



CITY OF DORAL

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES-**

Mission Statement – “To position and develop the City of Doral as a world-class international business destination, enhancing the local economy by: (1) Promoting, developing and attracting international business to the city. (2) Identifying strategic ways that will provide opportunities for international investments from targeted businesses and industries. (3) Creating and establishing strategic alliances with multi-national companies, foreign city governments and institutions to foster trade, investments and general economic development.”

Thursday, April 1, 2010
8300 N.W. 53RD STREET, SUITE 100
DORAL, FL 33166

Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chairwoman, Nubielena Medina

Roll called by Secretary, Juan Casimiro

Present:

Nubielena Medina, Chairwoman

Juan Casimiro, Secretary

Frank Castillo, Vice Chair

Guest:

Charles Cheng

City of Doral Staff:

Bettina Rodriguez

Mercy Arce (~~need to verify her last name~~)

Approval of January 7, 2010 Minutes:

To be submitted on Friday, April 9, 2010 since they were lost due to technological mishaps.

Sister City application update:

N. Medina advised we have received application for Sister City International
Need to submit with \$510.00 (application fee)
Agreed to prepare memo requesting application fee to City Council
B. Rodriguez suggested Board gets invoice from Sister City to attach with request
N. Medina will look into trying to obtain invoice
Agreed to submit application with check as soon it is approved and ready

Discussion of Sister City partner city;

Agreed to focus on a city in Asia, specifically Taiwan
The Board reviewed information requested about the cities in Taiwan that could be a
good match as a Sister City
Discussed each area presented, including demographics, economic development, art and
culture as well as possible political implications
B. Rodriguez Aguilera suggested that more than one city/area be offered to the City
Council as options
Motion was made and passed unanimously to make the recommendations of Taoyuan
County, Taoyuan City and Zhongli as the Sister City options
Agreed to hold a special meeting to prepare recommendation memo to City Council,
which will include each option in the order of priority with support points for the
recommendation and order of priority
Recommendation Memo to be completed by April 14, so it can be reviewed at the May
City Council meeting

New Business:

F. Castillo advised about an upcoming conference to be held in Dominican Republic for
construction and infrastructure development for Haiti. The Board discussed the
opportunities that could arise if it considers getting involved in this on-going effort for
business to get involved help rebuild Haiti.

N. Medina advised there will be a DBC breakfast May 12, 2010 focusing on Haiti which
will include (World Vision and other panelists)

B. Rodriguez Aguilera advised that there are 30 Chambers of Commerce in Doral now
and still growing

B. Rodriguez Aguilera gave the Board an update on the City of Doral SWOT Analysis
and gave out A handout of the World Trade Week 2010 and the City of Doral Facts and
Stats

Next Meeting Date: July 9, 2010

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35p

Respectfully Submitted,

Motion to approve the minutes of April 1 was made by Frank Castil and seconded by David Yglesias

Board Member David Yglesias Board Member Frank Castil
7/1/2010

Board Member
Chairman [Signature]