



City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Vinita Tandon, Chair	Absent/Excused
Elizabeth Dager, Vice Chair	Absent/Excused
Caridad Bouza Merida, Secretary	Present
Nayipzi Gutierrez, Board Member	Present
Jorge Van Balen, Board Member	Present
Angelica Pinto, Alternate Member	Present

Also, present:

Nerea Recalde, Parks & Recreation Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Parents Inquired about camps as we had discussed.

Narea stated there is nothing new other than the City is going to bid for the camps.

There are no winter camps at the moment. This is a budget and space issues as Doral Central Park is not yet open.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. August 29, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2023 meeting made by board member Jorge Van Balen and seconded by board member Nayipzi Gutierrez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Update on Adult Training Program

City met with the provider and parents. It has been approved by the City Council. Attorney working on details with the provider and program may start in January. Angelica asked if a third party would be possible for space. Maybe call schools for Thanksgiving or Winter Camps. Some parents are willing to help. Narea informed that this is something that the city is opened to and the contacts can be sent to her for follow-up. Summer camps will still be offered.

7. Open Discussion

The city is looking at different providers to offer painting for the special needs population. There are other programs within the city: Mind & Melody, Wellness & Martial Arts, Special Olympics. One parent expressed that possibly we can join other cities to collaborate in order to have an expanded program where other cities can offer some of these services. Narea will be on maternity leave after the first of the year so advises that any email regarding this should be sent to Jorge Vega to make sure there is follow through. Jorge.Vega@cityofdoral.com Question regarding the different programs, what are the parents looking for? Mommy and me, individually, group?

8. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

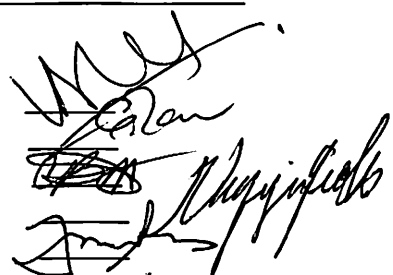
The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caridad Bouza Merida, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____.

Vinita Tandon, Chair
Elizabeth Dager, Vice Chair
Caridad Bouza Merida, Board Member
Nayipzi Gutierrez, Board Member
Jorge Van Balen, Board Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 31st day of January 2024.

Vinita Tandon, Chair