



# City of Doral Faith & Community Based Organizations Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
5:00 p.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

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call of Board Members

Ricardo Fernandez, Chair	Present
Barbara Romani, Vice Chair	Present
Avrohom Brashevitzky, Board Member	Excused
Armando Gomez, Board Member	Present

Also present was:

Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## 4. Invocation

Invocation was presented by Armando Gomez.

## 5. Public Comments

Andrea Suarez, an FIU student, was there to observe how public meetings are handled for one of her classes.

## 6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

### a. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Motion to approve the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes made by Board Member Ricardo Fernandez and seconded by Board Member Barbara Romani. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

## **7. Discussion Items**

### **a. Discussion: Overview of National Prayer Day Event**

Overall, the board said that they were very unhappy about this year's national prayer day event. They agreed on wanting to promote the event a lot earlier next year and possibly host it in a different location and change the time. The board discussed on possibly doing a commercial and having that commercial air on Ch.77 as well on the City's website and social media pages such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. The board wants to propose the idea to Mayor and Council about hanging banners around the City promoting the event. Lastly, they discussed the possibility of inviting kids from the neighboring schools here in Downtown Doral and have them sing the National Anthem or other songs during the event and have them participate in an essay contest as well.

### **b. Update: Job Mentoring Program**

The event on 'Franchising' is not what the board was expecting. They want to discuss with the Economic Developer, Mr. Manuel Pila, about what they really want out of the job mentoring program.

### **c. Open Discussion**

**Motion to meet on a monthly basis** made by board member Ricky Fernandez and seconded by board member Barbara Romani. By consensus, motion passes.

The board asked to be sent the holiday schedule that the Parks & Recreation department has scheduled, and they asked if there's any way to include them in one of the holiday events. Ms. Cruz will send the board an email as soon as she has all the information available.

The board agreed on bringing back the survey they did last year. They want to modify a couple of questions and since more people have probably enrolled into the city email notification system, they want to resend the survey. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Ricky Fernandez brought up the idea of having an 'inspirational' movie in movie night at the Park. His idea will be brought up to the Parks & Recreation Director.

The board discussed on possibly having a 'random act of kindness day'. This event will possibly be once a quarter or once a year, if they receive a proclamation from the City. The board wants to create another event aside from National Day of Prayer event. The board agreed that they are going to think of ideas and bring those ideas to the next meeting.

The board agreed on wanting to get information on how many schools in Doral still practice a 'moment of silence', the board also wants to know if any of the schools in Doral provide any English-speaking classes and they want to know if they can have words of hope on posters. More will be discussed at next meeting regarding these questions.

Lastly, Pastor Ricky ended the meeting with an invocation.

## **8. Future Meeting Date**

By consensus, the Board will meet on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

## **9. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.**

Review/modify survey questions

Ideas for an event, such as a service event

## **10. Adjournment: 6:04 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Cruz  
Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Faith & Community Based Organizations Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Armando Gomez and seconded by Board Member Barbara Romani

**vice**

Chair Barbara L. Romani

~~Vice~~ Chair Ricardo Fernandez

Board Member Avrohom Brashevitzky

Board Member Armando Gomez

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ABSENT  
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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Juanita Cruz

~~Ricardo Fernandez, Chair~~

Barbara Romani, vice-chair