



City of Doral Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2024
6:30 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 6:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

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| Elizabeth Wiegandt, Chair | Present |
| Capucine Bennett, Vice Chair | Present |
| Gabriela Quintana, Secretary | Absent |
| Xavier Cabrera, Board Member | Present |
| Mario Di Giovanni, Board Member | Present |
| Boyd Miller, Alternate Member | Present |

Also present were:

Erin Weislow, Parks & Recreation Director

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There was a member of the public just observing the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. January 11, 2024

Motion to approve the August 10 meeting minutes made by board member Boyd Miller and seconded by board member Xavier Cabrera. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Recap from the Department

Chair Elizabeth reiterated to the board to please call in ahead of time if the board members are going to make it to the meeting or not, that way the meeting doesn't have to be cancelled or rescheduled to another date because of no quorum.

Director Erin gave the board an update on the parks. They are in their summer programming right now. The department is working hard on the opening of Doral Central Park. Phase I should open in August. The first phase consists of mostly the outdoor amenities, such as the skate park, amphitheater, kayak launch, fishing pier, two playgrounds and pavilions that can be rented out. The department is working on a grand opening event, more details will be available soon.

The park will be open to everyone and will have operating hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to Sunset.

b. Upcoming Events

4th of July will be at Trump National since Doral Central Park is still under construction, but hopefully next 4th of July will be celebrated at Doral Central Park since all phases will be complete.

Back to School/National Night Out will be held on August 6th. That event is a collaboration between the Parks Department, the Police Department and PP4K foundation.

July is National Parks and Recreation Month and they'll be taking on social media and in different opportunities to celebrate Parks and Recreation. There will be a photography exhibit.

c. Initiatives for Parks

The board briefly discussed Cityplace. In the center of Cityplace they have vendors and there were complaints about what vendors are standing there. A suggestion was made to be more selective on which vendors they select. For example, there are restaurants all over Cityplace and some of the vendors there are selling food, which might take away the business from the restaurants that are there. There are also similar vendors selling the same thing (jewelry) and with so many options people might not end up buying anything. Elizabeth asked Erin if there is anything the city can do but unfortunately, Cityplace is a private property, so the city can't really suggest anything. Elizabeth will invite Cityplace officials to an upcoming board meeting, so they can talk more about suggestions and feedback.

The idea of having an arts festival like Coconut Grove was brought up. Erin informed them that Downtown Doral may be looking to do an arts festival along Main Street.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____

Elizabeth Wiegandt, Chair
Capucine Bennett, Vice Chair
Gabriela Quintana, Secretary
Xavier Cabrera, Board Member
Mario Di Giovanni, Board Member
Boyd Miller, Alternate Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2024.

Elizabeth Wiegandt, Chair