

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Earley
Shelly Weil
Sinam Al-Khafaji
Regine Celestin
Grace Maybee
Jimmy Weatherspoon
Jason Dollard
Jose Herrera

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Annette Annechild
Samuel Menard
John Jackson
Joseph Ingram

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Anthony Strianese

STAFF ABSENT:

Cathy Kozol

GUEST OTHERS:

Brian Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, at 5:37 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Mr. Brian Smith introduced himself. He expressed concerns regarding individuals driving through red lights and stop signs without stopping in his neighborhood.

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Weatherspoon made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Dollard. Said motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2009:

Mr. Dollard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Earley. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Crime Update

Police Chief, Anthony Strianese, advised that crime has been reduced by 19%. Traffic crashes has been reduced by 14%. The statistics for law enforcement officers that were killed reflected that 41 officers were killed in 2008.

B. Summer Camp

This item was deferred being that Ms. Annechild was absent.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Race Relations Coordinator (Mr. Shelly Weil)

Mr. Weil spoke about the formation of the R.A.C.E. Relations Committee. He went on to talk about study groups that were established and encouraged the Board members to participate. Participants will meet one night a week on Mondays at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Swinton Avenue from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for 6 weeks beginning on April 27th.

Mr. Weil advised that a R.A.C.E. Relations Coordinator will be hired by the City.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Monthly crime statistics
- Summer Camp

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Herrera wanted to know if a report is done after events such as the Garlic Festival and the Delray Affair.

Chief Strianese advised that a report is created after each event.

Mr. Weatherspoon wanted to know when the budget would be submitted to the City Manager for review.

Chief Strianese advised that the budget will be submitted to Mr. Harden in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Weatherspoon asked for a budgetary update at the next meeting.

Board members spoke about their experience attending the Citizen's Police Academy.

Mr. Weil advised that he was appointed to the Delray Beach Housing Authority.

Mr. Dollard asked about the plan for the conversion of 1st Street, which is currently a one-way street located in the Pineapple Grove area, to a two-way street.

Chief Strianese stated that the conversion is still underway.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Brian Smith spoke about drivers not stopping at stop signs in his neighborhood in the area of Lindell Boulevard, Frederickson and Spanish Trail. He noted that he would have been hit by a vehicle if he was not an alert individual. Mr. Smith has submitted a Q-Alert regarding the issue.

Mr. Herrera feels that the residents of the neighborhood are the ones that do not obey the traffic laws most of the time. He suggested that Mr. Smith write a letter to the neighbors if possible.

Chief Strianese stated that the complaint was assigned to Officer Richard Bowers. The Chief will contact Officer Bowers and be sure that the complaint is addressed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

There being no further business, Mr. Weil, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:16 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 April 13, 2009, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

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