

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Earley
Jose Herrera
John Jackson
Joseph Ingram
Grace Maybee
Vanessa Francois
Annette Annechild
Shelly Weil
Joshua Bressler
Joseph Ferrer
Sharon Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jimmy Weatherspoon

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Kozol
Chief Larry Schroeder

STAFF ABSENT:

None

GUEST OTHERS:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson, Jose Herrera, at 5:33 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made being that there were new Board members in attendance.

4. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Weil made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Bressler referred to page 2, paragraph 4 under New Business. He wanted to append to his statement to add that other factors such as rider behavior also contribute to noise levels.

Ms. Annechild referred to page 2, paragraph 7, under Old Business. She stated that the minutes should reflect that increasing the lighting in the area of Swinton Avenue between NW 3rd Avenue and East Atlantic Avenue is beneficial.

Mr. Bressler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the meeting of November 12, 2007. Said motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Welcome and Introductions of New Members

Ms. Annechild welcomed the New Board members. She then spoke of the events such as the summer camp and activities which involved the Police Advisory Board members. She spoke of the success of the camp and expressed the need for it to be continued as a summer program. She also spoke about the Back to School Drive and stated that 350 children had backpacks with supplies requested by their school.

Ms. Annechild handed out an organizational chart consisting of co-directors, schedule coordinators, volunteers, support and finance personnel.

Chief Schroeder asked as to whether or not the Church of Christ was in opposition of receiving the money for the school supplies.

Ms. Annechild stated that at times there was some inconvenience because the money was not readily available when she had the time to shop for school supplies.

Chief Schroeder and Ms. Annechild spoke of depositing the money in an existing 501(c)(3) which can be easily tracked and easily accessible.

Mr. Ferrer suggested utilizing the education fund with the Chamber of Commerce or the Office Depot Foundation account.

Chief Schroeder noted that the Delray Citizens for Delray Police has a 501(c)(3). Chief Schroeder will speak to the contact person regarding utilizing their 501(c)(3).

Ms. Annechild suggested advertising the summer program for the purpose of recruiting volunteers.

Mr. Herrera stated that he could speak to students at Florida Atlantic University regarding being volunteers. He noted that students are in need of community hours.

At this time, Chief Schroeder distributed copies of the ordinance, as well as, the rules that govern the Police Advisory Board to the new Board members.

Police Legal Advisor, Cathy Kozol, educated the new Board members regarding the Sunshine Law.

B. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Ms. Austin nominated Mr. Shelly Weil for Chairperson.

Mr. Jackson nominated Mr. Jose Herrera for Chairperson.

Ms. Austin nominated Ms. Annette Annechild for Vice Chairperson

Ms. Maybee nominated Mr. Joshua Bressler for Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Ferrer. Said motion passed unanimously.

The result of the election is as follows:

Chairperson: Mr. Jose Herrera – 4 votes
 Mr. Shelly Weil – 7 votes

Vice Chairperson: Ms. Annette Annechild – 7
 Mr. Joshua Bressler – 4

C. General Discussion

Chief Schroeder stated that the summer camp activities will be on-going for discussion on the upcoming agendas under Old Business. He urged Board members to make him aware of anything they would like to discuss. Chief Schroeder then spoke about topics that had been discussed in the past and topics that he would like to discuss in the future.

Ms. Annechild stated that she would like to work with the Citizens Board.

Chief Schroeder stated that the Citizens Committee is an independent support group for the Police Department.

Ms. Annechild asked for the Board members to be updated on any pressing police matters in the future if possible. She noted that individuals from the public have approached her and asked about incidents that have happened in the City.

Chief Schroeder spoke briefly about recent crime in the City. He advised the Board members to contact him if there is something in particular they would like to discuss in the future.

Ms. Annechild spoke of an incident where an expensive bracelet was lost at the beach. She contacted the Police Department and spoke to an officer who was very helpful. Community Service officers arrived at the beach with metal detectors and was very helpful in attempting to locate the piece of jewelry.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

Mr. Weil spoke of a website that lists traffic enforcement locations throughout the nation. Some areas listed were in Palm Beach County. He would like to discuss the website at the next meeting.

Mr. Ferrer would like to discuss the purpose of the Police Advisory Board.

Ms. Austin suggested that the Chief address pressing issues where he may need the Board members input in the future.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Maybee mentioned a judo expo community service event sponsored by the criminal justice program that will take place at Atlantic High School on February 1 and 2, 2008. She urged all Board members to attend to support the cause.

Ms. Annechild noted that it is important to let Venice Cobb, Board Liaison, know if they will not be attending a particular meeting being that there was no quorum to have a meeting on December 10, 2007.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:29 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 January 14, 2008, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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