



## City of Doral Animal Welfare Committee Minutes

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Monday, September 13, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 N.W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Christopher Yankana, Chair	Present
Sarah Jimenez, Vice Chair	Absent
Maria Garces, Secretary	Present
Jennifer Triana, Board Member	Present
Maria Carolina Venegas, Board Member	Absent

**Also present were:**

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Director

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

There were no comments made during public comments.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

• **August 23, 2021**

**Motion to approve the August 23, 2021 meeting minutes** made by board member Christopher Yankana and seconded by board member Jennifer Triana. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. **Discussion Items**

a. **Discussion: City Council approval for the Howl-o-Ween Event**

- City Council approved the flyers and the #doralpet campaign.

- Ms. Maggie Santos, Director of Public Affairs, will be working with board member Maria Garces on the flyers and #doralpets campaign.
- Board member Christopher Yankana works at an Animal Health company in Doral. His office could contribute to one of the gifts at the Howl-o-Ween event. He also offered to work with the design for the flyers.
- Board member Maria Garces set some instructions to follow for the #doralpets campaign.
- It was suggested to invite Ms. Maggie Santos, Director of Public Affairs, to the next meeting.

**b. Discussion: City's Ordinance on Animals**

- Board member Jennifer brought ideas and samples from other cities about puppy mills, retail sale, and display of exotic animals (traveling circus, etc.) that should be amended to the ordinance.
- The board reviewed the samples board member Jennifer brought and discussed which ones could apply to our community.
- Board member Christopher mentioned about complaints and Mr. Estrada told us that most complaints are from noise and barking and there are already rules for that.
- It was suggested that the board does a draft with all the amendments to be presented to City Council and then request a study or list of how many retails and pet owners in the city will be affected and will have to comply with the new ordinance.
- The board discussed about restricting breeding to control retail sale and promote awareness to the community about animal welfare. Promoting awareness can help reduce impulse buyers, who will eventually abandon them, and increase adopting from the shelter.
- Mr. Estrada told us to propose both: to control the exploitation of exotic animals and prevent a problem for impulse buyers to put forward and see what the city will approve.
- Board member Jennifer Triana will be doing the draft to review before presenting to the City Council.
- The board discussed about the problem that the mayor mentioned at the council meeting regarding commercial vehicles, especially pet groomers, parking in the street close to the city building and leaving their cars there for hours at a time. Mr. Estrada told use that they are handling that issue and will implement parking meters.
- Board member Maria Garces mentioned about the fines for pet owners who don't pick up after their dogs. Board member Christopher told us that he saw a tv program on PBS talking about how it has to be picked up and disposed properly. Also, compost bags to pick up after pets is not cheap, so the board agreed to do something like outreaching to people by teaching them to always pick up. There is an ordinance for this discussion already.
- Board member Maria Garces mentioned that in the area she lives in, there aren't any picking up stations to handle the disposals like there is in other neighborhoods like Costa del Sol.

**7. Future Meeting Date:**

- Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 7:43 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA V. GARCES

Maria Garces, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Animal Welfare Committee made by Board Member CHRISTOPHER YANKANA and seconded by Board Member CAROLINA VENEGAS

Christopher Yankana, Chair

Sarah Jimenez, Vice Chair

Maria Garces, Secretary

Jennifer Triana, Board Member

Maria Carolina Venegas, Board Member

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27 day of September 2021.

Christopher Yankana, Chair