

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Earley
Sinam Alkafaji
Shelly Weil
Grace Maybee
Joseph Ingram
Annette Annechild
Joshua Bressler
Joseph Ferrer
Jimmy Weatherspoon
Sharon Austin
Jose Herrera
Vanessa Francois

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Jackson
Joseph Ferrer

STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Kozol
Chief Larry Schroeder

STAFF ABSENT:

None

GUEST OTHERS:

Dorothy Payne
Krystal Payne
Bernard Quince
Francis Carter

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made by Board members and staff.

3. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Annechild made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Al-Khafaji. Said motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Earley made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 11, 2008, seconded by Mr. Al-Khafaji. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Continuation of discussion in reference to the role of the Police Advisory Board to include history related to its formation

At this time, Mr. Weil gave a copy of the ordinance to each Advisory Board member.

Mr. Weil spoke about the formation of the Mayor's Race Relations Committee. He then spoke about the purpose of the Police Advisory Board as stated in the ordinance. Mr. Weil then mentioned each incident presented to the Advisory Board by residents of the City.

Mr. Weil asked whether or not the Board members can be proactive in presenting situations witnessed for discussion.

Ms. Kozol advised that Board members are able to present issues to be discussed to Board meetings. She then advised them to be conscious of Sunshine Law violations when attending Home Owners Association meetings with more than one Board member present. Ms. Kozol suggested distributing information by email rather than attending community meetings.

Mr. Weatherspoon stated that he will be proactive in presenting issues to the Police Advisory Board discussed at other meetings that he attends.

Ms. Annechild pointed out that Mr. Bressler was proactive by discussing cars being broken into at the gym, as well as, the issue with motorcycle noise.

B. Presentation by each member of subjects requested to bring before the Board for consideration.

Mr. Herrera suggested organizing a non-paid internship program involving students at Florida Atlantic University. Selected students would intern at the summer camp.

Ms. Annechild is in favor of Mr. Herrera's suggestion.

Chief Schroeder would like to know about community environment such as safety and crime.

Board members discussed the formation of Neighborhood Watches.

Mr. Al-Khafaji suggested having more detailed information about the Police Advisory Board on the City's website.

Mr. Bressler spoke about traffic calming which was discussed previously at a Board meeting that he attended. He noted that there have been several near accidents involving children that almost took place in a particular community.

Chief Schroeder advised that traffic calming is addressed by the Engineering Department. He also stated that traffic issues are the number one complaint in Delray Beach.

Ms. Annechild mentioned traffic problems she encounters when riding her bicycle.

6. New Business

A. Distribution of Literature related to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

At this time, Mr. Weil distributed literature related to ADL (Anti-Defamation League). He briefly spoke about the history and how the organization relates to the Police Department. Mr. Weil advised that representatives from the organization visit schools and speak to preschool aged children in hopes of preventing biases developed at a young age. Mr. Weil noted that ADL has a partnership with the Police Department.

Chief Schroeder stated that the Police Department works directly with ADL during crime investigations.

B. Discussion Related To A Desire Of Having the Anti-Defamation League Make A Presentation At A Future Meeting Relating To Law Enforcement

Board members will email Mr. Weil regarding their interest in having a representative from ADL make a presentation to the Police Advisory Board.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

Discussion regarding a non-paid internship program for Florida Atlantic University.

Discussion regarding having a representative from ADL attend a future Board meeting.

At this time, Chief Schroeder passed out the monthly crime statistics. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Herrera would like to have a report regarding how the recent lockdown at Atlantic High School was handled by the Police Department.

Chief Schroeder agreed to provide information regarding the incident.

Mr. Herrera wanted to know if the students can be educated through Officer Razor's program so that this incident will not occur again.

Chief Schroeder stated the students realize that making prank phone calls to the Police Department is not wise.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Francis Carter spoke about her afternoon tutorial program. She spoke of the success of the summer academic camp and stated that she is looking forward to another successful summer. Ms. Carter advised that more funding will be needed to operate the program this summer. The operation cost is approximately \$80,000. She noted that each parent would be responsible for \$533 for the summer program which is unaffordable for most. She went on to advise that she

has visited Mrs. Lula Butter, Director of Community Improvement, and Ms. Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator, regarding funding for the summer program.

Mr. Quince stated that he was pleased with the success of the camp and would like the youth from his football team to participate again this summer. He is hoping that more children will have the opportunity to attend the summer camp this year.

Board members discussed introducing the Boy Scouts to the summer camp participants.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson, Mr. Shelly Weil, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 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 March 10, 2008, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on _____.

Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

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