

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Earley
Shelly Weil
Joshua Bressler
Grace Maybee
Annette Annechild
Samuel Menard
Joseph Ingram
Sinam Al-Khafaji
Jimmy Weatherspoon
Jason Dollard
Regine Celestin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jose Herrera
John Jackson

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Anthony Strianese

STAFF ABSENT:

Cathy Kozol

GUEST OTHERS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, at 5:33 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

New Board members, Mr. Dollard and Ms. Celestine, were introduced at this time.

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Weil made a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion about “ride a longs”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earley and was passed unanimously.

Ms. Annechild made a motion to add “marketing strategies” to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Bressler. Said motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Bressler requested that Section E, paragraph 9, be amended to state the following:

Mr. Bressler stated that the police officer profile featured in the Hometown Connection is a great marketing strategy.

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

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. None.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Anti-Defamation League's Excellence in Law Enforcement Award

Police Chief, Anthony Strianese, advised that he met with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). He stated that the Police Department has supported their cause and would like to have a representative attend a future Police Advisory Board meeting.

Mr. Weil advised that ADL received an award for excellence in law enforcement. He also noted that any outstanding services provided by the Police Advisory Board should be reported to ADL for recognition.

B. Mr. Weil spoke about the Delray Beach Youth Vocational Charter School in need of volunteers to serve on their Board. He asked that if anyone is interested in participating to let him know.

Ms. Maybee stated that she is interested in participating on the Delray Beach Youth Vocational Charter School Board.

C. Discussion of dates for the November and December 2008 meetings

Board members decided to have regular scheduled meetings in November and December.

D. Ride a Longs

Mr. Weil felt it would be beneficial for Board members to participate in a ride a long with a police officer.

Ms. Annechild, Mr. Menard and Mr. Dollard expressed interest in participating.

At this time, Mr. Weil spoke about the Police Citizens Academy which he explained is an eleven week course which provides insight about the operation of the Police Department.

Mr. Al-Khafaji, Mr. Ingram, Mr. Earley, Ms. Celine and Mr. Dollard are interested in taking the course. Ms. Maybee may be interested as well.

At this time, Mr. Strianese spoke about events that took place over the weekend such as the multi-cultural event. He then spoke of a car jacking and theft of Cadillac converters that occurred over the weekend as well. Chief Strianese noted that crime has decreased.

E. Marketing Strategies

Ms. Annechild spoke about initiating a program comprised of resident volunteers helping the police by monitoring the neighborhood on bicycles and on foot. She feels that citizens on patrol would be beneficial in the decrease of crime.

Chief Strianese advised that there are no police officers on bicycles due to the heat in the summer time. He went on to add that the purchase of bicycles is planned for future use. He mentioned having police volunteers utilize the bicycles for patrol.

Ms. Annechild suggested citizens patrolling on bicycles instead of police officers. She mentioned having volunteers monitoring on golf carts as well.

Chief Strianese stated that the proposal should be a citizen initiative. He then spoke of the different groups that are currently on patrol. The training of the volunteers was discussed as well.

Mr. Bressler inquired about safety for the volunteers.

Mr. Weatherspoon stated that there has never been a safety concern that he is aware of.

Ms. Annechild feels that getting people involved is a good marketing strategy.

Ms. Earley asked as to whether or not golf carts are currently used.

Chief Strianese stated that golf carts are used by volunteers employed for the Police Department.

Mr. Weil suggested having the Eagle Scouts working with the Police Department to perform a service project.

Chief Strianese stated that they may be able to team up with the Police Explorers or the Atlantic High School students.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

Marketing strategies will be discussed regarding Ms. Annechild's suggestion for citizens on patrol.

Chief Strianese will give an update on the MAD DADS Organization.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Weatherspoon inquired about the Haiti relief assistance drive.

Chief Strianese advised that the drive is almost completed and has been successful.

Ms. Maybee advised that she has left over clothing and food from her school drive that she will donate to the Police Department to assist with the Haiti relief.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Weatherspoon made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Annechild. Said motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Shelly Weil, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 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 October 13, 2008, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

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