



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, May 18, 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 6:09 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

Also present were:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no comments made during public comments.

5. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Introductions

Present board and staff members introduced themselves.

b. Discussion: Officer Elections (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

Motion to nominate Bill Watts as Chair made by Board Member Deborah Prather, seconded by Board Member Christopher Flynn. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Motion to nominate Deborah Prather as Vice Chair made by Board Member Flynn, seconded by Board Member Ricardo Bautista. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Motion to nominate Christopher Flynn as Secretary made by Chair Bill Watts, seconded by Board Member Jason Juarez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

c. Discussion: Schedule for the 2021-2023 Board Meetings (Date & Time)

Discussed whether to continue monthly or go to bimonthly meetings. Meetings to be held first Tuesday of each month, majority consensus evening meetings, at 6:00 p.m. The board will skip July as a meeting month.

d. Open Discussion

Discussed projects, initiatives to pursue this Board year.

Chair Watts mentions spouse appreciation as a consideration but the need to wait until social distancing normalizes to hold such event.

Family Day is noted, usually held around December.

Chair Watts notes recommendation to the City Council to allow 100% disabled veterans free admission to the Doral Parks, specific to new activities to open at Doral Central Park.

Vice Chair Prather notes initiatives from the last board to continue pursuing. Encourage businesses to offer veteran discounts. Housing stipend or rental considerations for SouthCom members to live in Doral. Percentage of city contracts dedicated to veterans or disabled veterans; idea brought forward by the previous board but not actively pursued.

Board member Bautista notes creating a list of veterans that live in Doral for contact or recognition, outreach for local events.

Vice Chair Prather motions for board members to bring project ideas or initiatives to the next board meeting.

Board recommends December 11 to hold the next Family Day, will need verification and approval from the City Council this can be held Saturday, December 11, at Glades Park and waivers for entrance or operating fees will be approved.

Next meeting agenda items for discussion: 1. Initiatives for Board to pursue. 2. Family Day to be held on December 11. 3. Fund raising events.

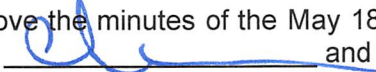
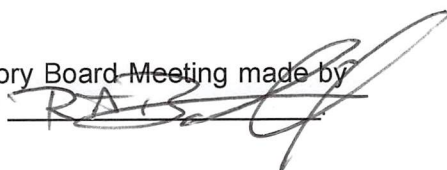
6. Future Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

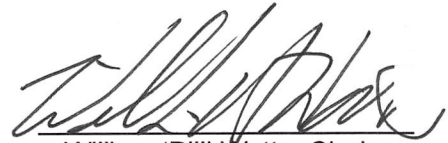
Motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member  and seconded by Board Member 

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






APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of June 2021.


William 'Bill' Watts, Chair