



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 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 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

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

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

Guests:

Jennifer Brande, Community Relations Chief, U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs
Mark Pinilla, President of Vet Info, Content Designer

Public:

Luminar "Betty" Garza, Doral resident

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Ms. Betty Garza requested to speak before the Board. She read an email she composed that she stated was sent to the Doral City Council and assistants. The content of the email was not relative to the Board's mission nor had any actionable cause to the Board's responsibilities.

5. Approval of Minutes

- September 21, 2021

*Vanderbilt Park - vaccine is a danger
Black Hats & White Hats
Public Comments
closed*

Motion to approve the September 21st meeting minutes made by Vice Chair Prather and seconded by Member Bautista. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Family Day Event

Chair Watts introduced Mark Pinilla, from non-profit Vet Info, who will be working with the Board on fund raising and to advertise Family Day, setting up the Eventbrite online invitation. Secretary Flynn mentioned three items of interest that needed to be added to the invitation to tally specific event support and outreach: food distribution for needy veteran families, vets who want vaccination, reminder to bring unwrapped toys for donation to Toys for Tots.

November 2 meeting date will be the deadline to push advertising, start 2-week focus on Doral veterans to sign-up on Eventbrite.

Review of checklist items, created at the previous Board meeting, confirming completed items to those that still need to be completed or need extended time.

Discussion looked at several vendors for donations, food or services. Vice Chair Prather reached out to Shorty's Bar-B-Q for unspecified donation, concern that they may be hurting for business. Chair Watts mentioned speaking to Famous Dave's for donation or support. Review of checklist items will continue at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the advertisement and invitation created by Secretary Flynn, with edits to the advertisement changing the Doral logo from city circle to sun square, the addition of this logo on the invitation, as approved for use by Doral Public Affairs Department, made by Member Bautista and seconded by Vice Chair Prather. By consensus, motion passes unanimously. Once edits are completed, Secretary Flynn will pass these through Maggie Santos, Director of Public Affairs, for final approval of use. (unedited graphics attached)

b. **Discussion:** Adopt-a-Unit will be a formal event in front of City Council. Next meeting will bring up discussion again, look at potential date to hold event.

c. Open Discussion

Open discussion included Vet Info veteran events held, previous fishing trip and potential future events for all veterans.

7. Discussion of next meeting agenda items

Discussion will continue moving forward with family day event.

8. Future Meeting Date

- Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to hold special meeting on October 20th, 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 Wednesday, October 20th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. November 2nd, 2021 meeting date will be held as planned. Future meetings may be deemed necessary 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 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2021 Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made
by Board Member Ricardo Bautista 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 20th day of October 2021.



William 'Bill' Watts, Chair