

Town of Miami Lakes
Veterans Committee
June 11, 2019
Minutes

1) Call to Order at 7:04pm

2) Roll Call:

√	Nayib Hassan, chair
√	Gary Cardenas, Vice Chair
	Bryan Bacallao
√	Pedro Fiallo
	Angel Luis Vazquez
	Mary Collins
√	Sherrill Hernandez
√	Edward Paez
	Ruben Miguel

Guest – William Sanchez from the liaison department

3) Public Comments

- a. Lupe Brumman from Advocate health discussed what their company does. They are a Medicare specific marketing organization and they guide and support Medicare brokers license sales agent. They are funded from the Federal government. They guide seniors to get the best plan for them. Owner is a veteran, special forces in the army and they have 2 veteran serving officers. They would to participate in helping veterans with benefits that veterans can seek outside. She would like to be apart of the all the four counties. Gary or Nayib will email Lupe the mission to the event for July 9.
- b. Mrs. Wong was brought to Nayib attention for support from the committee, she is doing a walk and wants the support from the town of Miami Lakes, a suicidal awareness walk. The walk is Out of the darkness. She wants to host the event sometime in august in one of the regional parks. No order to host the event, she will need a support from a committee. Entails from the committee, doesn't require any strong commitment from the committee but a support from the committee, no sponsorship. If they will support her event, her event can go forward through the Town of Miami Lakes, supported by the veteran committee. Nayib thinks it's a great time especially the veterans and suicidal awareness. Emily Wong – she is currently working on a nonprofit called the Victor Ruiz foundation and its honor for her friend who passed away August 12, 2018. Victor committed suicide, leaving his friends and family behind. She and her team cannot start this foundation until they have a date, she is looking in early August preferably August 1 because that would mark the anniversary of the loss of her friend Victor. Goals is the foundation is spread awareness, educate the community, society, the causes, the signs and the symptoms. Prevention methods when it comes down to mental illness and suicide prevention. She wants to do an Out of the Darkness walk; she would like to hold this event at Miami Lakes Park West. The meaning of the walk to bring people out of the dark and into the light. No specific target audience because anyone at any age can deal mental illness. With this event she wants to also for the community to show all the community members to show all the resources to mental illness, crisis, and suicidal prevention. Put the resource in front of people, it can normal

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the situation to stop it. She wants to show that its not weak to speak, there is hope and help. Her goal is to help educate anyone that have or know of anyone of going through any mental illness or thoughts of suicide. To start the walk early morning and end as the sun comes. Emily holding her first meeting to get her team on board but needs a date.

4) Order of Business (Deferrals, Additions, Deletions)

- a. Nayib asked to add to the agenda out of the darkness to support Emily Wong August 10, as item D. second by Pedro, no one unopposed to add on agenda. Nayib asked if they can move item D to item A and pushing everything around. No one opposed.

5) Adoption of Minutes

6) New Business

- a. Coming out of the Darkness Event – August 10, 2019
 - No discussion, motion by Pedro to support the event, second by Sherrill Hernandez, all in favor. No one opposed and everyone supports Emily Wong on her walk.
- b. Veterans Assistance Office informational
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- c. July 9 Forward March Event
 - Tried to reach Dennis Baker, no answer. Discuss the location of the event, there are two (2) locations, Ana Mendez University – and at the Shula's. They have offered that they can use everything they have and even give out reduce rates to rooms. Sherril likes the idea of having it at the college but thinks that doing it at the Shula's and having the support from the Graham Properties is an important thing with this whole thing. Concept having everything right here, and an awesome opportunity doing it. Grahams are giving them access full facility expect hotels but are giving a discounted rate of \$118 a night. Gary think that having it at Ana Mendez because education is part of the program that they are participating, there are so ready and set up, parking is not a problem versus trying to park at Shula's is a mess, security purpose will be easier to control where as Shula's you have non-participants that will be coming in and out, Sherrill agrees with Gary. William Sanchez; he would suggest doing it at Shula's because of the location, if they want to grab something to eat that can go to Main Street versus having to deal with the traffic trying to cross the palmetto. Nayib suggestion it being a collateral effort with the two locations, Shula's being the location all the legislatures will be able to stay and hosting the event at Ana Mendez. Any discussion made by the governor; it can be made at the Shula's location at the graham properties. Ana Mendez have been very supportive with any events from the veterans committee and have supportive with the committee. Vote by paper; 5 people attending the meeting – results Graham – one vote and Ana Mendez four (4) votes. Checking with other hotels for discounted rates; Gary will contact the La Quinta and the Marriot.
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d. Distribution of Jingle Bell Jog Sponsorship Packet December 21, 2019

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7) Adjournment