

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Earley
Shelly Weil
Jose Herrera
Regine Celestin
Jason Dollard
Annette Annechild
Samuel Menard
Victor Kirson
John Jackson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sinam Al-Khafaji
Joseph Ingram
Jimmy Weatherspoon

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Anthony Strianese
Cathy Kozol

STAFF ABSENT:

None

GUEST OTHERS:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, at 5:32 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

No introductions were made.

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Annechild made a motion to add “summer camp update” to the agenda which was seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Weil made a motion to add “committee member liaisons” to the agenda which was seconded by Mr. Dollard and passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JULY 13, 2009:

Ms. Annechild made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Crime Update (Chief Anthony Strianese)

Chief Anthony Strianese advised that Part 1 crimes for the month of June decreased 15%. However, there was an increase in July which includes thefts and commercial burglaries. There has been no increase in violent crimes. Traffic crashes have decreased 12.34% year to date. Chief Strianese noted that Linton Boulevard by the railroad tracks will be closed due to construction for approximately 20 days. This will divert traffic to 10th Street. Only one lane traveling east and west on Atlantic Avenue to Swinton Avenue is available during construction. Lake Ida road may be used as an alternate route.

B. Budget Update (Chief Anthony Strianese)

Chief Strianese spoke of suggested City functions that may be cut if the millage remains at 6.39. He went on to state that the Police Department received a grant to fund six positions with police officers.

Mr. Earley asked about funding for the criminal justice academy at Atlantic High School.

Chief Strianese advised that the Delray Beach police officer may be removed from the program if the millage is approved at 6.39.

Mr. Earley spoke of the closing of the pools.

Mr. Kirson stated that a study was requested by Commissioner Fetzer. He went on to say that Commissioner Fetzer wanted to know what would need to be cut for the millage to remain at 6.39. He relayed information that he gathered from attending the City Commission meetings and Board Presidents meetings regarding the budget. Mr. Kirson advised that he will be speaking about budgetary issues at upcoming meetings on behalf of Progressive Residents of Delray. However, he thought it beneficial for himself or a Board member to speak on behalf of the Police Advisory Board against cutting the Police Department's budget.

Ms. Annechild and Mr. Herrera felt that conversation regarding the Police Department's budget should be relayed from the Police Chief being that he is more knowledgeable of the needs of his Department and staff. They were concerned that the wrong information may be relayed by the Board being that the budgetary issues change often.

It was decided that Mr. Kirson would only speak about budgetary issues on behalf of Progressive Residents of Delray.

Chief Strianese stated that the Police Department may adjust fees to increase revenue to offset the shortfall.

Mr. Dollard stated that he remembers the state of Delray Beach many years ago and feels that reducing services will not be beneficial to the residents.

Board members spoke of the lack of use of the parking garage on NW 2nd Street.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Summer Camp Opportunity (Annette Annechild)

Ms. Annechild advised that the summer camp that was established by the Police Advisory Board was not available this year because of a variety of reasons including funding and location. There is a possibility that a grant may be obtainable for “at risk” teens to fund the summer camp program next summer. Ms. Annechild will keep the Board informed regarding this matter.

B. Committee Member Liaison (Shelly Weil)

Mr. Weil suggested appointing a Police Advisory Board member as a liaison for each patrol district as designated by the Police Department. The Board member could team up with someone from law enforcement and network for the area assigned.

Ms. Annechild suggested meeting with the law enforcement personnel assigned each month to discuss and list completed tasks.

The Board members agreed that they want to be more proactive and are in favor of having liaisons for each patrol district in the City.

Chief Strianese stated that he can identify an officer in each patrol district to serve as the liaison with the Board member.

The patrol districts were tentatively assigned as follows:

Patrol District 11 – Walter Earley
Patrol District 12 – Jason Dollard
Patrol District 13 – Annette Annechild
Patrol District 21 – Jose Herrera
Patrol District 22 – Victor Kirson
Patrol District 23 – Samuel Menard
Patrol District 24 – John Jackson

The list will be finalized at the August meeting being that there were absentees.

Mr. Weil asked that everyone give thought to what they would like to accomplish within their respective patrol district. There will be discussion at the next Board meeting.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Police Advisory Board patrol district liaison.
- Discuss ideas as to how the Police Advisory Board can serve the community.

- Budget update.
- Crime update.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Annechild thanked Mr. Weil for suggesting establishing liaisons to the patrol districts.

Mr. Weil spoke about the student applicant for the Police Advisory Board.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Earley made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Said motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Shelly Weil, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Police Advisory Board and the information provided herein is the minutes of the meeting of said Police Advisory Board of August 10, 2009, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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