

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Earley
Shelly Weil
Sinam Al-Khafaji
Regine Celestin
Grace Maybee
Jason Dollard
Annette Annechild
Samuel Menard
John Jackson
Joseph Ingram

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jimmy Weatherspoon
Jose Herrera

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Anthony Strianese
Cathy Kozol

STAFF ABSENT:

None

GUEST OTHERS:

Israeli Scouts
Geb Buzin

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, at 5:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests were introduced at this time.

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mr. Jackson made a motion approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Annechild. Said motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2009:

Ms. Annechild made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ingram. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Crime Update (Assistant Chief Milenkovic)

Assistant Chief, Joseph Milenkovic, advised that Part 1 Crime has reduced to 19.67% in the month of May. Part 1 crimes, from January through May 2009, have reduced to 17.69 %. Crimes against people, from January through May 2009, have reduced to 16.77% and property crimes reduced to 17.88%.

Mr. Weil inquired about the current vacancies at the Police Department.

Assistant Chief Milenkovic advised that there is a shortage of 16 officers. He then went on to give response times for calls made to the Police Department. He noted that Priority 1 calls were responded to and an officer on scene in 3 minutes and 29 seconds, Priority 2 in 5 minutes and 21 seconds and Priority 3 in 8 minutes and 3 seconds. Lastly, he added that there was a 13.91% decrease in vehicle crashes.

Mr. Weil asked about the traffic light cameras scheduled to be installed in the near future.

Assistant Chief Milenkovic stated that a company has been selected to install the cameras. The cameras will be installed in areas where crashes occur most often.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ms. Alberta McCarthy, Race Relations Coordinator (Mr. Shelly Weil)

Ms. McCarthy was not present.

B. 13 Foreign Dignitaries (Mr. Shelly Weil)

Mr. Weil spoke about the Israeli Scouts and their mission to be good ambassadors for the state of Israel. He advised that 100 Scouts were selected to participate in the Caravan based on Scholastics. In addition, they had to complete an interview in order to be a part of the Caravan and travel to the United States.

C. Geb Buzin, Eagle Scout Project, Delray Beach City Lighting (Mr. Shelly Weil)

Geb stated that the expected completion date for the project is December 2009. He noted that the street lights will be repaired to operate properly. Bullet proof glass will be used for lighting in the areas with recurrent crimes. Boy Scouts will be assigned for ride-alongs to determine which lights are nonfunctional.

Mr. Weil explained that the project focuses on leadership and has to be completed so that Geb may earn his Eagle Badge.

Ms. Annechild asked about costs that will be incurred for the project.

Geb explained that the City has an agreement with Florida Power & Light. He noted that he may have to find sponsors to cover the cost of the bullet proof glass.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

None

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Maybee spoke about discussions that took place at the R.A.C.E Relations study group such as institutional racism and racism in the media. The groups are to collaborate and create a community project.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

There being no further business, Mr. Shelly Weil, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 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 June 8, 2009, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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