



City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Monday, April 22nd, 2019
6:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Vinita Tandon, Chair	Present
Vanessa B. Fernandez, Vice Chair	Present
Sergio Leao, Secretary	Present

Also present were:

Erin Weislow, Parks and Recreation Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

5. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Child Safety Kit & Wallet ID program

The discussion for Child Safety Kit & Wallet ID program has been on the meeting agendas for quite a while, with little to no development. Ms. Tandon spoke to Doral Chief of Police, Mr. Hernan Organvidez, who stated that he is open to any idea they bring to the table. Ms. Tandon stated that she's hoping to have an event or meeting with students & parents with the Chief of Police to get this program going.

b. Discussion: Adult day training – ADT Center

Ms. Tandon explained that there are no ADT centers located near Doral, and she hasn't been able to find concrete information on it. The board recognizes that there is a need for it, but they don't know whom to contact and what their next step should be. The board is asking for the public to help find information on ADT Centers, so they can make some progress.

c. Discussion: Medicaid cuts – parents voice petition

Mrs. Bolanos-Fernandez explained that Medicaid has proposed significant budget cuts. If the budget cuts do go through, it'll be a barrier to treatment for special need children in all of Florida. Mrs. Bolanos-Fernandez went on to say that there's a lot of issues such as issues with transparency, administration of the program and barriers to treatment overall. What the chapter of behavioral analyst are doing to advocate this issue is by having parent trainings, advocate trainings and hosting a rally. They're trying to a peaceful protest and they're actively making sure that it's all organized.

d. Discussion: Disability Awareness Month Proclamation

The Mayor & Council declared a proclamation for Disability Awareness Month to occur every year in March. Ms. Tandon stated that initiatives like this are creating an awareness for all disabilities.

e. Open Discussion

Ms. Tandon discussed the Upcoming Autism walk.

Ms. Erin Weislow from the Parks & Recreation Department updated the board regarding the Wellness and Martial Arts program that is designed for the Special Needs population from ages 7 and up.

6. **Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, ^{June 21st} August 8th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Cruz

Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22nd, 2019 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Vinita Tandon and seconded by Board Member Sergio Leao.

Chair Vinita Tandon
Vice Chair Vanessa B. Fernandez
Secretary Sergio Leao
Board Member Elizabeth Dager
Board Member Matthew Schiebler

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th of June of 2019

Vinita Tandon
Vinita Tandon, Chair

* the announcement of Grand Breaking of new school (expansion of DSA) for 2020 start serving children with Disabilities.