



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center

3rd Floor Training Room

8401 NW 53rd Terrace

Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair	Present
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present (absent)
Ricardo Bautista, Board Member	Present
Jason Juarez, Board Member	Present

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

Erin Weislow, Director, Parks & Recreation

Public present:

Mark Pinilla, President of Vet Info

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

- October 21, 2022

Motion to approve the October 21 meeting minutes made by Member Bautista and seconded by Vice Chair Prather. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion:** Veterans Day/Family Day Event Preliminaries.

Change date from original Veteran's Day to December 3, at the Downtown Doral Park. Erin Weislow, Parks Director, discussed downsides to using this park. Issues include less "stuff" in the park: no pavilions, all open space. Less infrastructure, restrooms given the park use, parking space. Parking space is available but the Board will have to request use of the City Hall parking. Intent is to provide the same sponsors and space from 2021. The Parks Director will look at limitations of the same vehicles returning: fire department, blood donation bus, FWC boat, and children bouncy houses space. December 3rd does coincide with Parks lighting event this year in the Downtown Park and concern is overlap in cleaning of one to setup of the next. Ms. Weislow will review events from 2021 and overlapping events for feasibility, and will send email out to the Board.

Vice Chair Prather reached out to Famous Dave's, and they will sponsor again this year. They noted they were not paid for 6 months, this is under review if the error came from the City or from outreach from Famous Dave's. The concern was having too much food left over last year, finding the balance between getting more people to attend, early advertising, and amount of food from various vendors.

Change to hours for 2022, event during lunch, 11am to 2pm, rather than 11am to 3pm held previous year.

Ms. Weislow asked if back-up date set if Downtown Park is not available for December 3. The Board's intent is to hold this event December 3rd and switch park location based upon what is available. The concern between the Board and the Parks are competing events for Parks use, and availability of veteran attendance over the holiday month. Ms. Weislow will email the Board on conflicts with parks and dates. The Board can ultimately hold the date no later than December 10 if no park choices are available.

Board Member Juarez has already created an advertisement flyer and will adjust date and times based upon conflicts noted. Chair Watts will conduct outreach with veteran sponsors upon this date set. Parks will work with Public Affairs to advertise final date set.

Member Juarez asked about having Santa present, in correlation with Toys for Tots.

Member Bautista noted the need for generators for multiple of spaces, to include the bouncy houses. Member Juarez will reach out to the Fire Department. Chair Watts will reach out to One Blood.

Discussion of last year's vendors, which Board Member's will conduct outreach. Vendor list with responsibilities attached.

b. Open Discussion

Chair Watts asked the Parks Director the interest in expanding Veterans Park, adding either a piece of military equipment or monument. Ms. Weislow will do some research on the current pieces to look at costs and feasibility on expanding.

Chair Watts asked about the bricks program, adding additional names. Ms. Weislow noted there was a problem with the previous vendor, Parks is in the process of starting this program again, finding a new vendor that will continue this work. Member Bautista noted this may be a good idea for a fundraiser for the park.

Parks noted Veteran's Day Event at Veterans Park, November 11, 9:00 a.m. This Board is officially invited to attend. Reserved seating and parking arrangements to be set for the Board Members. Intent for the Board Members to wear same color shirts, possibly green. The Board Chair should provide a message on behalf of Board, supporting veterans and active duty stationed in the City of Doral.

7. Discussion of next meeting agenda items

- Veterans Day/Family Day Event Preliminaries
- Open Discussion

8. Future Meeting Date

- Special meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
The Board members request to hold special meetings to review Family Day Event planning and preparations required for December 3 gathering. The Board will confirm if November 29 special meeting will be needed or cancelled.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Ricardo Bautista and seconded by Board Member Christopher Flynn

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair
Christopher Flynn, Secretary
Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Board Member
Jason Juarez, Board Member







APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15th day of November 2022.



William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

Military Family Picnic Day
Doral Glades Park | December 11, 2021 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Event Logistics Detail						
Tent #	Vendors	Tent	Tables	Chairs	Needs Power	Addl. Notes
1	New York Life	1	1	2	0	Donated Chips and Snacks
2	Miami VA Suicide Prevention, LPOP, Vet Info.	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor
3	Smoothie King	1	1	2	1	Food Samples
4	Caballero Rivero Funeral Homes	1	1	2	0	Donated Plates, Napkins, Cups, Utensils
5	Military Affairs Advisory Board & Toys for Tots	1	1	3	0	Registration/Check in & Collecting Toys
6	Miami Vet Center (not sure if they came)	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor
7	Tequenomania	1	2	3	1	Food Samples
8	Florida Dept of Veterans Affairs (did not come)	1	1	2	0	Informational vendor
9	Geico	1	1	2	0	Pizza, Water & Informational Vendor
10	Snake-a-Leg					Informational vendor
11	Florida Fish & Wildlife					Brought air boat information
-	Bass Pro (donated raffle items)					Donated raffle items
Under Pavilion	Winn Dixie (donated all)	0	2	0	0	Catered Food
Under Pavilion	Papa Johns (donated all)	0	1	0	0	Pizza
Under Pavilion	Famous Dave's (city paid @ discount price)	0	2	0	0	Boxed Lunches
Under Pavilion	United Martial Arts	0	1	0	0	Donated all 2L Soda
Vehicle	OneBlood	0	0	0	0	Provided incentives for blood donor
Vehicle	Fire Truck (MDCF)	0	0	0	0	Demonstration/ information
Grass Area	Dimelo 305 (sponsored)	0	0	0	0	DJ- donated services
Grass Area	Games (Jenga, Dominoes)		1	4	0	Place in grass area
Grass Area	Cinnamon Sixx (City Paid)	0	0	0	0	Inflables for kids
Total Order						
		9	17	24	2	

2022 Outreach

city/Eventbrite/city

Jason

Bill

Rich

Bill

VerInfo

VerInfo

VerInfo

city/Parks

Debbie

VerInfo/Parks

Bill

city/Parks

city/Parks

Rich