

MINUTES

CITY OF DORAL

SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 4th, 2014 at 6:30 pm
8401 N.W. 53RD TERRACE
DORAL, FL 33166

1. **Call to Order Chairman Jorge Van Balen adjured and seconded by Luz Rosenfield.**
2. **Roll Call of Members**

Meeting was called to order @ 6:30 p.m.

Carolina Cano	Present
Jorge Van Balen	Present
Luz Marina Rosenfield	Present
Yolyed Yrausquin	Present
Michael Festa	Present

Also present were: Ronald Ragan High School and House for the blind representatives.

City of Doral Attorney

3. Agenda/Order of Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved by Chairmen and by all members.
- b. **Agenda item I:** Representatives from Ronald Reagan High School will like to establish a partnership with the City of Doral by starting the job transitioning program which gives the opportunity to those students with special abilities who are graduating to remain engaged in the community. The transitioning programs allows those between the ages of 18 to 22 to practice job related tasks in the classroom setting and applying it in the real job setting. This will be possible through job shadowing office related tasks in the City of Doral offices

and different departments. Job training ratio 3:3 student/staff. The transitioning program will also allow participants to learn about and make use of Doral trolley system by teaching students how to use it to get to the City of Doral office to be able to perform office related tasks needed. It was suggested by representatives to have a community based outing in order to get to know the City, departments and the offices as well as the employees
Motioned was placed by chair to add this initiative to the agenda for October 8th Council meeting. Motion was seconded by Luz and approved by all members.

- c. **Agenda item II:** It was suggested by Luz Marina that the Special Olympics program should be advertised and more families with special needs children should be invited to come to the next advisory board meeting. Specially invite those parents that have concerns regarding the special curriculum for children with special needs. It was suggested to place a add on the City's website inviting family members.
- d. **Agenda Item III** – Summer Camp for Special needs children issues and suggestions were discussed. FINDING A SCHOOL OR FACILITY IN THE CITY was mentioned as a first step in order to have a specialized summer camp for children with special abilities. Michael Festa to find out about location where the specialized summer camp 2015 could take place. Carolina to invite Jimena from Reconnection for next meeting and bring proposal. Jorge to contact current summer league company for proposal.

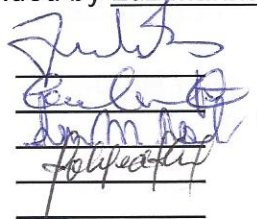
- 4. **Public comments:** Guest from Ronal Reagan discussed Community based vocational site at City of Doral City Hall
- 5. **New business:**
- 6. **Future meeting dates:** October 2nd @ 6:30.
- 7. **Adjournment-** The meeting was motioned by Chairmen and adjourned by Luz at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolina Cano
Advisory Board Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 9th, 2014 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Carolina Cano Secretary and seconded by Luz Marina Rosenfield.

Jorge Van Balen
Carolina Cano
Luz Marina Rosenfield
Yolyed Yrausquin
Michael Festa



Chairperson