



## City of Doral Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

Monday, October 25, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

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

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

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

**Also present were:**

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Director  
Luimar Zibetti Garza, Resident

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

Luimar Zibetti Garza commented on the mask requirements. She said that there are cases where deaf people and autistic people, like her, that can't see the facial expressions underneath the mask and that makes it hard to communicate. So, she believes that in establishments like City Hall and other buildings, they shouldn't be used.

Luimar also commented on the ordinance and read that animals should be neutered and spayed.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- September 27, 2021

**Motion to approve the September 27, 2021 meeting minutes** made by board member Christopher Yankana and seconded by board member Jennifer Triana. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Discussion: Program to begin outreach to business community**

- Board member Maria contacted Doggy House and explained the campaign and is pending a response. Board member Maria will also contact Woof Gang Bakery.
- Board member Chris clarified the objective to approach the business community to introduce themselves and ask if they want to participate in the #doraldoggies campaign and have a spotlight on their business.
- Board member Jennifer mentioned that a gift certificate would be the easiest way to give the reward to the winner. The service provided will be paid from the donation.
- Board member Chris mentioned that it could be 5 gift certificates of \$100 from 5 businesses in the community.
- The board decided which businesses to contact, and they will each get 2 businesses to contact.
  - Board member Maria Garces – The Doggy House and Woof Gang Bakery
  - Board member Chris – Doral Center Animal Clinic and Animal Health Clinic in Doral
  - Board member Jennifer – Doral Veterinary Care and Petco
- Board member Chris recommended that they have an introduction letter ready to give and explain about the campaign and about the prizes and how they could participate in a mutual benefit arrangement.
- Board member Maria commented that the businesses participating could have their logo in a postcard that will be designed (ask Maggie Santos for that) and post it on Instagram as one of the prizes.
- The board agreed that the response from the Howl-o-Ween Event, where flyers were given out, hasn't be what they were expecting. The board wants to promote it more with postcards and post it on Instagram.
- The board also agrees on giving gift certificates. If the business doesn't have one, they could design one with their logo.
- Board member Chris commented that the intro letter with the corrections he sent to Ms. Cruz hasn't been printed out yet. The board will reach out to Ms. Cruz about it.
- The board agreed to attend the next event like the Holiday Celebration at Doral Meadow Park on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to promote the #doraldoggies campaign and outreach the community.
- The board commented that it would be best to extend the date for the campaign, so that it's after the holiday event. The campaign would be from December 3 to December 13, that way they can promote it. The board will be asking Maggie and Mr. Estrada said that it could be done.

**b. Discussion: Begin Planning for 2022**

- The board agreed to take a look at the events that the city will be hosting in 2022 and see if they could work alongside some of those events.
- Luimar mentioned that the board could do something with the Humane Animal Services and some activities in conjunction with the Military Affairs

and Special Needs Committee like a therapy session with a service dog for people with PTSD.

- She also mentioned that she would like a café with a patio with cats and customers can go there and be with them as a soothing and relaxation experience.
- The board agreed to talk about it in the November 29 meeting and maybe approach other committees to do something in conjunction.

**c. Discussion: Revisit proposal on recommendations to the city**

- The board agreed to a special meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for the ordinance review and to be able to submit it on time for the December Council Meeting.
- Approved motion for a special meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> for new ordinance review.

**d. Open Discussion**

- Mr. Estrada mentioned that the City is having a lot of complaints regarding dog leashing and picking up after one's dog. So, they will run a campaign targeting the communities with that issue. The campaign will tell the owners to follow the Animal Control Ordinance, or they will have penalties. The campaign will be posted online, and they will be sending emails.

**7. Future Meeting Date:**

- Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 7:36 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA GARCES.  
Maria Garces, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 Animal Welfare Committee made by Board Member MARIA CAROLINA VENEGAS and seconded by Board Member JENNIFER TRIANA.

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 15 day of November 2021.

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Christopher Yankana, Chair