

City of Doral Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2024 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 6:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Jennifer Triana, Chair Emily Marquez, Vice Chair Christopher Yankana, Secretary Humberto Useda, Board Member Frank Vaio, Board Member Lia Portilla, Board Member Absent/Excused Present Absent/Excused Absent/Excused Present Present

Also present were:

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Director

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board members present welcomed the recently appointed board alternate Lia Portilla.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. April 8, 2024

Motion to approve the April 8 meeting minutes made by the board. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

- a. It was confirmed that the social media posts on coyote sightings throughout Doral were placed. This was one of the most viewed posts during the period.
- b. It was noted that the renovations and updates to the dog park had taken place. F. Vaio confirmed that repairs had taken place and that the improvements were noticeable.
- c. It was noted that plans for the City's Halloween event had not been finalized. The Board agreed that this would be an excellent venue to communicate safety priorities with residents. An option is to partner with Miami-Dade Animal Services (MDAS).
- d. Because L. Portilla works for MDAS, she can help serve as a liaison between the Board and programs of interest. Specifically, the Board is interested in sharing information about TNT programs available (CATTI), anti-tethering rules, freshwater mandates, microchip information, and more.

7. Open Discussion

Due to L. Portilla's role at Miami-Dade Animal Services, she can provide added value to the services offered by the city. She was asked to prepare a one-pager on collaborative ideas, including donating "poop bags" to the park to educate residents, and information on required licenses for mobile groomers, among others. There is an opportunity for members of the MDAS to meet with the City's Compliance Team to ensure that the county and city ordinances are upheld. E. Estrada will follow-up on this.

The Board also agreed that constant information on animal issues must be at the forefront of social media posts. Some of the topics to consider are:

- a. 4th of July Pet Prevention
- b. Summer Months Pet Prevention
- c. Wildlife tidbits such as "do not feed bread to the ducks"

8. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

Follow-up to the items discussed at the previous meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6.51 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Board Member F. Vaio and seconded by Board Member L. Portilla.

Respectfully submitted, Emily Marquez, Vice Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Animal Welfare Committee made by Fireia and seconded by Board Member N.0

Jennifer Triana, Chair Emily Marquez, Vice Chair Christopher Yankana, Secretary Humberto Useda, Board Member Frank Vaio, Board Member Lia Portilla, Board Member

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2024.