



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, August 8th, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Doral Government Center

3rd Floor Training Room

8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace

Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Brian George, Chair	Present
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair	Present
Angela Tejada-Beale, Secretary	Present
Christopher Flynn, Board Member	Present
William "Bill" Watts, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Edgard Estrada, Code Compliance Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

There were no comments made during public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April 1st, 2019 meeting minutes made by Christopher Flynn and seconded by Bill Watts. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Selection of USSOUTHCOM Representative for Board

Captain George informed the board that he reached out to Garrison and they have selected a representative for the board, it's just a matter of scheduling now. The representative that has been selected is the Deputy Garrison Manager. Captain George also informed the board that Mayor and Council approved to have one position on the board permanent to SOUTHCOM. Mr. Watts asked if the representative is a board

member or just a position and Captain George stated that the representative would be a member of the board. In regard to rules and regulations, the City states that an advisory board should only consist of 5 members, so for now the representative will be considered a non-voting member. The question will be asked to the City Clerk and pending her response more information will be provided next meeting.

b. **Discussion: Doral Veterans Day Parade Preparations**

The board spoke to Ms. Barbara Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director, as well as 841st Engineer Battalion and they're on board in regard to assisting with the parade. 841st Engineer Battalion will bring in some military vehicles as well as some soldiers to walk alongside and in front of the vehicles. Mr. Watts stated that his organization might have 1 or 2 boats in the parade filled with veterans only; Mr. Watts stated that he will be planning that with the Parks & Recreation Department.

Captain George informed the board that the parade starts from the Aloft Hotel Parking Lot on 107th and 33rd Street all the way to Veteran's Park. As soon as the City releases the final plan, they'll distribute the information.

c. **Discussion: Discount Doral Park Fees for Veterans**

Captain George informed the board that he presented the Discount Doral Park Fees for Veterans to Mayor and Council at the last Council Meeting and they approved it. Staff was going to work on what the discount amount would be.

d. **Discussion: Active Duty Rental Housing Support**

The board stated that this discussion was brought up by Ms. Ann Ryan. Captain George stated that it's still a working project and it's not ready for Council Presentation. Mr. Watts informed the board that he will talk to Ms. Ann Ryan to see if a memo can be written or they can look into more information from other cities that are doing it. Captain George stated that they can look into another City's ordinance regarding 'Active Duty Rental Housing Support' so they can piggyback from it and then present it to Mayor and Council in a Council Meeting.

e. **Discussion: Increased Promotion of Board to Community to Increase Participation**

Captain George brought up the idea to have a competition between the City of Doral Police Department and SOUTHCOM. The board discussed different ways they can have a competition and different ways they can promote it. The board discussed the possibility of having the competition at a Range.

f. **Open Discussion**

The board discussed how park fees for veterans work in different places, for example in Broward County they go in for free when they show the card and in the State of Florida, they get a different discount.

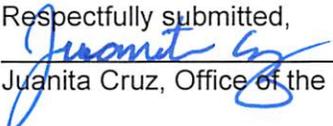
The board also discussed how veteran discount works when it comes to restaurants.

Mr. Watts informed the board about the Veteran's outreach event and asked Mr. Estrada if the flyer could be posted on the City of Doral Channel 77.

7. **Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 9:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Juanita Cruz, Office of the City Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8th Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Bill Watts and seconded by Board Member Brian George.

Brian George, Chair
Deborah Prather, Vice Chair
Angela Tejada-Beale, Secretary
Christopher Flynn, Board Member
William "Bill" Watts, Board Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2019



Brian George, Chair