



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

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

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

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

5. **Approval of Minutes**

- August 16, 2021

Motion to approve the August 16th meeting minutes made by Member Bautista and seconded by Member Juarez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. **Discussion Items**

a. **Discussion:** Family Day Event

Chair Watts has reached out to public affairs at Miami, awaiting feedback. Vet Info will help set up Eventbrite advertisement, as needed.

Member Juarez reached out to the 4th Civil Affairs Group, Marine Forces Reserve in Miami. They will be concluding their Toys for Tots drive the weekend of the family day

event. They plan on being present but will follow-up with Member Juarez near the end of September. US Southern Command change of command due to take place in October. New command will be made aware of the family day event. Suggested that Chief of Staff to SOUTHCOM, the installation commander, or garrison commander would be welcome.

Secretary Flynn presented preliminary advertisement for the event. Recommended changes include making font stand out more, add City of Doral logo with the advisory board name. Updated advertisement will be made available at the next meeting.

Member Bautista will compile a list of items and equipment that may be needed to hold the event.

For the moment, Covid-19 spread looks to be limited issue, allowing family day planning to continue and the event to be held in December.

b. Open Discussion

Mr. Estrada presented two upcoming events in Doral: 9/11 commemoration at Downtown Doral Park, and NBC 6 would like to interview anyone who lost a loved one on 9/11.

Mr. Estrada presented Adopt a Unit program, brought to his attention by a previous board member. This board expresses interest to adopt a local Doral unit: US Southern Command, Army Garrison, Marine Forces, or associated unit.

Motion to conduct research on this program with intent to adopt a unit made by Member Bautista and seconded by Member Juarez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Member Bautista will conduct research on this program and devise a plan to move forward.

7. Discussion of next meeting agenda items

Discussion will continue moving forward with family day event.

8. Future Meeting Date

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

Motion to hold special meeting on September 21st, 2021, to continue with Family Day planning made by Secretary Flynn and seconded by Member Bautista. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Special meeting set for September 21st, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. October 5th, 2021 meeting date will be held as planned. 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 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2021, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Deborah Prather and seconded by Board Member

Jason Juarez.

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



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2021.



William 'Bill' Watts, Chair