



CITY OF DORAL

Commission on the Status of Women Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 NW 53 Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order at 6:13pm

2. Roll Call of Members:

- Ana Maria Arizaleta
- Marisela Boria
- Tina Floyd Fernandez
- Alejandra Moreno
- Mary Taboada

3. Public Comments:

- Belinda Marcano (Miami-Dade County Commission on Women) communicated the following:
 - Belinda was present during the City of Doral Council meeting this week together with Laura Morilla and Raisa Sequeira to advocate for the City's paid parental leave policy: 4 weeks paid paternal leave for birth/adoption for both male and female employees. They delivered a letter from Mara Zapata (MDCCW's Chair) to all Council members, in support of the policy, which was approved as a 1 year pilot program. It was also agreed that 60 days before the expiration of the pilot program the policy will be reviewed (budget requirements).
- Susie Castillo (Miami Dade Public Schools District 5 Board Member) reported on this week's school board meeting:
 - She discussed the Zika virus reports of Wynwood and Kendall. CDC is working with the school board to assist with clothing (for children in financial need). Mosquito repellent's are not allowed within school's properties, (potential allergies and other medication considerations), however parents are being encouraged to spray children before going to school. Nonetheless CDC is providing free insect repellent to those who required it. The uniform policy is being relaxed until the Zika crisis is over.
 - Susie also shared news about new schools in the plans for Doral as well as expansion of existing schools:
 - There will be a School for Advanced Studies provided by MDC West (offering dual enrollment classes) - 2 year program, graduate with AA (very limited capacity – 20 seats).

- There is a new school planned for 114th and 90th St – construction awarded this year - for 1200 students (K-8) projected to open in August 2017.
- There is a new school planned for 102th and 77th Terrace next to Grand Bay (adjacent to the park) - K-8
- Existing Doral Downtown Charter will expand (White Course area)
- Conversion of JIS back to K-6 Model
- Conversion of Doral Middle School building to a High School – conversion scheduled for 2017 – preliminary plans for a specialized Veterinary program
 - Another property is also in the works – (managed charter potentially)
 - Extended Teaching Academy to Miami Springs
- Due to these changes, all schools in Doral will be targeted next year (ABC Committee – new boundaries for all schools) – April/May 2017. It was proposed to use the early January quarterly event to have Belinda and Susie explain the process to the community to garner support from the residents. Belinda will be Susie's appointee for this process, as well as Jennifer Horruitiner
- Construction on 52nd St (in front of JIS) will hopefully will be completed by the start of school – there will be special assistance from Doral and School police if construction is not complete
- Alejandra Moreno asked for statistical information from MDPS – Susie requested that the COSW forward to her the specific details of the information that we are looking for and she will process. In discussing the need for statistics, Belinda mentioned that there was a request from Doral Park's Department Director to conduct a survey regarding special needs children within the community, as there have been reports of parents of special needs pulling kids out of school because the schools in the city do not offer special needs education programs. There was no approval for the funding of the survey. Alejandra mentioned that the objective of the data is to prepare a report regarding the status of women in the city of Doral, using the report from Leon County as a template. Alejandra will forward the Leon County 2012 Report from to Belinda and Susie
- Both Belinda and Alejandra mentioned to Susie the proposed project they have been trying to coordinate with RRHS – STEM related panel presentation or career day – Susie offered to contact the CAP Counselor at RRHS on our behalf
- It was also suggested that we consolidate efforts presenting Belinda's College Orientation Program in conjunction with the panel (attaining the City's support as a COSW event)
- Susie also mentioned that MDCPS has enabled an online request for the Girl Scout use of MDCPS facilities, as well as online payments for MDCPS.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from June's meeting were approved unanimously, as well as minutes from the March meeting that were pending for approval.

5. Agenda/Order of Business

- Request status on Public Building bathrooms posters for emergency numbers
 - Maggie informed the board members that the signs (20) arrived today and were distributed for installation in the City & parks public bathrooms
- Request status on NACW membership payment for 2016
 - Maggie informed the board members that the renewal had been processed and that Karina will send out the information to the board
- Quarterly COSW event planning:
 - The next event will be scheduled for the month of October (Women's History Month)
 - Potential topics were discussed and it was agreed that the main topic would be Human Trafficking with presentations and a panel
 - Potential speaker: Victor Williams
 - We will also reach out to assistance from the MDC Commission of Women and the Women's Fund (Mary Andrews)

- Upcoming events of interest
 - Aug 20: (10:30 – 1:00pm) Women Equality Day Celebration – Women's Park on West Flagler St by Miami Dade County's Commission for Women
 - Sept 6: (9:00am – 12:00pm) Human Trafficking Panel Event - HADASSAH: Temple Israel Greater Miami: 137 NE 19th St, Miami FL 33132, rsvp: greatermiami@hadassah.org by 8/31
 - Sept 13: (7:30am – 9:30am) Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (RTC) Updates – Jackson Memorial Hospital's Holtz Children's Hospital – Room 2034, rsvp franchise.daley@jhsmiami.org
 - Sept 16: (8:30am – 1:30pm) Hispanic National Bar Association (HBNA) Anti Human Trafficking Conference – St Thomas University (Law School), rsvp: mvargas@hinshawlaw.com
- Feedback from Kristie House Training
 - 8 people were in attendance, however no city staffers attended the training, thus failing the original objective suggested by the board. At this time we will not continue to pursue the issue as it has been a tremendous waste of efforts for all involved.

6. New Business

- No new business was presented for discussion

7. Adjournment :

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Alejandra Moreno

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Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 Commission on the Status of Women Meeting made by Alejandra Moreno and seconded by Tina Floyd.

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Chairperson