



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair	Present
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present
Ricardo Bautista, Board Member	Present
Jason Juarez, Board Member	Present

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no comments made during public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

- June 8, 2021

Motion to approve made by Secretary Flynn and seconded by Member Juarez. By consensus, minutes were approved.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Recap of items proposed to Council

Primary new initiative is to hold family day in December. Concern whether new variant of Covid will settle to be able to hold public event. Board consensus will be to continue ahead, planning for family day to be held and be prepared to cancel if risk is deemed high closer to the time of the event.

Event planned to be held at Doral Glades Park on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Board Members will present this plan to the City Council at the next Council meeting on August 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m. At the very least, Board Chair Bill Watts will be present, additional board members plan to be present.

Initial intent on family day would be to sponsor specific local unit, as done in past years. Discussion and general board consensus now to turn this into local veteran event, set Event Bright to specific number of signups. Member Bautista motioned to change the family day from unit sponsored event to a veteran sponsored event. Member Juarez seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Additional co-events to invite: local Marine contingent to sponsor annual Toys for Tots, hold possible blood drive, Covid vaccination drive, and donated food items/food drive. Secretary Flynn will reach out to City of Doral Public Affairs about advertising this event, once approved by City Council. Initial advertising intended to reach out to local Doral veterans, wait a couple weeks to see how many respond; potentially open to veterans across Miami if larger response rate needed, advertise through VA and local veteran groups.

Family day event items to bring before the Council on August 11:

- Waiver of park fees, Doral Glades Park
- Off-duty police officer
- Website social media to advertise/sponsor event
- Event Bright – Council, City office, or Board to set advertisement
- Request Mayor and/or Council Members to appear on event day
- Reach out to Parks Department for tents, tables, chairs, and park capacity
- Fund raising events in the name of Board for veteran event
- City funds that may be needed in addition to fund raising
- Additional co-events: Toys for Tots, blood drive, Covid drive, food drive

b. Open Discussion

Member Bautista brought to the table SouthCom interest in housing in Doral for assigned military members. Past discussions have covered stipends, rental agreements, down payments and security deposits that many junior military members cannot afford. Noted plans are in place to put military housing in Doral. Board is interested in continuing this discussion but not at this time. Intent is to press forward quickly with family day planning and bring this discussion back to the table as planning time permits.

7. Discussion of next meeting agenda items

Discussion will continue moving forward with family day event. Discussion will include outcome of August 11 City Council Meeting. Housing in Doral discussion will continue as time on family day planning permits.

8. Future Meeting Date

- September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

As the Board will present family day items to the City Council on August 11, the Board will meet at the soonest available date to discuss Council approval of items and next steps the Board needs to take to press this initiative into action. Secretary Flynn motioned to hold the next meeting on Monday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m., to cover any issues that arise from the City Council meeting. Vice Chair Prather seconded. All approved, motion carried.

September 7, 2021 meeting date will be kept as a regular meeting to continue discussing event momentum.

Future meetings may be deemed necessarily to continue forward momentum of family day event planning, intent to keep current set dates with inclusion of additional dates as needed.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Ricardo Bautista and seconded by Board Member Jason Suarez

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

Deborah Prather, Vice Chair

Christopher Flynn, Secretary

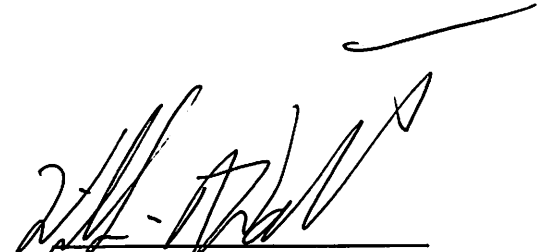
Ricardo Bautista, Board Member

Jason Juarez, Board Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16 day of August 2021.



William 'Bill' Watts, Chair