



MINUTES

CITY OF DORAL INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 30, 2013
8401 N.W. 53RD TERRACE
DORAL, FL 33166

1. Call to Order / Roll Call of Members

Meeting was called to order @ 6.12pm.

Juan Casimiro	Present ✓
Vicente Rodriguez	Present ✓
Guillermo Pineda	Present
Monica Flores	Present
Guillermo Mata	Absent
Raul Gonzalez	Absent ✗
Felix Murillo	Absent ✗
Peter Tan	Absent ✗

Also present were:

Dr, Tobón, From Armenia, Colombia.
Carlos Sanchez, From Dominican Republic
Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera Vicemayor City of Doral
Vilma Petrash, - Director of Communications City of Doral.
NathanLiason person City of Doral.

2. Agenda/Order of Business As this was a special meeting to listen to presentations from Dr Tobon and Mr Carlos Sanchez, no previous minutes were approved

- a. Agenda Item I Mr Casimiro, Chair of the board described the activities and reason of our board to our foreign visitors as well as past activities.

- b. **Agenda Item II**– Dr Tobon from Armenia Colombia gave a Video presentation. Explaining that Armenia’s location is very convenient for business. They have experienced sustained growth over the past 20 years. There is no violence in the city. Their economy is based on Tourism and Agriculture. Armenia is the 2nd tourist destination in Colombia. Our city could benefit from the Sister agreement as there are many businesses from Armenia who would like to start Distribution centers in the US and would consider Doral to do so. They have no previous Sister Agreements with other cities in the US. Colombia is one of the most important economies in South America. Doral has a population of 16% from Colombia. Mr Casimiro explained our Board would make a recommendation to City Council to sign the mutual Sister City agreement but the resolution is from Council.
- c. **Agenda Item III**– Mr Carlos Sanchez gave an verbal explanation about Enriquillo, Dominican Republic stating the city is 129 years old. Their economic development is based on Tourism, and Agriculture, mainly coffee. They have an Eolic Park that produces electricity for almost the entire city. They also have a lot of foreign investment on Tourism, mainly from Italy. Mr Sanchez said Culture and Tourism could be the exchange points in the Sister City Agreement. Vice Major Rodriguez stated the City of Doral supports Green Initiatives.
- d. **Agenda Item IV** – Budget. Vice Major Rodriguez stated that our Board has an approved budget of \$90,000 usd minus the expenses made from activities of previous Board. She also explained the EB5 Program in the County and how our City could benefit from it.
- e. **New Business**- Mr Vicente Rodriguez explained the event of St Lucia from Caricom. Mr Casimiro, explained the program of 7 Mindsets and its impact in our City.
- f. **Future Meeting Dates** – June 12, 2013
- g. **Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned by Juan Casimiro at 7.41pm.and seconded by Vicente Rodriguez.

Submitted

Respectfully Submitted,

MFE

 Monica Flores, MBA on behalf of Guillermo Mata, Advisory Board Secretary.

Motion to approve the minutes of the (Date of Meeting Minutes approved) Name of the board Advisory Board Meeting made by 6/20/13 and seconded by _____.

Board Member

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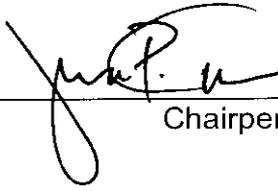
Board Member

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Chairman

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Chairperson

