

Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board

Notice of Meeting

Thursday, September 13th, 2012, 2:00pm

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 N.W. 1st Street, 2nd Floor, Press Room

Miami, Florida

(305)-375-1551

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of Board Members and Staff
- III. Overview of Florida Sunshine Law and Public Record
- IV. Overview of Ordinance No. 12-37 creating the Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board
- V. Overview of Ordinance No. 10-29 creating the Medal of Valor Program
- VI. Comments / Discussion by Board Members
 - a. Future Scheduled Meeting Dates
 - b. Creation of Standing Committees
 - c. Items for the Next Agenda
- VII. Adjournment

Military Affairs Boards Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 13th, 2012

Time: Call to Order at 2:00pm

Members Present: All appointed members present

NAME (Last, First)		Appointed By:	
Humes	Kevin	Dist. 1	Barbara Jordan
Blake	David J.	Dist. 2	Jean Monestime
Whitbeck	Keith	Dist. 3	Audrey M. Edmonson
Blumstein	Mark	Dist. 4	Sally A. Heyman
Sibila	Jorge A.	Dist. 5	Bruno A. Barreiro
Martory	Joseph J.	Dist. 6	Rebeca Sosa
Miller	Christopher	Dist. 7	Xavier L. Suarez
Davis	Thomas	Dist. 8	Lynda Bell
Atwood	Anthony	Dist. 9	Dennis C. Moss
Gonzalez	Manuel J.	Dist. 10	Javier D. Souto
Cornelio	Raydel	Dist. 11	Joe A. Martinez
Slesnick II	Don D.	Dist. 12	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Daubert	Tim	Dist. 13	Esteban Bovo, Jr.
Colmenares	Antonio	Amer. Red Cross	American Red Cross
Johnson	Charles	Mia Chmbr of Com	Miami Chamber of Commerce
Gonzalez	Diana	Mia Def Alliance	Miami Defense Alliance
Moore	Mignon	Southcom	Southcom
Walters	Colonel M. Lee	Southcom	Southcom
Kirksey	Chief M/Sgt. Cameron	USAF Hmstd.	U.S. A.F. Homestead
Jackson	Captain Mark	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard

Staff Present:

Mayor's Office: Liliana Collazo; Jevè Clayton

Commissioner Diaz Office: Maria Lievano, Belkys Romay, Raymond Bush

County Attorney's Office (CAO): Eric Rodriguez

Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA): Joe Rasco, Alina Gonzalez

Audience in Attendance: Eddie Borrego, Guillermo Cuadra

Handout Items distributed out to members:

- Ordinance creating Miami-Dade County Metal of Valor
- Ordinance amending the Code, relating to military affairs; creating Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board

Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz called meeting to order as Chairman of the Military Affairs Board

Introductions: Chairman Diaz requested all members and staff give introductions around table. (Prior/current military experience; current employment status; who member represents)

Chairman Diaz:

Chairman iterated that the active duty representatives are in fact members but, do not sustain voting power on this board (Diaz confirmed with the DOD)

Chairman addressed board to the fact that now all members are under Florida Sunshine Law and what that means

Chairman wants the one of the purposes of this board is not only to deal with county issues and the military affairs but also act as a liaison to all 35 municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County

Chairman noted that the Mayor still has his appointment to make and if any member wants send in any recommendations please send them to staff

Chairman turns the conversation over to the County Attorney representative to further explain to members what exactly the Florida Sunshine Law means and requires

County Attorney Office:

CAO referenced that the Oath of Office that all members sign will be confirmed and approved by the Board of Clerk of Courts office

CAO gave through overview of FL Sunshine Law

CAO spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 286 - which expresses the meaning and nature of what exactly the sunshine law means

CAO explained to members all the implications of what is a violation of the SL

CAO told members of all the consequences and penalties of violating the SL

CAO spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 119 – which explains that everything becomes public record once spoken, recorded, or written

- Question: (addressed to Chair) Diana Gonzalez ask what if one member has too many conflicts in regards to SL
- Answer: (Chairman Diaz) Addressed what SL means in a more practical sense and that they have already made sure that all member will not have any such conflicts

Chairman Diaz regains the floor

Chairman explained a general overview of the county Ordinances

Chairman urged all members to thoroughly read and review over all ordinances

Chairman spoke of how MAB is allowed to proclaim a Medal of Valor (Ord. No. 10-29)

Chairman spoke of the creation of a 501c(3) non-profit organization in order raise funds for the MAB

Chairman told members that they are to report to the BCC

Chairman told members that one of the single greatest importance of this board is that of the BRAC

Chairman noted the conflict of interest ordinance which all members are to have Ethics training

Chairman to staff: wants meeting set up with Centorino to host training for all members

Chairman reiterated that he in fact is the Chair of this board

Chairman wants this Board to find and vote on the way it wants to be structured and send to Mayor's Office - staff (ie: Vice-Chair / Secretary / etc.)

Chairman addresses Board to ask where / when for all MAB future meetings

Proposal: for MAB to meet the 1st Wednesday of every month

Member Tim Daubert motioned with a First, Manny Gonzalez motioned with a Second.

Vote: - Unanimous approval

Proposal: for MAB to meet at approx. 5:30pm on whichever Wednesday meeting is scheduled

Member Tim Daubert motioned with a First, Manny Gonzalez motioned with a Second.

Vote: - Unanimous approval

Chairman addressed issue of location and said that Chair's Office will work with Staff to use county facilities for the time being (keep parking in mind)

Chairman told members that MAB is to report to BCC on a quarterly basis

Chairman reminded members that of Veteran's Day weekend on November 12th and that there should be an "Event Committee" created to handle this and other related programs

Chairman wants have a great big Signature Event for the MAB (probably host around the Orange Bowl)

Member Atwood: mentioned that Veteran's Day is on a Sunday but observed on the following Monday therefore there are 2 days to for MAB to prepare for.

Chairman reiterated that MAB is required by ordinance to coordinate all county events on Veteran's Day

Chairman wants Staff to call sunshine meeting for By-Laws committee to be created and discussed

Chairman addressed to all members that next general meeting will take place on October 3rd, 2012 at 5:30pm (location TBA by Staff and Chair office)

Chairman wants Staff to call for sunshine meeting for ethics training

Chairman wants to address several things in next general meeting

- The various committees needed
- Overall governance and structure
- Invite outside / other organizations to attend future meetings
- For any member can address board with upcoming special events at the beginning or end of meetings – can present to staff beforehand if they want it to be on the agenda for discussion
- Provide further information for By-laws committee

Chairman asked which members would like to serve on the new By-Laws Committee

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| ○ Colmenares, Antonio | Amer. Red Cross |
| ○ Humes, Kevin | Dist. 1 |
| ○ Whitbeck, Keith | Dist. 3 |
| ○ Blumstein, Mark | Dist. 4 |
| ○ Sibila, Jorge A. | Dist. 5 |
| ○ Atwood, Anthony | Dist. 9 |

Director (OIA) Joe Rasco spoke to group about Veteran's Job Corp Bill before U.S. Congress (Federal Level)

Member Atwood address Board about the Military Museum

Chairman says he will make it a point to ask all members if there are any conflicts of interest when items are addressed on the agenda.

Proposal is as follows: [Chair – call to vote on Naming of all Committees for the MAB (5x)]

- BRAC Committee
- Special Events Committee
- By-Law/Legal/Finance Committee
- Jobs/Employment/Housing Committee
- Health & Welfare Committee
 - With a focus on military families as the Military Family Subcommittee

Member Manny Gonzalez motioned with a First, member Tim Daubert motioned with a Second.

Vote: - Unanimous approval

Chairman to all members to please submit any suggested names for other potential committees to staff

Chairman / Member Daubert / Member Atwood spoke in reference to the Veteran's Court

Member Manny Gonzalez: Amendment to his first motion to add Legal to the newly created By-Laws committee

Member Manny Gonzalez motioned with a First, TBD member motioned with a Second.

Vote: - Unanimous approval

Chairman to Staff: that (4x) working days before next general meeting that the MAB agenda must set

Chairman to Staff: that a county website be made for the MAB – when one visits the new site it can say “under construction” also with a general email address for the general public

Chairman to Staff: that for every meeting the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence/prayer be on the agenda set

Chairman to Staff: to have a follow-up with State Attorney's Office (KFR) to talk about Veteran's Court and other issues (Chair will have his commission staff follow-up first also with Member Daubert as well)

Time: Adjournment at 4:43pm

Military Affairs Board Committee Structure

