



# City of Doral

## Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting

### Minutes

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Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
5:30 p.m.  
Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 NW 53 Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present
Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Board Member	Present
Alvaro Ferrando, Board Member	Absent
Isabel Martin, Alternate Member	Present

#### Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

#### Public present:

Juan Peralta, visitor  
Mark Pinilla, President of Vet Info  
Zahary Escandon, visitor

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4. Public Comments

Mark Pinilla gave an update on vendors intending to attend the Family Day Event. The concern is the City advertised flyer has not been approved for advertising within US Southern Command; Legal and Public Affairs must approve first, which may take 30 days or more. Advertising for this event will need to go out very early for various receiving agencies to approve for their own internal advertising. However, US Southern

Command's Command staff is aware of the event and has already responded for attendance.

Zahary Escandon is a spouse of a veteran, mother, and a vendor for Monat Global. She promotes general health and wellness and takes concern for families of veterans that suffer health and wellness issues. The products she sells are natural products. She expressed interest in having a table at the Family Day Event. She would like to bring samples for those attending, in interest of the company that donates and discounts its products for veterans and family members. Her family video advertising this product line was played for the Board members. The Board reviewed, with recommendations from Mr. Estrada, in view of the City. As long as she is not making direct sales, rather providing samples and an interest in health and wellness care products, she has been invited to sit at a table at the event.

Chair Watts, in support of Vet Info, was invited to the Miami Lakes Veteran's Day Parade held on November 5th. The event was sponsored by the Miami Lakes Veterans Committee. Noted, this Board would like to hold and/or sponsor similar events, such as this parade, in the City of Doral.

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

### **a. October 23, 2023**

**Motion to approve the October 23 meeting minutes** made by Secretary Flynn and seconded by Member Bautista. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

## **6. Discussion Items**

### **a. Family Day Event**

Mr. Estrada confirmed just under 150 people have signed up for the event on Eventbrite.

Member Bautista confirmed Texas Roadhouse has been contacted by the City, currently confirmed for 150 meals. Potential to raise this to 200, maybe 250, if more people sign up and interest continues through the next week. The City has picked up additional costs to ensure all meals are individually boxed. The DJ is confirmed. US Southern Command has confirmed attendance.

Mark Pinilla and Secretary Flynn intend to converse to determine vendors attending, tables, tents, and power supply needed. This needs to be sent to Erin Sullivan, Parks & Recreation Director, by November 15.

Parks will reach out to the inflatables vendor We Rent Fun, and get a quote and set up for attendance. Secretary Flynn confirmed information gathered from his phone call with the business manager and the particular costs they will have to charge to rent to a park rather than a personal residence.

Secretary Flynn has tried to contact Miami Dade Animal Services in Doral. Mr. Estrada confirmed another source, the Event Coordinator, to contact. Chair Watts and Member Martin will try and follow up directly. Secretary Flynn will reach out to the Event Coordinator to potentially bring pets to the event.

The City will reach out to a vendor to potentially supply 25 pizzas for the event. Additionally, plates, cups, utensils will be needed, maybe for 100 people.

Secretary Flynn spoke about the issues with Doral Police Department request for motorcycles. This is the first year a formal request has been submitted, previous years this has been informal request through the prior City Manager, who was previously the City Chief of Police. Secretary Flynn will follow-up with Miami Dade Fire Rescue on support from Station #69 in Doral.

Chair Watts will reach out to Florida Fish and Wildlife.

Mr. Estrada will reach out to Parks Director to bring games for the kids. Noted that Parks needs to spray for ants, an issue 2 years ago.

**7. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items**

a. Family Day Event

**8. Next Meeting:** Special Meeting, November 13, 6:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourns at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Rich Bautista and seconded by Board Member Isabel Martin.

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

Christopher Flynn, Secretary


Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Member

Alvaro Ferrando, Member

Isabel Martin, Alternate Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

  
William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

## Veterans Day/Family Day

Glades Park | November 18, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Event Logistics Detail									
Tent #	Vendors	Tent	Tables	Chairs	Needs Power	Addl. Notes	Outreach	Contact	Notes
1	Miami VA Suicide Prevention, Early Intervention, LPOP, Miami Vet Center, Vet Info	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor	Bill	Yes	
2	The Keyes Company, Keyes Insurance, Keyes Property Management, Home Partners Title, Capital Partners Mortgage Services LLC	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor	Vet Info	Yes	
3	Monat Global/Zahary Estacion	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor	Vet Info	Yes	
	Moments Hospice/Marilyn Puerto	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor	Chris/Bill	Yes	
5	Florida Fish & Wildlife	1	1	2	0	Brought air boat/ information	VetInfo	Yes	
6	Military Affairs Advisory Board, sign-in, VFW	1	1	2	0	Registration/Check in	Eventbrite/board	Yes	
7	FIU Veteran and Military Affairs	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor	Vet info	Yes	
8	Navy Federal Credit Union	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor	Vet info	Yes	
9	Miami Dade Animal Services (Doral)	1	1	2	0	Provide low/no cost emotional support adoptions to veterans	Chris		reach out on Monday, new contact
Under Pavillion	Bass Pro (donated raffle items)					Donated raffle items	city		
Under Pavillion	Texas Roadhouse	0	2	4	0	Boxed Lunches	city/Parks	Yes	Requested funds order for 150 people, pulled pork sandwich and/or burgers, sides, check registration to up to 200/250
Under Pavillion	Winn Dixie	0	1	2	0	Donated food	city/Parks		
Under Pavillion	Papa Johns	0	1	2	0	Donated pizza, water & informational vendor	city/Parks		
Under Pavillion	United Martial Arts	0	1	2	0	Donated soda & informational vendor	VetInfo/Parks		
Vehicle	OneBlood	0	0	0	0	Provided incentives for blood donations	Bill		
Vehicle	Fire Truck (MDCF #69)	0	0	0	0	Demonstration/ information	Chris		reach out on Monday
Vehicle	Doral Police Department Harley's	0	0	0	0	Demonstration/ information	Chris		reach out on Monday
Personnel	chaplain	0	0	0	0	veteran staple to all events	Bill		request availability from any of the following: City, SouthCom, VA, Doral PD
10	Games (Jenga, Dominoes)	1	1	4	0	Place in grass area	city/Parks		
Grass Area	We Rent Fun	0	0	1	1	Inflatables for kids	Chris/city	Yes	Requested funds estimated \$1000+
<b>Total Order</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>				



### 2023 set-up

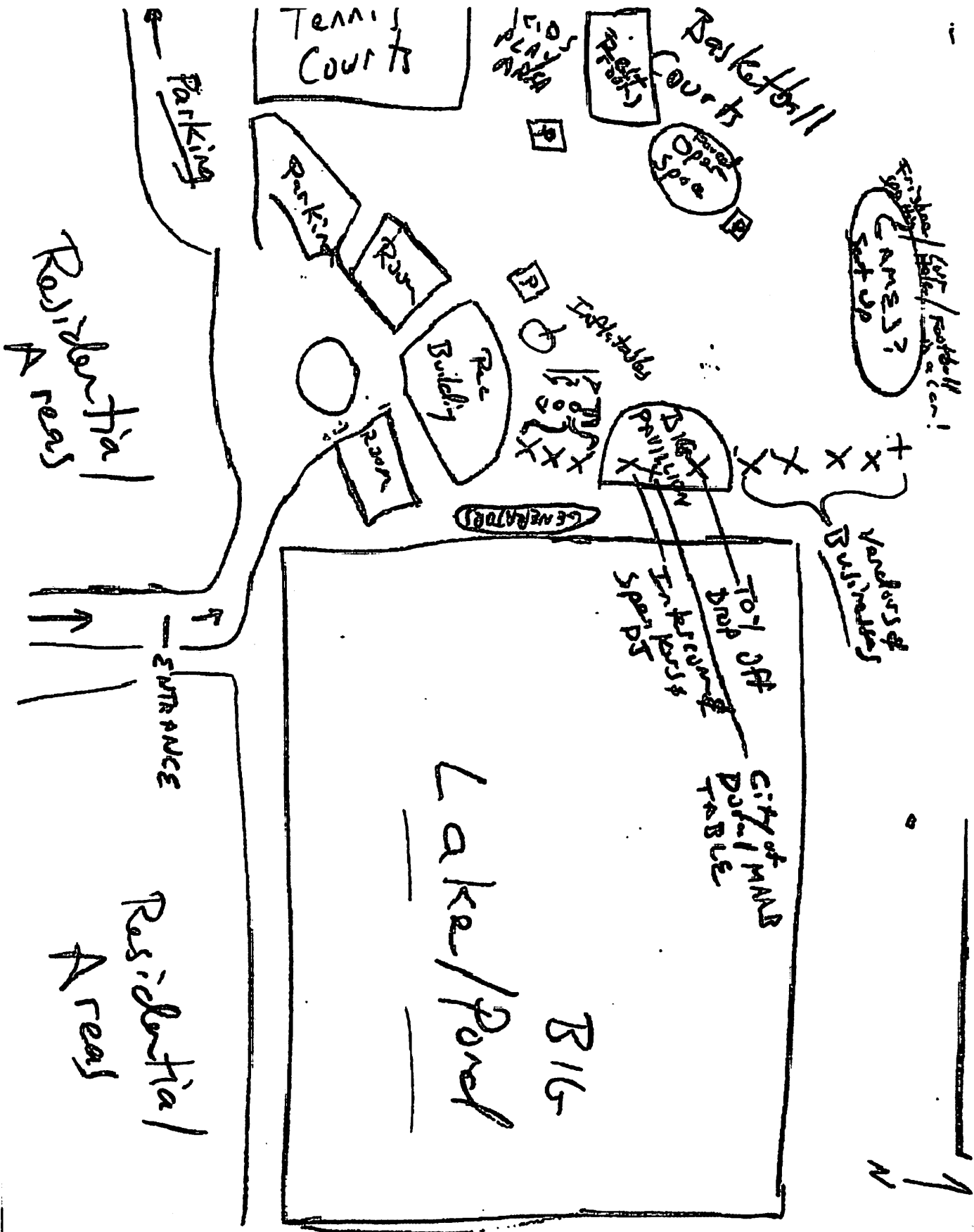
1. Vet Info/VA
2. Keyes
3. Monat Global
4. Moments Hospic
5. FL FWC / boat?
6. MAAB/VFW
7. FIU
8. Navy FCU
9. Animal Services
10. Games
11. Bounce House

### Pavillion

- All food/donations...
- [# tables, 2 chairs ea]
- 2x Texas Roadhouse
- 1x Winn Dixie
- 1x Papa Johns
- 1x United Martial Art

### Vehicles

- Doral PD Harleys
- MD Fire Rescue Truck
- OneBlood Bus
- FL FWC Boat



2021 set-up