

City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
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 6:00pm

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Vinita Tandon, Chair	Present
Rosa Sanabria, Vice Chair	Present
Phillip L. Hamilton, Secretary	Absent
Corina Orozco, Board Member	Present
Jorge van Balen, Board Member	Absent

Also present was:

George Vega, Parks & Recreation Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

- a. Ms. Aida Salman addressed the Board Members to inform them that in the past the City of Doral held an internship program for community members that have special needs. Ms. Salman inquired about the possibility to initiate programs that included training for job readiness.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 19, 2017

By consensus, the approval of the September 19, 2017 meeting minutes was deferred to the November 21, 2017 meeting.

6. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion:** Programming for Special Needs At Doral Legacy Park
The Board Members ensued discussion on programs for the special needs community such as social Fridays and exercise programs.

By consensus, the Board Members requested that George Vega, Parks & Recreation Department, look into the availability to use the event rooms in the Doral Legacy Park.

- b. **Discussion:** How to use the Special Needs Survey Results?
George Vega, Parks & Recreation Department, informed the Board Members that survey indicated needs was adult programming and school programs for all school levels in the City of Doral and that communication of programs was lacking.

The Board Members discussed the idea of creating a flyer to be placed in all Park Facilities with information regarding available special needs programs.

- c. **Discussion:** Doral Chamber of Commerce Resource for Educating the Community on "Disability Awareness"
By consensus, the Board Members will look into the possibility of working with the Doral Chamber of Commerce.

- d. **Discussion:** October – Disability Awareness Month
By consensus, the Board Members will request a proclamation for the 2018 October Disability Awareness Month.

- e. **Discussion:** Educational Workshops for Parents
The Board Members discussed topics for the parent workshop and requested that George Vega, Parks & Recreation Department inquire the availability of Ms. Cecilia to conduct the workshops and come back with suggested dates.

- f. **Update:** Employer Recognition who Employ Special Needs Adults
Doral Businesses that employ community members with special needs will be recognized during the November Council Meeting.

7. New Business

- a. No New Business was discussed.

8. Future Meeting Date - Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

9. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.

- a. Divine Savior Academy suggested that social groups be coordinated at Doral Legacy Park and look into the possibility of offering volunteer hours to high school students to run a social program. Divine Savior will also look into having a prom/valentines day event in February that will not contradict with Down Syndrome dance event.

10. Adjournment Meeting adjourns at 7:30pm


Respectfully submitted;

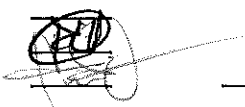


Vinita Tandon, Chair
on behalf of Phillip Lloyd Hamilton, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member P.L. Hamilton and seconded by Board Member C. Orozco.

Chair Vinita Tandon
Vice Chair Rosa Sanabria
Secretary Phillip Lloyd Hamilton
Board Member Corina Orozco
Board Member Jorge van Balen





APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21 day of November 2017.

Vinita Tandon, Chair