

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annette Annechild
Walter Earley
Regine Celestin
Matthew Hartley
Victor Kirson
Brittany Smith
Jeff Ritter
Joseph Ingram
Carl Forrest
Kevin Warner
Jason Dollard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Samuel Menard
John Jackson

STAFF PRESENT:

Captain, Tina Heysler
Cathy Kozol

STAFF ABSENT:

Police Chief, Anthony Strianese

GUEST OTHERS:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Ms. Annechild, at 5:36 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Captain Tina Heysler introduced herself.

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Annechild wanted to add "communication with assigned officer for respective district".

Mr. Warner made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Kirson. Said motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2009:

Mr. Forrest made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010, seconded by Mr. Dollard. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Recognition for former Chairperson, Shelly Weil.

Board Liaison, Venice Cobb, will follow up with Police Chief, Anthony Strianese.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation of criminal activity

Captain Tina Heysler gave a brief crime history report stating that there has been an increase in crime. She then spoke about the pain clinics that have brought more traffic to the City.

Mr. Kirson asked for a strength count in regards to personnel in the Police Department.

Captain Heysler advised that there are several upcoming retirements. New officers have been hired and have graduated from the academy. However, they will not work independently for approximately 10 months.

Mr. Warner inquired about the Police Department's annual report.

Captain Heysler stated that the annual report is forth coming.

Mr. Warner asked about the purpose of neighborhood identification stickers for vehicles.

Captain Heysler advised that the stickers would be beneficial in notifying who does not belong in a particular neighborhood in the instance of a suspicious vehicle.

Mr. Warner asked if there have been any efforts made by the City regarding pain clinics.

Cathy Kozol, Police Legal Advisor, advised that a resolution supporting the legislature has been created.

B. Development of Specific Committees

Ms. Annechild and Mr. Dollard spoke of their experience patrolling their district with the assigned officer liaison.

At this time, Mr. Forrest passed out reading information that may help in crime prevention efforts.

Mr. Warner addressed traffic concerns along A1A.

Mr. Hartley advised of an incident that recently occurred where a suspicious gentleman approached his door. He spoke about the numerous sober homes in his neighborhood that are causing problems for the community. Mr. Hartley wants to be proactive and make efforts for the betterment of his neighborhood.

Captain Heysler recommended that Mr. Hartley contact Officer John Battiloro and Officer Jeffrey Messer to help in his efforts.

Mr. Ritter expressed his frustration regarding illegal parking and community resistance to speed bumps in his neighborhood. He spoke about traffic concerns with regards to speeding and people being reckless in his neighborhood. This behavior has caused damage to the gate arms at which some residents are at fault as well. Thereafter, Mr. Ritter spoke about his dissatisfaction with pain clinics.

Ms. Kozol suggested that Mr. Ritter find out if the Homeowners Association has a traffic enforcement agreement in place. She explained that the agreement allows police officers to enforce traffic on private roads.

Captain Heysler stated that the Homeowners Association can file a criminal report and seek restitution if the vandalism to the gate arms was videotaped by surveillance cameras.

Mr. Hartley stated that the people visiting the pain clinics are from out of town and do not care about this area.

Captain Heysler stated that they not only commit crimes, they utilize resources.

Mr. Dollard stated that Delray Diagnostics has hired a security guard to prevent people from coming into their office after their visit to the pain clinic next door.

Mr. Warner spoke about the traffic light at Atlantic Avenue and Congress Avenue cycling on the weekends the same as it does on a school day and asked who he should notify.

Captain Heysler referred Mr. Warner to the Palm Beach Country Traffic Control office.

Mr. Kirson spoke of instances where police resources are used for non emergency incidents.

Mr. Ingram spoke of cars parking on the sidewalk blocking the walkway in his neighborhood.

C. Update from students regarding issues at school

Student members, Ms. Regine Celestine and Brittany Smith reported that crime is at a minimum at Atlantic High School.

D. Neighborhood Identification Stickers for Vehicles

Mr. Hartley asked if this effort will be explored.

Captain Heysler stated that the Lake Ida Community implemented this program in their development and suggested it for all developments. She suggested that each community contact Officer Jeffrey Messer if they are interested in implementing this program.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Report from Board members regarding their beat assignment
- Presentation from Officer Jeffrey Miller regarding identification stickers
- Crime Report
- Discuss goals for the Police Advisory Board

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Forrest suggested contacting the Homeowners Association Board of Directors regarding the liaison assignments and discuss the possibility of scheduling a presentation to be made by Board members.

Ms. Annechild suggested obtaining a list of the Homeowners Association presidents.

Mr. Hartley spoke of implementing an alert system by way of email as a communication tool between the Advisory Board and the Homeowners Associations.

Captain Heysler spoke of a process created by officer Mark Woods. He utilized an email blast which noted specific information related to crimes to police personnel.

Mr. Hartley asked about the Board's mission statement and goals to be established.

Ms. Annechild stated that there is a mission statement but that specific goals have not been set.

Ms. Celestin advised the Board of an upcoming event at Atlantic High School.

Mr. Kirson spoke about having two community members giving presentations.

Mr. Warner wanted to ensure that the presentations would be relevant to the Board's purpose.

Board members and staff discussed the Ordinance and the Board's purpose.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Ms. Annechild, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 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 March 8, 2010, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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