board of Director's Meeting

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**Miami Auto Museum at the Dezer Collection  
2000 NE 146<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Miami, FL 33181**

Immediate Past President

Hon. Deede Weiborn  
Commissioner, City of Miami Beach

Past Presidents

Hon. Luis Gonzalez  
Council Vice-President, City of Hialeah  
Hon. Isaac Salver  
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands  
Hon. R.S. Shiver  
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Hon. Wilfredo "Willy" Gort  
Commissioner, City of Miami

**6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting**

- ❖ *Miami Children's Hospital*
- ❖ *Mystic Force Foundation*
- ❖ *City of North Miami*
- ❖ *Miami Auto Museum*
- ❖ *Exquisite Catering by Robert*
- ❖ *Hats Off Party & Events*

**WELCOMING REMARKS:**

*First Vice President Jon Burgess,  
Councilman, City of Homestead*

**1. INVOCATION:**

*Treasurer George Vallejo,  
Mayor, City of North Miami Beach*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

*Councilwoman Carol Keys,  
City of North Miami*

3. MINUTES: August 7, 2014

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Monthly Disbursement
- B. MDCLC Proposed 2014-2015 Budget

5. HOST CITY PRESENTATION:

*Acting Mayor **Philippe Bien-Aime**,  
City of North Miami*

6. MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRESENTATION:

*Dr. **Guillermo DeAngulo**,  
Hematologist/Oncologist, Miami Children's Hospital*

7. MYSTIC FORCE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION:

*Dr. **Steven Vanni** and Ms. **Silvia Vanni**,  
Co-Founders, Mystic Force Foundation*

8. MDCLC ANNEXATION/INCORPORATION TASK FORCE:

*Treasurer **George Vallejo**,  
Mayor, City of North Miami Beach*

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

***Richard Kuper, Esq.***

10. MDCLC SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTATION:

- A. *Ms. Heidi Hernandez,*  
*Miami Dade College Hialeah Campus*
- B. *Ms. Jasmyn Williams,*  
*Miami Dade College North Campus*
- C. *Mr. Steven Calle,*  
*Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus*

11. RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL PROCLAMATIONS FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:

- City of Miami
- City of North Miami Beach
- City of Opa-Locka
- City of South Miami
- Village of Palmetto Bay

12. MDCLC RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3:

*Secretary Jordan W. Leonard,*  
*Vice Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

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13. HURRICANE AND OTHER FORCE OF NATURE PREPARATION:

*Mr. Carlos J. Castillo,  
Regional Disaster Program Officer, American Red Cross*

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Best Practices Conference: October 24, 2014**  
Location: Hilton Miami Airport  
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, FL 33126
  
- **OurKids Event: September 20, 2014**  
Location: Zoo Miami – Monkey Meadow  
12400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33177

15. ADJOURNMENT





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Minutes

August 7, 2014

Grand Bay Club

President, **Cindy Lerner**, Mayor, Village of Pinecrest, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and thanked Mayor **Frank Caplan** of Key Biscayne for hosting the Board meeting. Mayor **Frank Caplan** gave the Invocation. Vice Mayor **Michael Davey**, Village of Key Biscayne led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **municipalities represented** at the Board Meeting: Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, El Portal, Homestead, Key Biscayne, Medley, Miami Dade County Public Schools, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes, North Miami Beach, Pinecrest, South Miami, Surfside, Virginia Gardens and West Miami. **Associate Members** and guests: American Traffic Solutions, Baptist Health South Florida, BB&T, Brown & Brown, CAC Florida Medical Centers, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Comcast, First Southwest, FPL, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Law Offices of Ben Kuehene, P.A., Levy and Associates, Miami Dolphins, Recreational Design & Construction, The Corradino Group, Waste Management, Waste Pro USA, Weiss Serota Helfman and Westway Towing.

President **Lerner** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President **Lerner** introduced **Frank Caplan**, Mayor of the Village of Key Biscayne for a host village presentation. Mayor Caplan welcomed the members present to the Grand Bay Club. He informed everyone that this was the first League of Cities meeting in the Village in many years, he was very excited and looked forward to getting through tonight's agenda. Furthermore, he began to mention the improvements that have been made in the village in which they will keep on improving to make the experience in the Village of Key Biscayne better. Since 1991 they have developed a full service city with excellent municipal services. These services include: police, full service fire rescue, parks and recreation, finance, and public works. The mayor then went on to mention that they administer an annual budget of thirty million dollars, and they carry funded reserves for contingencies and projects. Once again he thanked the MDCLC for hosting the meeting in the Village of Key Biscayne.

President **Lerner** introduced **Mr. Charles Scurr**, Executive Director, Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust. Executive Director Scurr thanked the League and all persons present for attending. He later went on to inform everyone of the CITT's current funding, he stated that twenty three percent of proceeds go to all of the cities in Miami Dade County which has summed to about fifty million dollars a year. Now twenty-six of the cities are providing shuttle bus services, that are transported over seven and a half million people a year. Mr. Scurr went on to explain that the CITT Board of Directors is comprised of fifteen members. Present this evening are two Board Members, **Dr. Anna E. Ward** and **Mr. Glenn Downing**. Mr. Scurr informed that they are working on multiple projects throughout Dade County and that it cannot be accomplished without the help of all that support them. He invited everyone to attend their 2014 Transportation Summit taking place on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Once again he thanked the MDCLC and wished everybody a good evening.

President **Lerner** introduced Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Kuper thanked his current staff Maydibis Ramos, Mildred Velez, and introduced Alejandra Chaparro. He then introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: Commissioner Deede Weithorn, Immediate Past President, Mayor Cindy Lerner, President, Mayor George Vallejo, Treasurer, Vice Mayor Jordan Leonard, Secretary, and First Vice President John Burgess. He then acknowledged **Former League Presidents** present: Former Mayor of the City of Doral J.C. Bermudez and Former Councilman of the City of North Miami, Michael Blynn. Mr. Kuper recognized the **Board Members** that were present: Mayor Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Commissioner Robert "Bob" Anderson, Village of Biscayne Park, Councilwoman Claudia Cubillos, Village of El Portal, Councilman Elvis Maldonado, City of Homestead, Mayor Frank Caplan, Village of Key Biscayne, Mayor Roberto Martell, Town of Medley, Councilman Felicia Robinson, City of Miami Gardens, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Town of Miami Lakes, Councilwoman Marlen Martell, City of North Miami Beach, Councilman Joseph Corradino, Village of Pinecrest, Vice Mayor Walter Harris, City of South Miami, Commissioner Barry Cohen, Town of Surfside, Councilman Richard Guasch, Town of Virginia Gardens, Alternate Commissioner Luciano Suarez, Dr. T. Holloway and Dr. Lawrence Feldman representing the **Miami Dade County Public Schools**. Mr. Kuper then introduced **City Clerk** present: Marilane Lima, Indian Creek. **Assistant City Attorney** present: Diana Vizcaino, City of Miami. **Manager**: Heidi Shafran, Village of Biscayne Park. **Judges** present: Don Cohn, Gladys Perez, William Altfield, County Court, Gloria Gonzalez, Fleur Lobree, Circuit Court, Jacqueline Shwartz, and Former Judge Ana Maria Pando.

**Mr. Kuper** acknowledged and thanked the attendees for donating backpacks, lunchboxes, and school supplies for the Fourth Annual Back-To-School Drive for children in need. He expressed that the success of the MDCLC Projects such as the Back-To-School Drive is dependent on our wonderful board members and associate members, and that on the behalf of the children receiving these items he wanted to once again express his gratitude and that of the President and all of the Board Members for their continued support.

He then introduced from the County Water and Sewer Department Director Bill Johnson. Mr. Kuper also recognized **New Associate Members** present: Westway Towing, Craig Goldstein. **Associate Members** present: American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Baptist Health South Florida, Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva, Brown & Brown, Robert Hollander, C.A.C. Florida Medical Centers, Eladio Gil, C.A.P. Government, Jose Miranda and Raul Rodriguez, Comcast, Jeannie Hernandez, BB&T, Martha Armas, First



Southwest, Lakshmi McGrath, FPL, Aletha Player, Kimley Horn & Associates, Ben Johnson, Law Offices of Benedict Kuehne, Benedict Kuehne, Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, Christina Pickens, and Robert Levy.

President **Lerner** introduced **Dr. Lawrence Feldman**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Board Member. Dr. Feldman discussed the budget. In 2003 the budget was at 6.3 billion dollars and has gone down 2 billion dollars putting their annual budget at 4.3 billion dollars. They have not raised taxes in five years. He is proud to announce that the fourth graders, eighth graders, and tenth graders are scoring higher than any other school system across the country. Dr. Feldman also announced that every instructional classroom in Dade County will have a Smart Board, at no cost provided through the PTA (Parent Teacher Association). Dr. Lawrence Feldman thanked everyone for supporting the school system and thanked The League for their support throughout the year and during the Legislative Session.

President **Lerner** introduced **Mr. Bill Johnson**, Director of the Miami Dade County Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Johnson provided a summary of where the water and sewer department is today and his vision for the future. Even though it is not as glamorous as the Tunnel Project, Airport Projects, etc., it is one of the most important departments that we have. He will work hard to provide good quality service and to implement the work that needs to be accomplished on upgrading the system, which is mandated by the Federal Government. Mr. Johnson states that he has been with the county for over thirty-five years, and he is planning on retiring in two years, and will make sure he retires with another successful department. He thanked the League and asked for everyone's support.

President **Lerner** called Ms. Kadie Black, Legislative Affairs, Our Kids to the podium. Kadie Black informed everybody on how they can help support Our Kids. Our Kids has created an innovative approach to foster care and adoption that puts children in the community first. There is a critical need for involvement and she wishes to have all the support from our elected officials from every municipality.

President **Lerner** read through the announcements listed on the agenda and informed everyone that the next Board of Directors meeting will be September 4, 2014. The League will also be hosting its Fourth Annual Best Practices Conference on Friday, October 24, 2014. Florida League of Cities 2014 Annual Conference: August 14-16, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Summarized minutes*



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**WHEREAS**, in 1981 the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners adopted the Metropolitan Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance ("Historic Preservation Ordinance") which allows for designation of certain properties as historic without first securing the consent of the property owner; and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the Historic Preservation Ordinance several decades ago, historic properties in Miami-Dade County have been thoroughly researched and surveyed, and properties having the most historic significance in Miami-Dade County have been processed and designated under the Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of properties as historic is an ongoing process and new designation of properties as historic without the owner's consent has the potential to adversely affect, among other things, the goals and objectives of a municipality's comprehensive planning efforts and its fiscal operations; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities have adopted comprehensive plans that do not identify any properties within their municipality as historic, and historic designation of any property within the municipality would be inconsistent with their adopted comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. is opposed to continuation of the practice of designating as historic properties located within the County of Miami-Dade where the consent of the property owner has not been obtained;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to amend the Historic Preservation Ordinance to require henceforth that consent of the property owner be obtained prior to historic designation of a property located in a municipality where the affected municipality has adopted a resolution opposing historic designation within its municipal boundaries without first securing the consent of the affected property owner.

2. The Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc., hereby further urges the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to amend the Historic Preservation Ordinance to confer initial jurisdiction on the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to make determinations as to the historic designation of a property upon receipt of a petition for designation filed by the Historic Preservation Board in cases where (a) a municipality has adopted a resolution opposing historic designation within its municipal boundaries without first securing the consent of the affected property owner; and (b) the property owner has not consented to historic designation.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at the regular meeting assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2014.

ATTEST:

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JORDAN W. LEONARD  
SECRETARY

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CINDY LERNER  
PRESIDENT





The Miami-Dade County League of Cities

Invites you to attend our  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Best Practices Conference &  
Exhibition**

On

Friday, October 24, 2014

Hilton Miami Airport Hotel

5101 Blue Lagoon Drive

Miami, FL 33126

From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Don't miss out! Register Today!**



<http://mdclc.wufoo.com/forms/mdclc-4th-annual-best-practices-conference/>

**Registration Fee:** \$75.00 with continental breakfast, lunch, cocktail reception, and admission to all sessions and the exhibit hall included!

Sponsorships available, contact The League office!  
(305) 416-4155 or [mdclc@bellsouth.net](mailto:mdclc@bellsouth.net)





**Our Kids**

is

**WILD**

**About Our Heroes!**

Join us in celebrating our amazing community members who support children in foster care, including Foster and Adoptive parents, who are the true heroes for our kids in Miami-Dade and the Florida Keys!

**Join us in the Monkey Meadow at Zoo Miami  
September 30th, 2014**

Check-in will be open from 9:30am - 2:00pm  
We request your attendance from 11:00am - 12:00pm in the Monkey Meadow for  
Our Kids Campaign Kick Off and Awards Program

**Zoo Miami**

1 Zoo Boulevard  
12400 SW 152 Street, Miami, FL 33177

Free Parking in the West parking lot  
Event check-in booth is located directly to the right of the main ticket booths  
(DO NOT GO TO ZOO MIAMI'S MAIN TICKET BOOTHS)

**RSVP**

Please RSVP to Kristen Hernandez at [Kernandez@ourkids.us](mailto:Kernandez@ourkids.us) by September 5th



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