

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Walter Earley  
Shelly Weil  
Joseph Ingram  
Annette Annechild  
Joshua Bressler  
Vanessa Francois  
John Jackson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sinam Alkafaji  
Sharon Austin  
Grace Maybee  
Jimmy Weatherspoon  
Joseph Ferrer  
Jose Herrera

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Cathy Kozol  
Chief Larry Schroeder

**STAFF ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST OTHERS:**

Yael Hirshfield

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Shelly Weil, at 5:30 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS:**

None.

**3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Police Chief, Larry Schroeder, suggested that New Business be discussed prior to Old Business.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Bressler made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2008, seconded by Ms. Annechild. Said motion passed unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Summer Camp Report**

Ms. Annechild spoke of continuing the program at Delray Full Service in the event Ms. Carter does not get money to fund her summer camp program. She then mentioned attempting to employ more volunteer teachers. Ms. Annechild advised that Ms. Maybee has been in contact with Nancy King, Human Resources Consultant, regarding a volunteer program. Ms. Maybee was advised that the Delray Beach Full Service Center is not a City facility.

Ms. Annechild spoke of establishing a program where restaurant owners could donate unwanted food to the Caring Kitchen. She noted that restaurant owners will not donate food unless it is picked up and delivered due to insurance liability.

Mr. Bressler wanted to know what was required to pick up and deliver food donated by restaurant owners.

Ms. Annechild stated that the only requirement is that the food be picked up and delivered.

Mr. Bressler wanted to know how food good for consumption is determined.

Ms. Annechild does not believe that the food is tested but she feels that good judgment is used.

Chief Schroeder is concerned about the Caring Kitchen being closed when the food is picked up from the restaurants. He is questioned where the food would be stored.

Board members continued to discuss the possibility of establishing this program. Ms. Annechild noted that a church can be used as the source of distribution of the food if the Caring Kitchen is not feasible.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Anti-Defamation League – Yael Hirshfield, Associate Director for the Florida Region of the Anti-Defamation League**

Ms. Hirshfield stated that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a Jewish organization founded in 1913. She spoke of an individual named Leo Frank who was sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit. Before the execution of Mr. Frank, a mob broke into prison, kidnapped and lynched him. The Anti-Defamation League was created because of this event to monitor hate groups and extremists. Ms. Hirshfield advised that the ADL is a non-profit organization which operates solely on donations. Materials, resources and training are provided to Police Departments at no cost. She went on to speak of officer safety and mentioned an incident where a police officer was targeted and killed by a supremacist. She noted that ADL is not constrained by the same guidelines as government entities therefore they can collect information about individuals and organizations which cannot be done by government entities without probable cause. ADL can also maintain records forever where the Law Enforcement Agencies have to purge materials related to an investigation if there is no probable cause after a certain period of time. Ms. Hirshfield spoke of a new legislation that will protect children in schools from being bullied.

Mr. Weil asked about recent hate crimes that have occurred.

Ms. Hirshfield stated that recent hate crimes involved churches and synagogues being vandalized. She then noted that ADL is nationally and internationally known. The main office is located in Boca Raton. There are offices in Israel and Europe as well. There are thirty-six offices in the United States. She explained that information obtained by the ADL is shared through an email bulletin.

Mr. Weil inquired as to whether there were Law Enforcement Agencies that did not respond positively to ADL.

Ms. Hirshfield stated that the organization has a good relationship with Law Enforcement Agencies in Palm Beach County. She noted that there is sometimes skepticism from Law Enforcement Agencies located in different counties.

Ms. Annechild asked if officers are trained to identify hate crime symbols.

Ms. Hirshfield stated that they train police officers to understand hate crimes and hate crime laws. They also train in the topic of extremism.

Mr. Jackson asked which nationality gets most targeted with hate crimes.

Ms. Hirshfield stated that there has been an increased amount of hate crimes against Hispanics. She also noted that African Americans are targeted as well.

Mr. Earley inquired about the location of the Klu Klux Klan (KKK).

Ms. Hirshfield stated that the KKK mainly operates in the West Coast area. She also mentioned members of the KKK that live in Palm Beach County. She then noted that individuals from racist skinhead groups are located in the Tampa area. Ms. Hirshfield was unable to speak on group activity.

Mr. Jackson asked if the Klu Klux Klan can obtain a permit to let their presence be known in Palm Beach County.

Ms. Hirshfield stated that they have to right to congregate as long as they do not threaten the lives of anyone.

Mr. Jackson inquired as to whether or not hate groups leave a sign after a hate crime has been committed.

Ms. Hirshfield stated that it is up to law enforcement to decide if the crime is a hate crime or a violent crime because identifiers are not left at the scene.

Chief Schroeder advised that law enforcement search thoroughly for clues that would assist in the determining factor as to whether a crime is a hate crime or a violent crime. He also noted that identifiers are usually left by gangs.

**7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

Discussion regarding the budget proposal for this year.

Discussion regarding summer camp.

**8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Weil noted that ADL is a non-profit organization, however the organization has to charge a fee for certain programs offered at schools to pay the facilitators. Mr. Weil went on to note that the organization does receive grant funding.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Jackson made a motion for adjournment seconded by Mr. Earley. Said motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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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 14, 2008, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

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