



MINUTES

CITY OF DORAL

SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm
8401 N.W. 53RD TERRACE
DORAL, FL 33166

1. Call to Order / Roll Call of Members

Meeting was called to order @ 4:00 p.m.

Malexys Morales	Present
Brunilde Rodriguez	Present
Carolina Cano	Present
Jorge Van Balen	Present
Luz Marina Rosenfield	Present
Yolanda Trigo de Serrano	Present
Yolyed Yrausquin	Present
Vianca Peron (PR)	Present

Also present were:

Amina Taulbee, From Shine Bright Foundation
Special guest from House for the Blind.
Member from the Police Department.

2. Agenda/Order of Business

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes were approved by Jorge Vab Balen.
- b. **Agenda Item II –Disaster preparedness:** Police department from the city of Doral request information on demographics of the city in order to assist citizens with disabilities in case of emergency and know where they are.
- c. **Agenda Item III-** Doral Schools: Malexys agreed to contact Susy Castillo from Miami Dade Schools Board to come to next meeting and provide information to the board on how to expand programs for children with disabilities in the

schools in Doral and provide ideas to create schools targeted to the needs of the community.

- d. **Agenda Item III-** Census: Board members discussed the importance of developing a census questionnaire to obtain information on the demographics of the community, how many individuals with special needs. Bianca was in charge of finding out about the census questionnaire to be provided by the City.

It was also suggested to create brochures to educate business on the ADA and other federal laws

- e. **Agenda Item III-** Future meeting dates and times were discussed and agreed upon for the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. starting August 1st. Motioned by Chairman and seconded by Secretary (Pending to be approved by Karina De La Rosa).

- f. **Discussion open to the public** – Members expressed the interest of raising awareness about people with service dogs and educate community, especially businesses about the blind-sighted and their dogs. A member of the House for the blind came to educate board on the importance of understanding this population and advocating for their rights and inclusion in the community. It was also suggested to create brochures to educate business on the ADA and other federal laws regarding accessibility of wheelchairs and service dogs inside businesses.

- g. **New Business-**

- h. **Future Meeting Dates** – First Thursday of every month at 6 pm. Next meeting August 1st, 2013.

- i. **Adjournment-** The meeting was motioned by Chairman and adjourned by Secretary at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolina Cano
Advisory Board Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2013 Special Needs Advisory Board Meeting made by Chairmen Jorge Van Balen and seconded by Brunilde Rodriguez.

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Chairperson