



# City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 N.W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members**

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair	Present (phone-in)
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present
Ricardo Bautista, Board Member	Present
Jason Juarez, Board Member	Present

**Also present were:**

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Director

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no comments made during public comments.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- May 18, 2021

Motion to approve made by member Flynn and seconded by member Bautista. By consensus, minutes were approved.

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Discussion: New Initiatives**

Secretary Flynn mentioned potential quarterly outreach, networking with local veterans, Sunday barbeque type setting. Intent to hold individual and family

related get togethers, collect contact information for future gatherings, outreach, networking.

Chair Watts noted the Miami Vet Center would like to attend one of the Military Affairs Advisory Boards and meet the members and staff, mentioned they may be a good source to help fund the cost of a barbeque get together. Doral Veteran's Park would be a good place for this gathering. Chair Watts also noted local sponsors may support this event, such as Bass Pro Shop. This event will need to be brought up before the City Council.

Vice Chair Prather mentions fund raisers for the Military Affairs Advisory Board to help pay for veteran events that the Board sponsors. To do so requires a non-profit agency with an account to track funds, the Board would not be able to conduct this solo.

Chair Watts mentions holding a food drive at one of the local schools in place of the military family day if it cannot be held in December. This would also need to be brought up before the City Council. The Board would like to press the ability to hold both events, food drive and family day.

**b. Discussion: Military Family Day (December 11) Doral Glades Park**

Chair Watts noted this event may be too late to plan and raise funds for. Fund raisers and sponsorships, date, and approval of park needs to be brought up before the City Council.

**c. Discussion: Fundraising for Family Day and Events**

Chair Watts noted his non-profit, VetInfo, could be used to track funds for donations gathered and used for the Board fundraising events. This will need to be brought up before the City Council for approval.

**d. Open Discussion**

Request three items be brought before the City Council in the next meeting set for August. Military Family Day set date, use of Glades Park, and to start planning. Quarterly Outreach, approve to start planning and use of Veteran's Park. Food Drive to be held at local school, to be sponsored by the City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board.

Next meeting agenda items for discussion: Continue to review list of items that will be brought to the City Council.

**7. Future Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



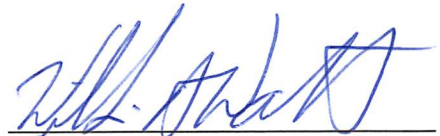
Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Christopher Flynn and seconded by Board Member Jason Suarez

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair  
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair  
Christopher Flynn, Secretary  
Ricardo Bautista, Board Member  
Jason Juarez, Board Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 3 day of August 2021.

  
William 'Bill' Watts, Chair