

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Cannon  
Erik Feldmanis  
Kevin Lowry  
Ann Stacey-Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John Strasser

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Russ Mager, Chief of Police  
Lawonda Warren, Police Legal Advisor  
Beatrice Screciu, Executive Admin Asst.

**STAFF ABSENT:**

**GUEST OTHERS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the board and staff introduced themselves.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Lowry to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Erik Feldmanis. Said motion passed unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 12, 2024, by Mr. Lowry which was seconded by Mr. Feldmanis. Said motion passed unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Deborah Walker residing at 1312 Martin Luther King Drive in Delray Beach and Jounice Hill residing at 309 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Terrace in Delray Beach attending for observation purpose.

Mr. Willie Potts residing at 600 Lindell Blvd. Apt. 107 A, in Delray Beach made a comment regarding felony stops policy comment from the last meeting.

Mr. Neil Donovan residing at 1063 East Heritage Club Circle in Delray Beach and expressed interest in attending the meeting to show his support.

## **7. CHIEF OF POLICE UPDATE:**

Chief Mager provided the board with an update on Part One Crimes.

- No homicides as of March of 2023 and 2024.
- Thirteen sex crimes reported as of March of 2023 and six as of March of 2024, which is a decrease of 53.85%.
- Eleven robberies as of March of 2023 and 11 robberies as of March of 2024.
- 61 reported aggravated assaults/battery incidents as of March of 2023 and 41 reported aggravated assaults/battery incidents as of March of 2024, which is a decrease of 32%.
- Overall, there was a 32.56% decrease in persons crime in March of 2024 (58) versus March of 2023 (86).
- A decrease of 37.78% in burglary incidents in March of 2024 (28) versus March of 2023 (45).
- A decrease of 27.91% in larceny incidents in March of 2024 (390) versus March of 2023 (541).
- An increase of 13.16% in motor vehicle thefts in March of 2024 (43) versus March of 2023 (38). This is contributed to key fobs being left in the vehicles and vehicles being left unlocked.
- A decrease of 26.12% in property crime in March of 2024 (461) versus March of 2023 (624).
- Overall, there is a 26.80% decrease in Part One Crimes from 2023 vs. 2024 year to date.

### **Internal Affairs Update**

Chief Mager provided members of the board with a brief overview of the Internal Affairs Monthly report for April 2024.

Current and previous year comparison of Supervisory Review and Internal Affairs cases initiated:

- Cases opened January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024 = 10  
7 internally and 3 externally initiated
- Cases opened January 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023 = 13  
13 internally and 0 externally initiated

There was no sustained findings and two opened cases in April of 2024. There were two investigations that resulted in coaching and five Merit Reviews in April of 2024.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Police Advisory Board Brochure**

Members of the board reviewed the brochure and recommended several changes that will be updated and presented to the board for approval at the next meeting.

**B. Vehicle Pursuits/Felony Stops Policy Review**

Members of the board were provided with a copy of the department's general order particular to this topic and a discussion ensued. Chief Mager briefly addressed Mr. Potts' comment from previous meeting.

**C. Board participation at city sponsored events**

Members of the board expressed interest in attending and participating in city sponsored events.

**9. NEW BUSINESS: none**

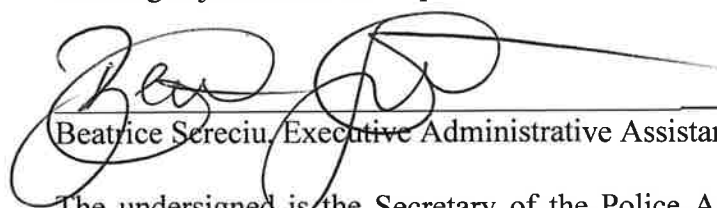
**10. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

Mr. Feldmanis made a motion to request approval from City Manager Moore to schedule a goal setting workshop meeting for the board to discuss attendance of the board at city sponsored events and for additional meetings. The objective would be to increase the board existence and its role in the city. Motion seconded by Mr. Lowry.

**11. MEMBER COMMENTS - none**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 06:51 p.m.



Beatrice Sereciu, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Liaison

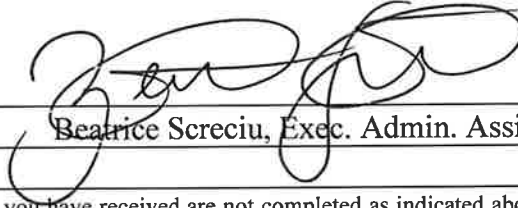
The undersigned is the Secretary of the Police Advisory Board and the information provided herein are the minutes of the meeting of said Police Advisory Board of May 13, 2024, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on August 12, 2024.

ATTEST:



CHAIR

PAUL CANNON



Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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