



MINUTES

CITY OF DORAL

SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
3rd Floor Training Room
Doral, FL 33166

- 1. Call to Order by Vice Chair Jorge van Balen**
- 2. Roll Call of Members**

Meeting was called to order @ 6:55 p.m.

Jorge van Balen	Present
Yolied Yrausquin	Present
Patricia Kaiser	Present

Also present was staff liaison Erin Weislow

Public present:

Mrs. Vivian Nunez & Mr. Matthew Volker from Miami Dade County Public School,
Division of Special Education.

Residents: Narcisa Martillo, Vinita Tandon, Lourdes L. Rocca.

3. Approval of minutes of 06/23/2015 and 08/25/2015 Meetings.

Minutes for 06/23/2015 and 08/25/2015 were read. A motion was placed by Jorge Van Balen to approve them. Motion was seconded by Yolied Yrausquin. Minutes were approved by all members.

4. Discussion Topic I. New Board Member: Patricia Kaizer.

Luz Marina Rosenfeld, Carolina Cano, and Galina Vitols are no more part of the board. Patricia Kaizer has been appointed to the Special Needs Advisory Board. Elections for open Board positions were deferred to next meeting.

5. Discussion Topic II. Employment Internship program in Doral high schools, for students in SEP program.

Vivian Nunez and Mr. Matthew Volker from the Miami Dade Public County Schools, Division of Special Education, brought up the idea of working together with the City of Doral on an Employment Internship Program for student in Doral high schools SPED Program.

Mrs. Nunez presented to the audience the Victory Project (Community Vocational Instruction and Training Opportunities for Youth), which takes place in the Ronald Reagan / Doral High School for students between 16 and 21 years. The aforementioned project will train students to perform in jobs commensurate with their skills, talents and knowledge; to enable them to develop as productive people in society, and integrate them into the workplace.

Parents expressed interest in that as soon as possible to develop this project in our community. In other cities Dade County this program is working and getting very positive results for students, families and the companies involved.

A motion was placed by Jorge van Balen and seconded by Patricia Keizer, to approve this project and present it to the Council Members on the November City Council meeting. Motion was approved by all members.

6. Discussion Topic III. City of Doral Special Needs Population Survey.

Erin Weislow presented an updated Survey draft for board approval. Board members Yolied Yrausquin and Patricia Keizer wanted to add more information to the survey. Therefore approval of the Survey form was deferred to next meeting. Yrausquin and Keizer will bring to the next meeting the information they want to add to the survey.

7. The Toy Drive. Sponsored by Councilwoman Ana M. Rodriguez.

Board members weren't aware of the toy drive details. Luz Marina Rosenfeld was in charge of this drive. It was decided to get more information about it from Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez.

8. New Business.

No new business

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjournment was motioned by Jorge van Balen and seconded by Yolied Yrausquin. All member present were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:45Pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jorge van Balen

Board Member Y. Yrausquin.
Board Member J. van Balen
Board Member L. Rosenfeld
Board Member P. Keizer.
Board Member

Chairperson