



## City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 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 6:08 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members**

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

**Staff present:**

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

**Guests:**

Jennifer Brande, Community Relations Chief, U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

No public present. There were no comments made during public comments.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- September 7, 2021

**Motion to approve the September 7th meeting minutes** made by Vice Chair Prather and seconded by Member Juarez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion Items**

- a. **Discussion:** Family Day Event

Chair Watts has reached out to Shane Suzuki, Suicide Prevention, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, DAV to come to event. Spoke to a few restaurants that showed excitement to be part of the event. Offer extended to SOUTHCOM rep to reach out to additional sponsors. Mr. Watts intends to extend invite to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Vice Chair Prather reached out to Shorty's BBQ, awaiting word back. Also reached out to previous sponsor for donations, awaiting word back. Famous Dave's Bar-B-Q mentioned as potential sponsor. Ms. Prather is working on letter for distribution to invite local businesses to sponsor this event.

Secretary Flynn will finish the advertisement and work on invitation.

Member Juarez will reach out to Chick-fil-A for sponsorship. Mrs. Brande mentioned contacting the USO in Orlando to help offset some costs of this event. Mr. Juarez noted he would make time to stop by on his next visit to Orlando and discuss this event with them. Mr. Juarez will reach out to the previously used bounce house vendor and discuss the need for popcorn and cotton candy machines.

Member Bautista handed out a checklist of Board Member responsibilities in planning this event, with close dates. (Member responsibilities list attached) Discussion continued around responsibilities list.

**b. Open Discussion**

Mrs. Brande mentioned covenant signing, a photo op, between the City Doral and U.S. Southern Command, possibly at the Family Day Event. Coincides with previous Board discussion to adopt a unit, intent on U.S. Southern Command and the Army Garrison. Board is interested in holding a formal ceremony during City Commission Meeting, potential November timeframe.

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

Discussion will continue moving forward with family day event.

**8. Future Meeting Date**

- Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Future meetings may be deemed necessarily to continue forward momentum of family day event planning, intent to keep current set dates with inclusion of additional dates as needed.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourns at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st, 2021, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
made by Board Member Deborah Prather and seconded by Board Member  
Ricardo Bautista.

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



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5th day of October 2021.



William 'Bill' Watts, Chair