



City of Doral Special Needs Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Doral Government Center
3rd Floor Training Room
8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
Doral, Florida 33166

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tandon at 6:10p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

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| Phillip Lloyd Hamilton, Board Member | Present |
| Corina Orozco, Board Member | Present |
| Rosa Sanabria, Board Member | Present |
| Vinita Tandon, Board Member | Present |
| Jorge van Balen, Board Member | Absent |

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments to the board.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 15, 2017 board meeting were approved unanimously with no corrections.

6. Discussion Items

a. Certificate of Recognition for Doral Businesses that hire special needs community members - Memo to Mayor Bermudez

It was mentioned that the Amazon Sortation Center also employs persons with disabilities. Request was made for the City Council to recognize the businesses and allow employees with special needs and their parents to say a few words during the November 8th evening council meeting. Board staff requested that staff reach out to businesses to extend invites; board members to provide business contact info to

staff. Board Chair Tandon would like Doral Chamber of Commerce to attend as well; staff to provide contact info.

b. New additional programs in Legacy Park

Item was tabled until next month when George Vega can attend and report out.

c. Interview skills/job readiness seminar for Special Needs teens and adults

Staff advised that Recreation staff has hosted and facilitated the past two workshops. Board Member Orozco suggested the City consult with Behavior Links. Staff stated that Miami-Dade County Public Schools also has someone who works with Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School. Board Secretary Hamilton mentioned a contact at Best Buddies International's Jobs Program, with whom he will connect staff.

d. Update: Survey Results

Staff confirmed they will email the executive summary to all board members once available.

7. New Business

a. Suggested topics for presentation for parents

The board reviewed the list of possible presentation topics circulated by staff August 15, 2017. Staff suggested a survey be emailed out to all residents on the Special Needs listserv with the top workshop topics selected by the board, along with options for possible dates and times. Board Secretary Hamilton recommend (1) alternative activities be planned for the children of parents who may attend the workshops, and (2) residents who responded to the recent Special Needs Survey as having someone in their household with special needs be added to the Parks Department's special needs programming email listserv. The parent presentation topics selected by the board for consideration were: Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); Transition; Active Parent, Effective IEP! (Individualized Education Plan); and Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

b. We Coach Foundation

Board Chair Tandon introduced the We Coach Foundation, a new organization in Doral looking to engage residents with special needs. She will connect the foundation with City staff for follow-up to assess viability of partnership.

8. Future Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

9. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.

- a. All items with pending follow-up from staff or board from the September 19, 2017 meeting agenda.

10. Adjournment

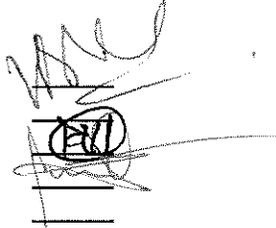
Meeting adjourned at 6:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Lloyd Hamilton, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member P.L. Hamilton and seconded by Board Member C. Orozco.

Chair Vinita Tandon
Vice Chair Rosa Sanabria
Secretary Phillip Lloyd Hamilton
Board Member Corina Orozco
Board Member Jorge van Balen



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of October 2017.

Vinita Tandon, Chair