

MINUTES

CITY OF DORAL

SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 9th, 2013 at 6:00 pm 8401 N.W. 53RD TERRACE DORAL, FL 33166

1. Call to Order Jorge Van Balen adjured and seconded by Luz Rosenfiled

2. Roll Call of Members

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

Malexys Morales Carolina Cano Jorge Van Balen Luz Marina Rosenfield Yolyed Yrausquin Yolanda Michael Present Present Present Present Present Present

Also present were:

Bettina Rodriguez Special guests Jimena Hills from RecConnetion

3. Agenda/Order of Business

- a. Approval of Minutes Minutes were approved by Jorge Vab Balen.
- b. **Agenda item I** Guest Introduction. Jimena Hills is the co founder of Recreation Connection which is a firm that provided Recreational therapy to individuals with special needs. Jimena was invited by Carolina in order to obtain a information on how to start u program at the park that are targeted to those with special needs, Jiena provided information about proposals she has already that could potentially be developed in the City of Doral.

The board discussed places and summer camps that can implement activities for children with special needs and as per the information provided by the Liason (Michael) there is a contract with a summer camp provider at Morgan Levy Park; however provider is not delivering any type of programs targeting the special needs population.Board members requested Jimena to bring a proposal to the next meeting that could be presented to the City and seeking approval from the board.

- c. Agenda Item II Yolyed to coordinate meeting with regional office (Sussy Castillo) for classification the ESE program in the Doral Schools and obtain information through a public record request as suggested by the board of education. Yolyed had the approval of the board to continue contacting and writing to the authorities of the district.
- d. **Agenda Item III-** Motion to have another meeting in two weeks January 23rd @6:00 seconded by Carolina and approved by all members.
- e. **Agenda Item III-** Luz informed members about the Awareness project and invited members to participate by distributing by mail the information to the community and business owners in the City of Doral. January 30th will be the presentation with the business council to seek better policies for hiring individuals with special needs and provide incentives for individuals.
- f. Agenda Item III– A Motion was placed by the advisory board for Bettina Rodriguez to obtain census information on disabilities in schools. motioned by Chairman and seconded by secretary, apporved by members.
- g. **Agenda Item IV-** Future meeting dates and times were discussed and agreed upon for Jnauary 23rd, Thursday @ 6:00 p.m. (Pending to be approved by Karina De La Rosa).
- **h. Adjournment-** The meeting was motioned by Chairmen and adjourned by Luz at 7:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>Carolina Cano</u> Advisory Board Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Chairmen Jorge Van Balen and seconded by Luz Marina Rosenfiled.

Malexys Morales Brunilde Rodriguez Carolina Cano Luz Marina Rosenfield Yolanda Trigo de Serrano Yolyed Yrausquin Michael Jorge Van Balen Chairperson