

City of Doral Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

Monday, April 8, 2024 6:00 p.m. Doral Government Center 1st Floor Multipurpose Room 8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6.13 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Jennifer Triana, ChairPresentEmily Marquez, Vice ChairPresentChristopher Yankana, SecretaryPresentHumberto Useda, Board MemberPresentFrank Vaio, Board MemberPresent

Also present were:

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Director

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Discussion Items

a. Discussion on Dori the Coyote raised by Board Member Marquez. Dori has been sighted at Doral Isles and the impression is that there is education needed for the community so that Dori is not viewed as being a danger of the community. Also, Director Estrada indicated that he would interface with Legal for the City on this so that we can respond to the community via information on how to protect ourselves and to protect Dori.

- b. It was noted here as a follow up to our last board meeting that modifications to the ordinances as proposed by the previous board specifically on puppy mills and circus animals had passed and were enacted.
- c. Since there is a new City of Doral Attorney, it is expected that there will be new rules and processes for us to follow regarding the City's sponsorship policies. This will be important for us in planning for the Halloween Event 2024. It is therefore this likely needs to be revisited. Mr. Estrada suggested that we follow up accordingly.
- d. Discussion on Howl-O-Ween event as our next big event for the year and to begin preparation for this. It is still suggested that we and request for a listing we can reach out to the animal clinics, pet hotels, animal businesses and the Miami Dade Animal Services Pet Adoption and Protection center for collaboration for this event. No date has been given yet. However, this will be subject to the sponsorship rules still yet to be determined by the City.
- e. Motion was passed for us to further "investigate" and det details on how the Trails and Tails Park is being operated and maintained. It is reported by multiple board members that the park is in disarray and is not being maintained. It is suggested that we get a representative from the Parks Department to come to one of our meetings and speak with us about this. Reports of unkempt grass areas, no attendants visible to the residents, dirty areas and no waste bags. This is directly related to safety and welfare of the companion animals in our community and therefore warrants representation by the board.
- f. Discussion on the possible development of a spay and neuter program with the cats in our common community areas where they are seen. This will involve a process being established for the trapping and protection of these cats. Possible reimbursement for the cages and donation programs to support the feral cats in the community via food donations
- g. Schedule of next Board Meetings:
 - Monday April 26th,2024 as a tentative meeting schedule to discuss the Trails and Tails Park situation. It is recommended that the Board Members visit the park before next meeting and discussed not to go in groups as this is not permitted as per the Sunshine Law.
- **6. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Board Member Marquez and seconded by Board Member Vaio.

Respectfully submitted,

Christohper Yankana, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 Animal Welfare Committee made by and seconded by Board Member _____.

Jennifer Triana, Chair Emily Marquez, Vice Chair Christopher Yankana, Secretary Humberto Useda, Board Member Frank Vaio, Board Member Lia Portilla, Board Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2024.

* minutes were approved by the board. The chair + secretary weren't prevent

at the meeting to vign the minutes *

Jennifer Triana, Chair