



## City of Doral Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

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Monday, May 10, 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 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Carmen Ramos, Chair	Present
Isabel Del Castillo, Vice Chair	Present
Mariela Kronen, Secretary	Present
Katty Acon, Board Member	Present
Elizabeth Wiegandt, Board Member	Present

**Also present were:**

Diana Maldonado, Parks & Recreation Department  
Laura Medina, Parks & Recreation Department

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

There were no comments made during the public comment section.

5. **Discussion Items**

a. **Discussion: Introductions**

All board members were in attendance. Each member introduced themselves and shared some of their personal and professional backgrounds. New board member Elizabeth Wiegandt was welcomed and introduced.

b. **Discussion: Officer Elections (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)**

Carmen Ramos was nominated as the Chair; Isabel Del Castillo was nominated as Vice Chair and Mariela Kronen was nominated as Secretary. **Motion to approve the new board positions** made by Carmen Ramos and seconded by Isabel Del Castillo. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

**c. Discussion: Schedule for the 2021-2023 Board Meetings (Date & Time)**

The board voted unanimously in favor of the meetings taking place quarterly, on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Carmen Ramos discussed having the ability to attend Special Meetings via Zoom. Elizabeth Wiegandt brought into question whether such method of attendance would be considered official. Diana Maldonado stated that she would look into that matter. **Motion to approve the Schedule for the Advisory Board Meetings** made by Elizabeth Wiegandt and seconded by Isabel Del Castillo. By consensus, motion passes unanimously, and the next meeting will be on August 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The upcoming meeting months will be as follows:

- August
- November
- February
- May

**d. Open Discussion**

- **Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Mission and Role:** Carmen E. Ramos led a discussion about the mission and role of the Board as of late. She expressed a concern that the Board has not been active in nor invited to certain local cultural events, thus putting the Board in an embarrassing position. Additionally, the structure for submitting proposals to the City of Doral via the Advisory Board is not being followed consistently (there was a brief discussion about events/initiatives related to Manolo Valdes and DORCAM). All Board members provided feedback regarding this topic and agreed that the Board's mission and role need to be restated and reinforced with the full support of the City of Doral. Especially, honoring and supporting the already-established structure for presenting initiatives and events and being timely informed of upcoming projects. Diana Maldonado and Laura Medina stated that they would ensure that the Board would be actively notified and involved accordingly in going forward.
- **Events:** The Board discussed some of the ongoing events such as the Doral Opera (September 2021) and Short Films (August) events. Laura Medina stated that the opera event will be virtual and that Manny Perez from The Manny Perez Vocal Studio was already working on the selections. Mariela Kronen confirmed that Diana Maldonado and/or Laura Medina will touch base with the contacts she provided in 2020 regarding films produced by the students at Doral Academy Preparatory to be included in the Short films event. The Doral Hispanic Heritage Art Exhibit is scheduled for October 2021 and Laura Medina explained that it will be a different type of exhibit (digital platform, etc.). Other events discussed included Shakespeare in The Park, children's theatre, Art After Dark (July), Father's Day (June).
- **Letter of Support:** Diana Maldonado presented the board members a Letter of Support for a General Program Support Grant through the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs. The letter emphasized the support from all board members as the City continue to expand and enhance its award-winning arts and cultural programing and events. Additionally, the letter highlighted the addition of our new Doral Cultural Arts Center as well as the many amenities it will comprise to continue offering multidisciplinary programs and events to the community. The letter was read by Laura Medina. **Motion to approve the Letter of Support as it was read and to be signed by the Chair** was made by Elizabeth Wiegandt and seconded by Isabel Del Castillo. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

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

- Council Support & Recognition. What is CAAB role?
- Zoom Meetings
- Updated Calendar of Events with dates
- General Description of the Board. Protocol to propose events and the process of Cultural Events submitted to the City for consideration.

**7. Future Meeting Date**

- Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by Carmen Ramos and seconded by Elizabeth Wiegandt.

Respectfully submitted,



Mariela Kronen, Secretary

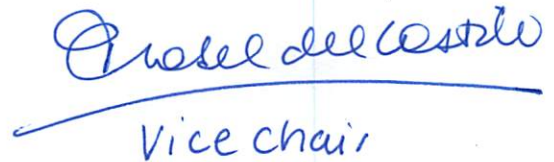
Motion to approve the minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Cultural Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Elizabeth Wiegandt and seconded by Board Member Isabel Del Castillo.

Carmen Ramos, Chair  
Isabel Del Castillo, Vice Chair  
Mariela Kronen, Secretary  
Katty Acon, Board Member  
Elizabeth Wiegandt, Board Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

Carmen Ramos, Chair



Vice chair