



City of Doral Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:30 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 6:14 pm.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Christopher Yankana, Chair	Present
Sarah Jimenez, Vice Chair	Present
Maria Garces, Secretary	Present
Jennifer Triana, Board Member	Present
Maria Carolina Venegas, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Director

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no comments made during public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

- **May 24, 2021**

Motion to approve the May 24, 2021 meeting minutes made by board member Maria Garces and seconded by board member Maria Carolina Venegas. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion: Animal Ordinance**

Each member is to look into the Animal Ordinances given by Mr. Estrada and familiarize themselves with it. Motion to read and review it and if there is anything to comment or recommend on to bring it up at the August 23, 2021 meeting made by board member Christopher Yankana and seconded by board member Sarah Jimenez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

b. Open Discussion:

- Board Member Maria Garces designed a flyer with summer recommendations on how to keep your pet safe and inviting the community to come to the animal welfare committee meetings and have them posted at the Doral dog park.
- Also, bring a list of activities that the board could plan or program for the animal welfare committee and the community. Mr. Estrada stated that any activity must first be presented to the city council to get approved.
- Board Member Christopher Yankana mentioned to involve the business community because there is a lot of Animal Clinics that could provide good information.
- Board Member Maria Garces mentioned the option to participate in the event in October, but the board has to come up with a plan or ideas for the next meeting of what & how to participate in the Howl-o-Ween event to present it at the next City Council meeting.
- Board Member Maria Garces mentioned the idea to come up with a hashtag like #doralpets and invite the community to participate by sending pets pictures and they could win something in a raffle that some Doral business owner, like Pet Spa, could offer their services.
- Board Member Christopher Yankana proposed that each member contact some of the business owners they know and tell them about the Animal Welfare Committee and ask if they are willing to offer some of their services or donate some goods and participate in an event with the city for the community. It'll be great if the board contacts them before the next meeting on August 23rd, so they know who is willing to participate.
- Board Member Jennifer Triana asked if this committee could recruit volunteers from high school or if it has to be through the city? Director Estrada told her that he isn't sure but will ask.
- The board discussed different ideas to do for the Howl-o-Ween event and work together with Doral Veterinaries and Animal Service.
- The board discussed an idea for an event - PET Art festival. It would involve some Doral art studio, like Art Shack, so each kid could bring a photo of their pet and paint it with some instructions. To be able to participate, the board will ask to donate a bag of food for either cats or dogs for the animal shelter that is located in Doral, that way we all work together and involve kids. The board discussed about a potential date for that event, which may be February 2022.

- Board Member Christopher Yankana mentioned to contact animal clinics and mobile groomers to see if they could offer a coupon or discount of their services for the Howl-o-Ween event.
- Board Member Maria Garces mentioned that it would be nice to have a template letter where we introduce ourselves as the Animal Welfare Committee members from the City of Doral for when we approach any animal clinic or business asking them to participate in a community event. The letter will have the right words to invite the business to offer a coupon, discount etc. and they will benefit from it because they will be exposed to the entire Doral community. This template could be done with the City Clerk's help.
- The board mentioned about inviting dog trainers to the meetings, so the board could start contacting them. Board member Sarah Jimenez mentioned that she knows one.
- Board Member Maria Carolina Venegas talked about the rules that have to be changed and how to establish them. She mentioned the fines that could bring income to the city etc. and board member Christopher Yankana suggested it be discussed at the next meeting. Board member Maria Carolina Venegas mentioned the leash and picking up after dogs.

7. **Future Meeting Date:** Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. or before depending if we are participating on the Howl –o –Ween event.

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA GARCES
 Maria Garces, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 Animal Welfare Committee made by Board Member CHRISTOPHER YANKANA and seconded by Board Member CAROLINA VENEGAS

Christopher Yankana, Chair
 Sarah Jimenez, Vice Chair
 Maria Garces, Secretary
 Jennifer Triana, Board Member
 Maria Carolina Venegas, Board Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23 day of August 2021.

[Signature]
 Christopher Yankana, Chair