



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2024

6:00 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 6:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
Rich Bautista, Vice Chair	Present
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present
Isabel Martin, Board Member	Absent/Excused
William Fitzgerald, Board Member	Present

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

Public present:

Joanne Fitzgerald, Garrison Manager, U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami)

Brian Peterson, USAG-Miami

Armando Morales, Assisting Hands Home Care

Steven Parsley, Doral resident

Luimar Z. Garza, Doral resident

Samantha Pinilla, Volunteer Services, Vet Info

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Ms. Luimar Garza spoke about her assumptions and conspiracy theories involving the military presence in the City of Doral.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. August 6, 2024

Motion to approve the August 6 meeting minutes made by Vice Chair Bautista and seconded by Member Fitzgerald. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Doral Housing Briefing for US Southern Command

Ms. Joanne Fitzgerald spoke about the privatization of housing for US Southern Command, pasture across the street, main entrance from the Command.

This private housing for active-duty members stationed here will include 60 townhomes, 2 bed/2 bath, for unaccompanied personnel, housing 120. 48 townhomes, mix of 3 and 4 bed. 22 duplexes, 4 bed. 7 senior-leader housing. 500+ service member housing.

This will be operated by a private housing company, will operate and resemble any housing complex in the city.

b. Marine Corps League Membership

Board Member William Fitzgerald spoke about Marine Corps League, what it does, membership, events, activities, and the local chapter.

c. Veteran's Family Day Event/Health Fair -start at 19:21

Discussion in general covered the vendor list and outreach, who's contacted who and who will contact the remaining vendors to attend.

Mr. Edgard Estrada discussed the MISSION BBQ quote, will reach out to MISSION to discuss lowering cost in exchange for table at a future City event for sponsorship. Issue with Eventbrite and the event survey. Mr. Estrada will follow-up with Secretary Flynn's email to City Public Affairs, instructions included in email explaining the 2 different surveys. Public Affairs, and/or Mr. Estrada will follow-up with Secretary Flynn for additional guidance on the surveys.

Ms. Samantha Pinilla suggested registration and bracelets for attendees, different colors, identifying attending veterans and for everyone else. Registration table to be set up at entrance to the event.

Secretary Flynn asked for Parks update on equipment, tables, chairs, and tents available. With count and shortfall, Board plans on requesting sponsors to bring their own tables and tents.

7. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

a. Veteran's Family Day Event/Health Fair

8. Next Meeting: Special Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,




Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Rich Bautista and seconded by Board Member William Fitzgerald

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair
Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Vice Chair
Christopher Flynn, Secretary
Isabel Martin, Board Member
William Fitzgerald, Board Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2024.


William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

Attachment: Vendorlist revised for 2024