



City of Doral Economic Development Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order / Roll Call of Members

Meeting was called to order @ 6:04 p.m

Juan Casimiro	Present
Dr. Vicente Rodriguez	Present
Paola Moreno	Present
Felix Murillo	Absent
Luis Galindez	Absent

2. Roll call of Members

Also present was:

Manuel Pila, From City of Doral Economic Development Office

3. Agenda/Order of Business

- a. **Minutes for December 15th were approved-** by P. Moreno, 2nd by Dr. Rodriguez. In the absence of the Board's secretary, Mr. Felix Murillo, Mr. Casimiro asked Ms. Moreno to please take notes and prepare the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Casimiro announced that with the 3 members present there was quorum.
- b. **Discussion Topic I Update on the City of Doral Business Forum-** The discussion started with a review of the flyer that had been sent to the community. Mr. Pila indicated that all speakers listed had confirmed their participation. Mr. Casimiro inquired on the count of participants, to which Mr. Pila responded that the flyer was recently sent. Mr. Pila mentioned some channels used to send the flyer, which included the City's social media platforms, local chambers, Doral Business Council, among others. Mr. Pila

also indicated that Mr. Pete de la Torre, who hosts the Pete De La Torre Business Hour on 880AM The Biz, will also advertise the event through his show. Mr. Pila also mentioned that the event will take place in the multipurpose room on the first floor, with approximately 80 seats available. In further discussion about the flyer, the following suggestions were made: Can the names of the board members be included in the flyer? Can an RSVP e-mail and/phone number be added? Ms. Moreno requested that the title of the presentation by Dean Mandakovic from Barry University be edited by replacing the word "business" with "businesses". Mr. Pila said he would review these suggestions and that a new pdf version was going to be sent to the board members and the community, tomorrow, January 20th. Mr. Pila also spoke about the new City of Doral website.

In regards to exhibitors, Mr. Pila stated that they can arrive as early as 8 am. It is the board's understanding that Mr. Murillo was in communications with most of them. Mr. Casimiro confirmed that Einstein Bagels will provide bagels and coffee, and Ms. Moreno confirmed that Barry University will provide several fruit platters. Mr. Casimiro indicated that he would moderate the panel, as discussed in prior meetings.

- c. **Discussion Topic II Roles & Definition of Board Members**– Mr. Casimiro mentioned that he had completed his time on the board and that he had communicated this already to Mayor Boria, although he had not yet sent his official resignation. He indicated that the most natural succession path would be for Dr. Rodriguez to step up as President of the board, since he now serves the role of Vice President. Dr. Rodriguez responded that he, too, may be stepping down, but that he had not made a decision yet. The board decided to address this matter at the next meeting, hoping to have all members present. Mr. Casimiro agreed to continue on his role at least until the next meeting in February.
- d. **Discussion Topic III Updates and follow-up of the Annual Consulate Reception Database** - There was discussion that this year's reception should be planned earlier. Mr. Casimiro suggested to perhaps include a photo gallery of last year's event, as part of the "save the date" early invite.

4. **Public comments** – There were no comments

5. **New Business**- Ms. Moreno opened a discussion in regards to the time of the advisory board meetings. She inquired if the board was open to changing the times to morning meetings, or alternating afternoon and morning meetings. Dr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Moreno if 9 am would be suitable, Ms. Moreno said that 9 am would be a good time. The board members present decided to bring this item for discussion at the next meeting. On another matter, the board acknowledged that on January 20th, there would be the Ethics training required by the City of Doral.

6. **Future Meeting Dates** – February 16th at 6:00 pm.

7. **Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Casimiro at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paola Moreno

Paola Moreno, Advisory Board Member

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting made by *Felix* and seconded by _____.

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Chairperson