

City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:00 p.m. Doral Government Center 1st Floor Multipurpose Room 8401 NW 53rd Terrace Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair Rich Bautista, Vice Chair Christopher Flynn, Secretary Isabel Martin, Member Juan Peralta, Member Present Present (phone) Present Present

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

Public present:

Mark Pinilla, President of Vet Info Isabel Pinilla, resident

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by public attendee, Isabel Pinilla.

4. Public Comments

No public present.

5. Approval of Minutes

January 8, 2024

Motion to approve the January 8 meeting minutes made by Vice Chair Bautista and seconded by Member Martin. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Health Fair

Chair Watts opened discussion with intent to identify location, date, and set up following meeting to discuss specifics. Noted this has been brought up before the City Council as an item of interest but will need to bring before the City Council again for approval to proceed, March 13 City Council Meeting.

Interested organizations include Miami VA: suicide prevention, nutritionists, LPOP, potentially 5 or 6 different group. University of Miami, Nova Southeastern, FIU. Member Martin noted Mount Sinai, Lions Club to bring reading glasses, eye checks. Chair Watts noted invitees should bring their own tents.

Vice Chair Bautista inquired into specifics, what they will provide: giving out information, blood tests, health checks, vitals, blood pressure. Diabetes checks. Mr. Estrada noted a health fair was held for city employees the previous year, April timeframe, asked if Board had interest to hold this in conjunction. Two courses of action to consider: open public, to include veterans, and employees; or separate and hold specific for veterans.

Possible indoor locations include Doral Cultural Arts Center.

Deadline to submit memo to the City Council is February 28 for March 13 meeting.

b. Memorial Day.

May 27. Review again, look at expanding from previous years. Vice Chair Bautista noted the need to consider agenda of ceremony, speeches, bugle, play taps. Review last year and add for this year. Bring new ideas to the City Council meeting April 10. Deadline to submit memo to the City Council is March 20.

c. Armed Forces Dav.

June 29. Vice Chair Bautista recommended the City of Doral, Mayor and Council Members, send letter to US Southern Command thank members for their service.

7. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

- **a.** Health Fair confirm location, time, continue planning based upon City Council recommendations.
- **b.** Memorial Day May 27, expand previous year's memorial.
- **c.** Armed Forces Day June 29, draft letter from City Council to US Southern Command.
- d. Vet Info donated fishing boat, support to Doral veterans, storage proposal
- 8. Next Meeting: March 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Military Affairs Advisory Board

Meeting made by Board Member		and seconded by Board
William 'Bill' Watts, Chair Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Vice Chair Christopher Flynn, Secretary Isabel Martin, Member Juan Peralta, Member	DAY TCH	1 2 11
APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5 th day o	f March 2024.	William 'Bill' Watts, Chair