



MINUTES

CITY OF DORAL

SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 26, 2015

Doral Government Center
3rd Floor Training Room
8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

- 1. Call to Order by Chairman Jorge van Balen**
- 2. Roll Call of Members**

Meeting was called to order @ 6:34PM

Jorge van Balen	Present
Patricia Kayser	Present
Lourdes L Rocca	Present
Yolyed Yrausquin	Present
Katy Echeverria	Present

Also present were:

~~Erin Weistow, Staff Liaison Present~~ NOT PRESENT
Michael Festa, Staff Liaison Present

- 3. Public Comments.**
No Comments

- 4. Approval of minutes of 11/24/16Meeting.**

Minutes for 11/24/2015 were read. A motion was placed by Jorge van Balen to approve them. Motion was seconded by Lourdes L Rocca. Minutes were approved by all members.

- 5. Discussion Topic I. New Board Member: Katy Echeverria.**

Mrs. Katy Echeverria was accepted and welcomed to Special Advisory Board Member.

6. Discussion Topic II. Employment Internship program in Doral high schools, for students in SEP program. Update News.

a. Employment Internship program in Doral high school for students in SEP program was present to the council member in December 2nd City Council meeting. Motion was disapproved by the City Council of Doral. During the session of the Special Need Advisor Meeting the Mayor Luigi Boria was present for a few minutes. We expressed to him our concerns about the decision and promised to review and ask Jorge Van Balen to inform him about it.

b. Patricia Kayser proposed to start to look for private businesses that will like to accept the employment internship for special need kids. Vivian Nunez will be informed of this idea.

c. Another idea is to propose to the city of Doral to start off with a small amount of children for the internship like a pilot program.

7. Discussion Topic III. City of Doral Special Needs Population Survey.

The survey was finished by Patricia Kayser. She presented the modifications during the meeting and the final form of the survey. The survey will be presented for approval in the City of Doral Council next March. The motion was approved by all members. Jorge Van Balen asked Michael Festa to take lead to do the survey. Michael Festa expressed that it first has to be approved by the City of Doral Council.

8. New Business.

a. Patricia Kayser expressed to Michael Festa the possibility to do a get together in the last Friday of every month. They will accommodate the time.

b. For the next meeting the members will bring ideas for the Spring Break and Summer Camp.

c. Parks and Recreations will organize a special resource fair on April 30th, 2016. Michael Festa is trying to find vendors to provide services for Special Need children and parents.

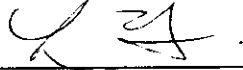
9. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be on February 23rd, 2016

10. Adjournment.


The meeting adjournment was motioned by Jorge van Balen and seconded by Lourdes L Rocca. All member present were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

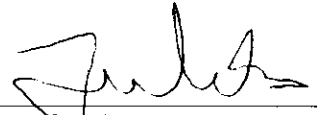
Respectfully Submitted,



Advisory Board Secretary

Board Member *Jorge van Balen*
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member



Katy
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Chairperson