



## City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room  
8401 N.W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Vinita Tandon, Chair	Present
Vanessa B. Fernandez, Vice Chair	Present
Sergio Leao, Secretary	Present

Also present were:

George Vega, Parks and Recreation Department

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

Board Member, Vinita Tandon, explained to the public what the City of Doral does for children and adults with special needs. The public then went on to introduce themselves to the board.

5. **Discussion Items**

a. **Discussion:** Officer Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)

**Motion to nominate Vinita Tandon as Chair** made by board member Sergio Leao and seconded by Vanessa Fernandez. By consensus, this motion passes unanimously.

**Motion to nominate Vanessa Fernandez as Vice Chair** made by board member Vinita Tandon and seconded by Sergio Leao. By consensus, this motion passes unanimously.

**Motion to nominate Sergio Leao as Secretary** made by board member Vinita Tandon and seconded by Vanessa Fernandez. By consensus, this motion passes unanimously.

b. **Discussion:** Scheduling of the Board Meetings

The board member selected their quarterly meeting dates. The board agreed to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of that month. Originally, the board had selected June 6<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> as their quarterly meeting dates, but the board opted to have two special meeting dates, so the board will be meeting in April, June, August, October and December.

**c. Open Discussion**

Mr. George Vega discussed the new program called Sunburst Wellness program, that the Parks & Recreation Department started at Doral Legacy Park that helps teens and adults with special needs of age 17 and older with social and life skills. The program is seasonal and it's every Thursday from 6pm until 8pm.

Mr. George Vega also discussed other programs that the Parks & Recreation Department is having such as Movies at the Parks, Social Outing and a new program called Wellness and Martial Arts that is designed for the Special Needs population from ages 7 and up.

**6. New Business**

Board Member, Sergio Leao, discussed Crystal Academy and Divine Savior Academy. Crystal Academy is teaming up with Divine Savior Academy to create a section for students with special needs. The building/program should be ready by Fall 2020.

The board wants to discuss the wallet ID program and the Child Safe Kit next meeting.

**7. Future Meeting Date:** Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Vinita Tandon	<u>YES</u>
Vice Chair Vanessa B. Fernandez	<u>YES</u>
Secretary Sergio Leao	<u>YES</u>

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2019.

  
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Vinita Tandon, Chair