



City of Doral Commission on the Status of Women Minutes

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
8:30 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 8:49 a.m.

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Tina Floyd Fernandez, Chair	Present
Marlene Gonzalez, Vice Chair	Present
Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich, Secretary	Present
Elizabeth Nieves, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Maggie Santos, Public Affairs Department

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comments**

Present for the meeting were Evelyn Milian and Astrid Arraras, two active female members of the Doral community. They both expressed their desire to participate with the Board and offered a contact, Yanire Carvajal, who is interested in providing services to the Board centered around women's empowerment and sexual harassment education and awareness. Ms. Milian shared her work with the Miami Music Project and pledged their involvement in the 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial celebration discussed in greater detail at varying points in the meeting. Ms. Arraras likewise pledged her support of the Centennial Suffrage event, in addition to others, through her involvement with PTA(s) in the Doral community. Throughout the meeting, these community members expressed their thoughts and opinions of how to better engage women in Doral.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the June 18, 2019 meeting minutes made by Tina Floyd Fernandez and seconded by Marlene Gonzalez. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve the June 25, 2019 meeting minutes made by Tina Floyd Fernandez and seconded by Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve the July 9, 2019 meeting minutes made by Tina Floyd Fernandez and seconded by Elizabeth Nieves. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Women of Legacy event 2020

The Board debriefed and discussed the Doral Women of Legacy held July 20, 2019. While the Board expressed their satisfaction with the overall success of the event, all members opined on how to improve the event moving forward. It was suggested and agreed upon that the following changes be implemented: nominees can only be nominated in one category, only one recipient will be chosen for category, nomination packets will be provided to the Board far more in advance (i.e. 30 days prior), encourage the City to offer greater assistance inviting attendees to the event, the Board shall pursue greater exposure of the event, specify in the nomination packet that documentation supporting their decision to nominate a candidate is permissible and encouraged, and identify a form of recognizing all nominees during the event (i.e. PowerPoint presentation). May 2, 2020 was proposed as the date for the Legacy event in 2020.

b. Discussion: 2020 Census

Board member Elizabeth Nieves brought up the upcoming census and its significance. This led to a discussion about how the Board can impact the process and ensure utmost cooperation and collaboration within the community. The City advised a Task Force had been formed to ensure much of the same. The Board requested more information about this Task Force and expressed its willingness to assist to the extent that it can.

c. Discussion: Super Bowl 2020 and Human Trafficking.

Board Member Elizabeth Nieves shared what she learned at a Florida National University (FNU) Powerhouse organization meeting earlier in the month. Powerhouse focus on Human Rights causes, with great emphasis on Human Trafficking. With the upcoming Super Bowl being hosted in Miami-Dade County, there is an increased concern over a projected spike in human trafficking cases. The Board agreed it should work toward developing a newsletter (possibly every quarter) to serve as a platform for building awareness to this issue, as well as others. Powerhouse's next meeting/event is October 24th at 10 am at FNU located at 4425 W Jose Regueiro (20th) AVE Hialeah, FL 33012.

d. Holiday event – “Make a Difference” with Doral Women

The Board will organize a holiday-themed breakfast event (coffee and donuts, for example) to bring together and engage women in the with the purpose of brainstorming and identifying the issues most facing women in Doral. The targeted date for this event is December 7, 2019 from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

e. Discussion: 2020 Women’s Suffrage Centennial Anniversary Celebration

The Board would like to host a major event in October of 2020 commemorating the centennial anniversary of women’s suffrage in the U.S. The Board contemplates a large event at either Downtown Doral Park or at Doral Central Park with vendor booths, a stage program with performances, an art display, keynote speakers, and activities for children and families. The Board will continue to develop the event and establish a budget in order to present to council for approval. The targeted date for this event is October 3, 2020.

f. Discussion: Dress for Success & Women’s Empowerment collaboration event

The Board discussed hosting an event which would combine collaboration with an organization like Dress for Success and a women’s empowerment workshop. The Board would communicate with Yanire Carvajal who, per members of the public who

attended the meeting, would be willing to present a Women's Empowerment Workshop and with that workshop the Board could incorporate the work of an organization like Dress for Success. The targeted date for this event was not established but would be discussed at subsequent meetings.

- g. **Open Discussion** Board members and those from the community who attended the meeting engaged in a lengthy discussion about homelessness in Doral and food insecurity; an issue that few in the community are aware of. The Board agreed it would like to raise awareness of this issue and explore how it can be best addressed. The Board also discussed the importance of engaging other Board to meet its objectives and plan successful events.

7. Future Meeting Date: Initially scheduled for **Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

Motion to Change October Meeting Dates to October 8, 2019 made by Tina Floyd Fernandez and seconded by Elizabeth Nieves. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Motion for Special Meeting on October 15, 2019 made by Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich and seconded by Elizabeth Nieves. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

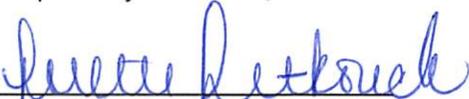
Subsequently, post-meeting, the City advised via email October 8th and 15th could not be accommodated, however, October 15th and 22nd could. Hence, future meeting dates were set by the City, post-meeting, for the 15th and the 22nd.

8. Discussion of next meeting agenda items.

- Generally, continue planning the four (4) events proposed.
- Obtain budgeting information for larger events from the City to prepare presentation to council of the 2020 Women's Suffrage Celebration.
- Prepare for presentation to Council of those events planned.
- Obtain more detailed information from the City as to the City's Census Task Force.
- Design flyers for upcoming events to give the City and the Board sufficient time to promote.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourns at 10:18 am, by Motion to Adjourn made by Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich and seconded by Marlene Gonzalez.

Respectfully submitted,


Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich, Secretary

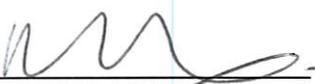
Motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Commission on the Status of Women Meeting made by Board Member Tina Floyd and seconded by Board Member

Ivette Gonzalez Petkovich

Chair Tina Floyd Fernandez
Vice Chair Marlene Gonzalez
Secretary Ivette Gonzalez-Petkovich
Board Member Elizabeth Nieves

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~~Excused~~

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2019


Tina Floyd Fernandez,
Chair