

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 5:30 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Walter Earley  
Shelly Weil  
Joshua Bressler  
Grace Maybee  
Annette Annechild  
Samuel Menard  
Joseph Ingram  
Sinam Al-Khafaji  
Regine Celestin  
Jose Herrera

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jimmy Weatherspoon  
Jason Dollard  
John Jackson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Anthony Strianese

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Cathy Kozol

**GUEST OTHERS:**

Adam Pinkensheet  
Jenna Hill  
Mike Picard  
James Popoff  
Michael McClure  
Cathy McClure  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, at 5:33 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS:**

The guests were introduced at this time.

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

Mr. Herrera made a motion to amend the agenda with the addition of discussion of Country Club Acres as Item 6E under New Business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earley and passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Bressler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Herrera. Said motion passed unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Report Regarding Marketing Strategies of the Police Department**

Initiatives such as having the Eagle Scouts participate in “Light up Delray”, implementing a day where neighbors will introduce themselves to each other and having volunteers ride bikes and keep watch on their community was mentioned by Ms. Annechild.

**B. Feedback From any Member who Participated in the ‘Ride Along’ Program**

Mr. Menard and Ms. Annechild have completed the necessary paperwork and will be contacted and given a date for the ride along.

**C. Thanksgiving Drive**

Ms. Annechild stated that information regarding volunteerism and where canned goods could be donated was discussed.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FY 2008/09 Budget (Chief Strianese)**

Police Chief, Tony Strianese, discussed the budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009. He noted that there have been no cutbacks of staff at this time. However, there are five (5) frozen positions to be filled with police officers. Chief Strianese stated that vacant positions will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**B. Delray Beach Police Department Members Coping with Holiday Stress (Chief Strianese)**

Chief Strianese spoke about the Chaplain Association and other counseling services within the Police Department that offer service to the police officers.

**C. Creation of a Tri-fold Delray Beach Police Department Information Flier (Chief Strianese)**

Chief Strianese spoke of the possibility of creating a tri-fold informational flier containing a bio of himself and the Commanders. The fliers will distributed at public establishments and handed out at various locations by police officers.

At this time, Chief Strianese passed out their internal brochure titled “Volunteer Voice”. The “Volunteer Voice” highlights information about the police volunteers.

**D. Eagle Scout Service Project (Shelly Weil)**

There was discussion regarding the Eagle Scouts participating in the “Light up Delray” ceremony.

**E. Country Club Acres**

Mr. Herrera stated that Country Club Acres has been involved in searches by the Police Department. He feels that the neighborhood is attractive to criminals possibly because of the easy access to I-95 and Military Trail. He also mentioned the lack of lightning that should be addressed. Mr. Herrera

wanted to know how the crime rate compares to other small neighborhoods such as Chatelaine. Mr. Herrera mentioned the crime that took place at the Dunkin Donuts near Country Club Acres.

Chief Strianese advised the crime at Dunkin Donuts cannot be compared as a crime in the neighborhood due to the nature of what occurred.

At 6:01 p.m., Mr. Shelly Weil left the meeting which was conducted by Ms. Annechild thereafter.

Mr. Herrera feels that criminals flock to his neighborhood to hide from police officers due to the lack of lighting.

Residents from Country Club Acres spoke about burglaries that have occurred in their homes, the lack of lighting and expressed concerns regarding safety in their neighborhood.

Ms. Annechild spoke about the idea of having residents patrol the neighborhood on bikes.

Mr. Herrera inquired about forming a neighborhood watch program.

Chief Strianese advised him to contact Officer Andrew Arena regarding forming a neighborhood watch program.

Board members inquired about the robbery that took place at Dunkin Donuts.

Chief Strianese stated that neighbors were very helpful and reported anything odd to the Police Department the next day. He went on to explain that due to good video footage and help from Lauderhill Police Department, the criminals have been arrested.

It was decided that a CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) study may be needed at Country Club Acres.

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

Country Club Acres will be discussed.

**8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Bressler inquired about the term expiration date for Board members.

Mr. Bressler was informed that the appointments will be made by the City Commission on December 9, 2008.

Mr. Herrera suggested having informational material available in different languages.

Mr. Earley spoke about Calucci's attic.

Mr. Herrera advised that he has not seen the establishment re-open.

Board members expressed concern about the establishment opening until 5 a.m.

Mr. Early asked whether or not a license obtained for the hours of operation is transferable from one business to another.

Chief Strianese advised that the license is transferable.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Annechild made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Menard. Said motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Annechild, Vice Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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