



City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, June 27, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Doral Police Training Center
Community Room
3719 N.W. 97th Avenue
Doral, FL 33178

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Vinita Tandon, Chair	Present
Rosa Sanabria, Vice Chair	Present
Corina Orozco, Board Member	Present
Vacant, Board Member	
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Also present were:

Erin Weislow, Recreation Coordinator (Sitting in for Jorge Vega)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There was audience participation at the closing of the meeting.

5. Discussion Items

- a. **Update:** Baptist Hospital Inclusion and Diversity Program. Per Vinita, program involves 5,000 employees and one topic they work on is disabilities. This is not just a job, but a career path. They have done an incredible job of training kids with disabilities. An example is sign language training as well as vocational rehab. Look into bringing trainers to City of Doral.

- b. **Update:** Sign Language Classes. Per Vinita, funding could go either way. Look for funding and /or apply for grant. Need to find out first if need is there. Get in touch with George to find out and initiate mail out for those interested.
- c. **Update:** Wallet ID Card Project. Tentative meeting July 11th. Once this meeting takes place, we will invite them after this meeting.
- d. **Update:** Summer programing. July 2nd for 6 weeks. Special Needs Art Classes for July 20th. After dark sessions start July 20th at Morgan Levy. Great response from community. Events coming up are Family Bowling Night and Summer Camp. Look into before care and after care.
- e. **Update:** Programming for Special Needs Community Member Ages 20-30's. Jorge met with hub support director and had a very positive meeting. City of Doral will promote their services in exchange for seminar s to our community by the fall with free of cost to our residents.

6. **Future Meeting Date** Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

7. **Public Comments.** Audience member Sandra mentioned Gigi's play house, a nonprofit organization that works with kids in the community with down syndrome. Per Vinita, organizations must be inclusive of all disabilities in order for City of Doral to be able to work with them. Per Rosa, Vice Chair, look into Drama Therapy Work Shops. Find out availability of Art Show. A nonprofit organization currently showcasing this type of therapy. Auditisa theater Project.

8. **Adjournment Meeting adjourns at 6:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

 Motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2018 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____.

Chair Vinita Tandon
 Vice Chair Rosa Sanabria
 Board Member Sergio Leao
 Board Member Vanessa Fernandez
 Vacant

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th of November 2018.

Vinita Tandon, Chair