



## City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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Monday, October 23, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center  
1st Floor Multipurpose Room

8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup>. Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members**

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| William 'Bill' Watts, Chair           | Present        |
| Christopher Flynn, Secretary          | Present        |
| Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Board Member | Absent/Excused |
| Alvaro Ferrando, Board Member         | Present        |
| Isabel Martin, Alternate Member       | Present        |

**Staff present:**

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

**Public present:**

Luimar Z. Garza, Doral resident  
Fatima Hernandez, visitor

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

Luimar Garza spoke about memo, 2-years old, on the voluntary cooperation between the City of Doral and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. Ms. Garza wished the Advisory Board be conscientious of the memo, of which she has expressed negative views.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a. September 19, 2023

**Motion to approve the September 19 meeting minutes** made by Member Ferrando and seconded by Member Martin. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

## 6. Discussion Items

a. Family Day Event

Initial discussion concerned keeping the advertised November 18 date or postponing it to Spring 2024, possible conjunction with Health Fair. The concern was late advertising and the limited amount of time to interest the public in attendance. US Southern Command has been informed of the November 18 date, requests went out to Texas Roadhouse for food, Miami Dade Fire Rescue and Doral Police Department for attendance, and initial notice to Miami Dade Animal rescue for interest in attendance. November 18 date will proceed as planned.

Secretary Flynn will reach out to Miami Dade Animal Rescue for attendance and confirm how many pets can be safely brought to the event. Request potential 10 pets. Secretary Flynn also reached out to We Rent Fun for bounce house rentals. Contact information was passed over to the city to set up rental and billing.

Chair Watts requested number of sign-ups on Eventbrite, which is up and running and advertising. Chair Watts noted Vet Info has taken care of volunteers that will help with the setup and teardown of the event. Chair Watts has requested the City to reach out to Bass Pro Shops, to deconflict interest between a City sponsored event and Vet Info events that Chair Watts has previously requested support.

Member Martin noted she had a contact with the Che Guavara restaurant chain, one location in Miami, that may be able to provide snacks, appetizers, or similar supplementary food item. Member Martin also has a contact at Any Lab for vitamin B12 shots that may have an interest.

Updates to the vendor list, attached.

b. Vice Chair Selection

**Motion to hold selection of Vice Chair until December meeting** made by Secretary Flynn and seconded by Member Ferrando. Selection of Vice Chair will be discussed at the December Board meeting.

## 7. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

a. Family Day Event

8. **Next Meeting:** Regular Meeting, November 7, 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting requested, November 13, 6:00 p.m. **Motion to hold special meeting November 13** made by Secretary Flynn and seconded by Member Ferrando.

## 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Christopher Flynn and seconded by Board Member Rich Bautista.

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

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Christopher Flynn, Secretary

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Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Member

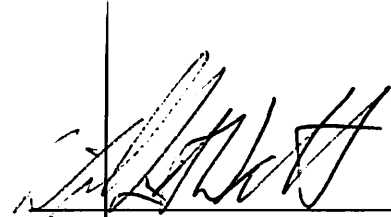
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Alvaro Ferrando, Member

Isabel Martin, Alternate Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

  
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William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

## Veterans Day/Family Day

Clades Park | November 18, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

| Event Logistics Detail |   |           |           |           |             |   |                   |         |  |
|------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---|-------------------|---------|--|
| Tent #                 | Vendors   | Tent      | Tables    | Chairs    | Needs Power | Addl. Notes   | Outreach          | Contact | Notes  |
| 1                      | New York Life   | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Donated Chips and Snacks                                    | city              |         |  |
| 2                      | Miami VA Suicide Prevention, LPCP, Vet Info.            | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Informational vendor  | Bill              | Yes     |  |
| 2                      | Mount Sinai Hospital PTSD information                   | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Informational vendor  | Isabel            | ?       | new outreach for 2023, request hospital staff, information, same tent as VA Suicide Prevention |
| 3                      | Smoothie King   | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1           | Food Samples  | Rich              |         | include Planet Smoothie  |
| 4                      | Capallero Rivero Funera Homes                           | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Donated Plates, Napkins, Cups, Utensils                     | Eventbrite/ city  |         |  |
| 5                      | Military Affairs Advisory Board, sign-in, Toys for Tots | 1         | 1         | 3         | 0           | Registration/Check in & Collecting Toys                     | Eventbrite/ board | ?       | request for toys on Eventbrite, provide to Marines after                                       |
| 6                      | Miami Vet Center  | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Informational vendor  | Bill              | Yes     |  |
| 7                      | Tequenomania  | 1         | 2         | 3         | 1           | Food Samples  | Rich              |         | reached out, waiting response  |
| 8                      | Florida Dept. of Veterans Affairs                       | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Informational vendor  | Bill              | Yes     |  |
| 9                      | Geico   | 1         | 1         | 2         | 0           | Pizza, Water & Informational Vendor                         | Vet nfo           | ?       | discuss possible monetary donation for event t-shirts  |
| 10                     | Shake-a-leg   |           |           |           |             | Informational vendor  | Vet nfo           |         |  |
| 11                     | Florida Fish & Wildlife                                 |           |           |           |             | Brought air boat/ information                               | VetInfo           | ?       |  |
| 12                     | Local pet adoption agency w/animals                     | 1         | 1         | 2         | 1           | Provide low/no cost emotional support adoptions to veterans | Isabel            | ?       | new outreach for 2023, unknown table or power requirements                                     |
| -                      | Bass Pro (donated raffle items)                         |           |           |           |             | Donated raffle items  | city              | ?       |  |
| Under Pavillion        | Winn Dixie  | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0           | Catered Food  | city/Parks        |         |  |
| Under Pavillion        | Papa Johns  | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0           | Pizza, Water & Informational Vendor                         | city/Parks        |         |  |
| Under Pavillion        | Texas Roadhouse   | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0           | Boxed Lunches   | city/Parks        | Yes     | Requested funds order for 150 people, pulled pork sandwich and/or burgers, sides               |
| Under Pavillion        | United Martial Arts                                     | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0           | Donated all 2L Soda   | Vet nfo/Parks     |         |  |
| Vehicle                | OneBlood  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | Provided incentives for blood donations                     | Bill              | ?       |  |
| Vehicle                | Fire Truck (MDCF #69)                                   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | Demonstration/ information                                  | Chr's             | Yes     |  |
| Vehicle                | Doral Police Department Harley's                        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | Demonstration/ information                                  | Chr's             | Yes     | requested previous years but never added to events list  |
| Personnel              | chaplain  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | veteran staple to all events                                | Bill              | ?       | request availability from any of the following: City, SouthCom, VA, Doral PD                   |
| Grass Area             | Miami Dade Animal Services (Doral)                      | 1         | 1         | 2         |             | Pets for Vets adoptions                                     | Isabel/Chris      | Yes/?   | initial contact in interest made, need to officially invite                                    |
| Grass Area             | Dimelo 305 (sponsored)                                  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | DJ- donated services  | city/Parks        |         |  |
| Grass Area             | Games (Jenga, Dominos)                                  |           | 1         | 4         | 0           | Place in grass area   | city/Parks        |         |  |
| Grass Area             | We Rent Fun   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0           | Inflatables for kids  | Chr's/city        | Yes     | Requested funds estimated \$1000+  |
| <b>Total Order</b>     |   | <b>11</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>3</b>    | <b>new/change for 2023 event</b>                            |                   |         |  |