



City of Doral Economic Development Advisory Board Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Doral Government Center

3rd Floor Training Room

8401 NW 53rd Terrace,

Doral, FL 33166

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Felix Murillo, Chair	Present
Paola Moreno, Vice Chair	Present
Maritza Galoppi, Board Member	Present
Roger Gonzalez, Board Member	Present
Roberto Sroka, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Manuel Pila, Economic Developer

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

There were no comments made during public comments.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the August 12th, 2019 meeting minutes made by Roger Gonzalez and seconded by Roberto Sroka. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. **Discussion Items**

a. **Update: Annual Consulate Reception**

Mr. Pila informed the board that by the end of this week everything should be ready for the Annual Consulate Reception. The invitations are going to be emailed and be physically sent out. Mr. Pila told the board that he should be mailing out the invitations by the end of this week.

The board then went on to discuss who is getting an invite to the Annual Consulate Reception, such as Ms. Ana Maria Rodriguez, Mario Diaz-Balart and City of Doral Mayor and Council.

Lastly, Mr. Pila went into detail about 'Taiwan Day'.

b. Update: October Business Forum

The October Business Forum is set to take place on October 30th, 2019 and it is going to focus on 'Franchising'. Mr. Pila went on the topics that will be discussed in this forum in regard to 'Franchising'.

Mr. Pila discussed briefly about SBDC after Mr. Murillo asked around how many people are expected to attend the business forum.

c. Open Discussion

Mr. Pila informed the board about the visitor's center that recently opened, and the City is working with AARP to staff it where they currently have a staff member working there 18 hours a week and how it's a partnership with the Greater Miami Convention Visitor's Bureau.

Mr. Pila also informed the board that within the next couple of years, City of Doral will have 31 hotels and how the city is the fifth destination in South Florida for hotels.

Lastly, Mr. Pila discussed about some changes done to the 'Economic Development' portion of the Budget for FY 19-20, such as adding more money to travel, so they can go to some of their sister cities.

7. Future Meeting Date

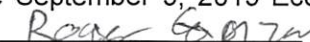

a) Monday, November 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 9:10 a.m.





Respectfully submitted,



Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member  and seconded by Board Member .

Chair Felix Murillo
Vice Chair Paola Moreno
Board Member Roberto Sroka
Board Member Maritza Galoppi
Board Member Roger Gonzalez



Absent/Excused



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of October of 2019.



Felix Murillo, Chair