



# City of Doral Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Nubia Abaji, Board Member	Absent (2 <sup>nd</sup> absence)
Maria Alejandra Lugo, Board Member	Absent (2 <sup>nd</sup> absence)
Jayson Pena, Board Member	Present
Lydia Perez, Board Member	Present
Carmen Ramos, Board Member	Present
Elsa Delgado, Alternate Member	Absent (3 <sup>rd</sup> absence)

**Staff present:**

Diana Maldonado, Parks & Recreation Department

**Guests present:**

Mayor Christi Fraga  
Marilyn Del Orbe Silva- MDCollege

✓ 3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Pledged

4. **Approval of August 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

a. Motion made by Carmen Ramos, seconded by Lydia Perez, to approve the August 8, 2023, with the approved corrections, waiving the reading. Motion carried.

5. Mayor Christi Fraga addressed the Committee and clarified the committee's purpose and position.

- Some events are not official city events but are sponsored and provided by private enterprises.
- The city is hiring a cultural affairs program coordinator. */cultural arts center facility manager.*
- The CAAB should identify one or two new events to present to the council.
- The CAAB should also assess the other events that are taking place in the city.
- Other events are provided by the Council, other advisory boards, Economic Development, etc.

6. Presentation by Marilyn del Orbe Silva – MDCC

- a. Highlighted the events and venues currently hosted by Miami Dade in the community.
    - a. Book Fair
    - b. International Film Festival
    - c. GEM film festival
    - d. Historic Koubek Memorial Center – Little Havana
    - e. Museum of Art and Design
    - f. Live Arts Miami
  - b. MDCC will join the city for a fashion fair (currently in planning phase)
- 7. Items**
- a. Classic cars – The Committee (Carmen Ramos and Jayson Pena) will meet with the classic car show organizers to discuss the logistics of bringing the show to the city.
- 8. Recap from Department Liaison**
- a. Diana Maldonado presented the upcoming events.
    - a. Farmers Market – Dec – city event
    - b. Christmas Bazar – Dec 2 at Downtown Doral (independent corporate event)
    - c. Doral Art and Flowers festival – Dec 7 at Cultural Arts Center (private in partnership with the city)
    - d. Miami Symphony Orchestra (MISO) at the park – Dec 9 – City event
    - e. Downtown Doral Art Walk – Feb 10 – City event
    - f. Miami Symphony Orchestra (MISO) at the part – February 24, 2024 - City event
- 9. Open Discussion** – nothing to report.
- 10. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items**
- a. Classic Car event – The council will arrange a meeting with City Place to discuss bringing this event to City place next year.
    - a. Carmen Ramos and Jayson Pena will spearhead this event.
    - b. Target dates April or May 2024
  - b. Next CAAB meeting will be kept at the agreed date and time. We will contact the other members that have been absent to see if a meeting date/time reschedule is needed to accommodate all members.
- 11. Adjournment**
- Meeting adjourns at 11:34 am, by Lydia Perez, seconded by Carmen Ramos.  
Next meeting February 13 at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lydia Perez, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Jayson Pena and seconded by Board Member Carmen Ramos.

Carmen Ramos, Chair  
Nubia Abaji, Vice Chair  
Lydia Perez, Secretary  
Jayson Pena, Member  
Eduardo Osorio

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NA  
JL  
JP

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 16th day of January 2024.

Carmen Ramos  
Carmen Ramos, Chair