

# City of Doral Commission on the Status of Women Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 8:30 a.m. Doral Government Center 1st Floor Multipurpose Room 8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace Doral, FL 33166

Call to Order
 Meeting was called to order at 8:49 a.m.

## 2. Roll Call of Board Members

Tina Floyd Fernandez, Chair Marlene Gonzalez, Vice Chair Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich, Secretary Elizabeth Nieves, Board Member Present Not Present Present Present

## Also present were:

Vice-Mayor Claudia Mariaca Maggie Santos, Public Affairs Department

# 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4. Public Comments

Present for the meeting were members of the Doral Business Forum, including Pete de la Torre, Sally Villalba, Aslynn Tigers, and Dainy Tapia. Dainy Tapia is part of DORCAM, the Doral Contemporary Art Museum. Vice-Mayor Claudia Mariaca invited these individuals to attend the meeting. These members of the public each expressed their desire to participate with the Board. More specifically though, they aspire to collaborate with the Board for the Forum's annual Doral's Women's Month in March of 2020; a month of events in the city typically sponsored by the Doral Business Forum focused on women in business and community. These members of the public each shared insight as to their past Doral Women's Month events, as well as their vision for 2020. Some of their ideas included an art reception celebrating women in art, a luncheon, possible workshops or formatted gatherings addressing issues such as mental and physical health for women, and other events centered around business, art, fitness, food and the like. Of note, the timing of these events would coincide with Doral's Food and Wine Festival. Additionally, DORCAM would also collaborate with the

Board and the Doral Business Forum for Women's Month 2020. The art movement in the city is growing and all, including the Board, expressed the greater impact that can be made if we work together.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 meeting minutes** made by Tina Floyd Fernandez and seconded by Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

#### 6. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion: December 7, 2019 Making a Difference with Doral Women event The Board discussed in greater detail the goals and logistics of this event. The members of the public in attendance also offered many suggestions on how to make it a successful event. The Board remained committed to a breakfast event with light food, coffee and donuts for example. The goals are to connect with the women in the community to understand their needs, programs that can be recommended to the Council in the community, to continue growing the network of the Board and resident involvement in the Board's initiatives, and to create an infrastructure for the Board to work with the community. The format of the proposed event was discussed. One suggestion was a u-shaped setup for the room with the Board sitting at the top as a panel. Another suggestion was to create brainstorming sessions among attendees focused on problem solving. Other suggestions included providing resources of some sort that might be valuable in the context of whatever issues might be raised by attendees. Other suggestions involved couching the event as an opportunity to set goals for women in the City in 2020, coming together to find solutions for some of the City's more vulnerable residents, focusing on single mom (parent) issues, and mental health. The Board agreed to continue honing the goals and details of the event and to readdress the matter at the next meeting.
- b. Discussion: 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Anniversary Celebration
  The Board readdressed this event only briefly. Board members shared their vision with those in attendance and requested their help in collaborating to make it a success.
- 7. Future Meeting Date: Scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.
- 8. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.
  - a. Generally, continue planning the four (4) events proposed.
  - b. Prepare memorandum to Council for approval of December 7, 2019 Making a difference event.
  - c. Continue preparing an agenda and format for the December 7<sup>th</sup> event.
  - d. Design flyer for the December 7<sup>th</sup> event and promote it through the City and the Board's networks.
- 9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 9:56 am

Respectfully submitted,
Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich, Secretary
Motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Commission on the Status of Womade by Board Member That I and seconded by Board Vett Chonzaltz. Pettovich

Chair Tina Floyd Fernandez Vice Chair Marlene Gonzalez Secretary Ivette Gonzalez-Petkovich **Board Member Elizabeth Nieves** 

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2019.

and seconded by Board Member