



City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, June 20th, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Doral Government Center
3rd Floor Training Room
8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Vinita Tandon, Chair	Present
Vanessa B. Fernandez, Vice Chair	Present
Sergio Leao, Secretary	Present

Also present were:

George Vega, Parks and Recreation Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

- a. Members of the public introduced each other to the board and discussed different experiences they've encountered.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve the April 22nd, 2019 meeting minutes** were made by the board. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Medicaid cuts – Advocacy

Ms. Bolanos Fernandez gave a brief background on the Medicaid advocating and how legislation postponed the cuts and stated that it won't be revisited until next year. Ms. Bolanos Fernandez went on to explain that they're not on the clear yet, legislation wants to regulate the agencies better but in doing so, they're trying to enforce a senate bill that has been in place since 2003 but behavioral analysts aren't in that bill because

Medicaid didn't start covering them until a couple of years ago, so they would have to go back up to Tallahassee and advocate to be placed on the exemption list.

b. Discussion: Event with Doral Police Planning – Age Appropriate & Contents

The board discussed different ways they can set up an event with Doral Police. The board discussed the possibility of dividing them into two groups based on age or just doing an activity altogether that they can all benefit from. They also discussed the possibility of inviting Doral Police to some of the social events that the Parks & Recreation Departments hosts for them. The board agreed that the presentation should first be in a casual setting first and then move into a more formal setting.

c. Discussion: Adult Day Training – Explore Options for Doral

As previously mentioned in past board meetings, Ms. Tandon explained that there are no ADT centers located near Doral, and she hasn't been able to find concrete information on it because she's not a vendor, so she is asking for Ms. Bolanos Fernandez help to get more information on it. Ms. Tandon stated that it will be a lengthy project as they try to get more and more information as time goes on.

d. Discussion: Significantly Challenged Kids/Adults Program – Ideas to Expand

Ms. Tandon explained that a parent had brought up this discussion to her, and so the board wants to discuss different ideas to expand the program. The parent believes that there are some issues with the program and Ms. Tandon explained to the public how the programs work and how they're divided based on age. The board discussed different possibilities, but they also discussed some of the limitations they have. Overall, the board is well aware of the parent's point of view regarding the program.

e. Discussion: Divine Savior Academy – New School Progress Report

Ms. Tandon informed the board that Divine Savior stated that they're about to start construction on the new school, they stated they're a bit delayed but are expected to begin soon. Ms. Tandon informed the board that representatives of Divine Savior might go to the next board meeting to discuss the progress of the new school. Mr. Leao then went on to inform the public about the new school that Divine Savior Academy is constructing.

f. Open Discussion

7. Future Meeting Date: Thursday, August 8, 2019

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 7:00 p.m.




Respectfully submitted,




Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20th, 2019 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____.

Chair Vinita Tandon
Vice Chair Vanessa B. Fernandez
Secretary Sergio Leao
Board Member Elizabeth Dager
Board Member Matthew Schiebler


Absent



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5th of September of 2019



Vinita Tandon, Chair