

## City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

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Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 N.W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, Florida 33166

**1. Call to Order 6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Sanabria at 6:06 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members**

Phillip Lloyd Hamilton, Board Member	Present
Corina Orozco, Board Member	Absent
Rosa Sanabria, Board Member	Present
Vinita Tandon, Board Member	Absent
Jorge van Balen, Board Member	Present

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

Board member Jorge van Balen expressed on behalf of other residents their satisfaction with the city's response to and correction of issues raised during previous advisory board meetings related to the ongoing summer camps for special needs.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the July 18, 2017 board meeting were approved unanimously with two corrections: (1) the name of the community organization for which Ms. Lia Martinez represented during the last advisory board meeting is A for Autism (not Aid for Autism), and (2) Ms. Martinez requested that future summer camps be divided into appropriate age groups.

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Certificate of Recognition for Doral Businesses that hire special needs community members**

Item tabled to next meeting, pending submission of proposal by Chair Tandon for board review and comment.

**b. Community Workshop for the Special Needs Population**

George Vega, from the Parks & recreation staff, advised that he met with his staff predecessor and will review available options of programs. Mr. Vega also requested that the board provide him with a list of topics of interest around which to plan workshops.

**c. Survey Results**

George Vega provided an executive overview of the special needs survey distributed by the city to all residents. While the target survey response rate was 3-4%, actual respondent totals were closer to 6% (917 residents/business owners) – the margin of error of which is 3%. Highlights included: 275 respondents (21%) indicated they have some type of special need, of which 69% attend private school; 10% of households have children w/ special needs; 52% were dissatisfied with the locally available educational opportunities for children with special needs; and over 80% of respondents were supportive of the city offering special opportunities to residents with special needs. The top 3 recreational programs in which respondents with special needs expressed their interest were swimming, music, and arts & crafts. The final report will be presented to the City Council by the consultant who conducted the survey in October, after which the findings will be shared with Miami-Dade County Public Schools representatives.

Mr. Vega also reported that the special needs summer camp was moved to Legacy Park for the remainder of the summer, following the raising of concerns by citizens which were discussed at the last board meeting. The special needs camp was the first camp to use the new facilities since the completion of Legacy Park's construction.

**7. Future Meeting Date**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**8. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.**

- a. Item 6a from the August 15, 2017 meeting agenda.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



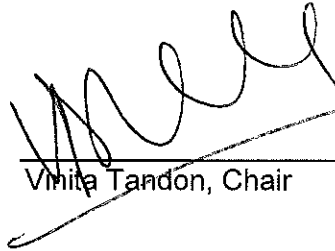
Phillip Lloyd Hamilton, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Corina Orozco and seconded by Board Member Rosa Sanabria.

Chair Vinita Tandon  
Vice Chair Rosa Sanabria  
Secretary Phillip Lloyd Hamilton  
Board Member Corina Orozco  
Board Member Jorge van Balen

yes  
yes  
yes  
yes

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

  
Vinita Tandon, Chair