

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007, 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L'Tanya Allen
Shelly Weil
Joshua Bressler
John Jackson
Annette Annechild
Jose Herrera
Jimmy Weatherspoon
Altanese Jean-Louis
Karen St-Fort
Sharon Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jose Ramirez
Charles Ridley
Joseph Ferrer

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Kozol
Chief Larry Schroeder

STAFF ABSENT:

None

GUEST OTHERS:

Major Craig Hartman
Stewart Greenberg

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Shelly Weil at 5:38 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

None

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2007:

Ms. Annechild made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2007, seconded by Ms. Austin. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Traffic Proposal

Police Chief, Larry Schroeder, reviewed a proposal submitted by Mr. Joshua Bressler regarding driver education and awareness. Chief Schroeder then discussed traffic issues in the City.

Ms. Annechild feels that there should be information regarding traffic awareness for bicyclists.

Chief Schroeder stated that the Board members could focus on traffic awareness for bicyclists.

Mr. Weatherspoon spoke about the implementation of the driver education course in schools.

B. Update on Gang Violence

Chief Schroeder spoke about a meeting that took place at Christ Missionary Baptist Church regarding gang violence. He stated that Citizens on Patrol, schools, and Homeowners Associations being involved was discussed at the meeting. Members from the Police Advisory Board, MAD DADS Street Patrol, "Thou Shall Not Kill" and the "Treeology" program were present at the meeting. Chief Schroeder stated that parents are frustrated about students being suspended from school on a frequent basis. Parents feel that the students view suspension as a vacation. He noted that some parents are not aware that their children are suspended. Chief Schroeder advised that individuals are participating in the "Thou Shall Not Kill" program and assisting with mentoring the youth.

At this time, Chief Schroeder distributed reading material regarding violent crime statistics. He spoke about factors influencing the rise in violent crimes which is summarized in the violent crime statistics. The Chief made the Board aware that he is involved with the Police Executive Resource Forum (PERF) and will be attending the PERF conference on violence in the community in April 2007. He then noted that a detective has been assigned to the Violent Crime Task Force.

Chief Schroeder distributed reading information regarding the crime rate from the years 1995-2005. He stated that there will be a slight increase in crime for the year 2006.

Altanese Jean Louis stated that videos advertising guns are being distributed in neighborhoods. She also stated that individuals that she is familiar with are carrying guns as well.

Ms. Austin spoke of an incident which occurred at Cason Methodist Church approximately two weeks ago. She stated that someone opened the outdoor marquis and rearranged the existing lettering, as well as, added lettering to spell out an inappropriate racial reference.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Selection Of A New Chairperson And Vice Chairperson

Deferred until the next Board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2007.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

The selection of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be voted on at the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Chief Schroeder stated that approximately \$7,500.00 was raised at the Run for Pun event. He stated that the funds raised will be contributed to a college fund for Mr. Johnny Pun's children.

Altanese Jean Louis stated that there was information on the news regarding the return of the Klu Klux Klan.

Chief Schroeder stated that it has not been identified that the Klu Klux Klan will come to Florida.

Mr. Bressler inquired as to whether crime is trending in the wrong direction.

Chief Schroeder stated that there are trends that are unfavorable.

Altanese Jean Louis inquired about a bank robbery that occurred in Delray Beach.

Chief Schroeder stated that the bank robbery occurred in west Delray and not in the City of Delray Beach.

Mr. Herrera inquired about graffiti in the City.

Chief Schroeder stated that eight individuals involved have been identified.

Mr. Bressler spoke about a helicopter that circled his home. He wanted to know if residents should remain inside their home if this occurs in the future.

Chief Schroeder advised that residents should remain in their home.

Mr. Weil announced that Chief Schroeder will be receiving the Distinguished Eagle Award from the National Council of the Boy Scouts on March 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott located in Downtown Delray.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Stewart Greenberg wanted to know the approach that should be taken if a resident feels the need to make a complaint against a police officer. Mr. Greenberg wanted to know how he could find out whether or not residents have made complaints about two particular police officers.

Chief Schroeder advised that Mr. Greenberg has the option of scheduling a meeting with himself or filing a complaint. He also advised that complaints filed are public record as long as the case is not under investigation.

Mr. Weatherspoon suggested that Mr. Greenberg meet with the Chief of Police.

10i. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Vice Chairperson, Shelly Weil, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 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 February 12, 2007, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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