



## City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024  
6:00 p.m.  
Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> 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	Absent/Excused
Elizabeth Dager, Vice Chair	Absent/Excused
Caridad Bouza Merida, Secretary	Present
Nayipzi Gutierrez, Board Member	Present
Jorge Van Balen, Board Member	Present
Angelica Pinto, Alternate Member	Present

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

Ms. Ivonne Perez-Suarez is the consumer outreach coordinator for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. She briefly explained that she informs people about consumer fraud, fraud protection and what they do as a department. In the state of Florida, the Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, serves as the clearing house for anything that is fraud related.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**a. April 23, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024, meeting made by the board.  
By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Adult Training Program Update**

Nerea informed the board that the program has been running since April of this year and there are currently 5 participants attending. It is a year-round program.

At the last meeting it was discussed that the cost might be too high for families with CDC+. So, the Parks and Recreation Department is working with the city to subsidize part of the costs and take it to Mayor and Council at a future council meeting. It would go based on what the ratio is. The city would subsidize three days, which is 50%. The parents would then have to cover the other half. If it gets approved, it will go into effect next fiscal year, which is October 2024.

The program will stay in Doral Glades Park because they must approve the sites. For the summer camp this year, it'll still be Doral Glades Park because there are currently only 5 participants in the ADT program, so it all worked out with the space. For next year, they are going to look into the possibility of having the summer camp in Doral Central Park.

**b. Summer Camp Update**

The Department had the summer camp registration yesterday (06/24) and it did fill up. They had a better turnout this year than the previous year. Both groups are full, and they have a waiting list for anyone else that would like to join. The age limit is 7 years old and up, but the providers work on a case-by-case basis.

**c. Department Update**

Nerea informed the board that they're still working on offering other programs. They still have the special Olympics, feel the beat, music and now recently, they have been doing monthly nature crafts. Once Doral Central Park opens, the department will be looking into aquatic classes for special needs.

**7. Next Meeting: August/September 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**


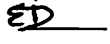

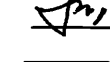
**8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

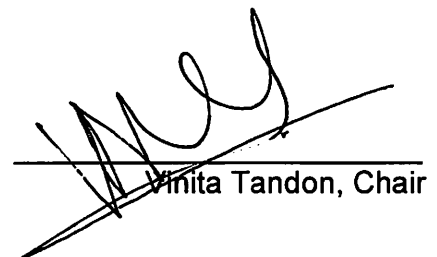
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Caridad Bouza Merida, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Vinita Tandon, Chair  
Elizabeth Dager, Vice Chair  
Caridad Bouza Merida, Secretary  
Nayipzi Gutierrez, Board Member  
Jorge Van Balen, Board Member  
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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

  
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Vinita Tandon, Chair