

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Erik Feldmanis  
John Strasser  
Ann Stacey-Wright

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Paul Cannon  
Kevin Lowry

**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 5:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call of members present was conducted.

**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. John Strasser to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ann Stacey-Wright. Said motion passed unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2024:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 13, 2024, by Mr. Strasser which was seconded by Ms. Stacey-Wright. Said motion passed unanimously.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

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

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

- Year-to-date comparison of crime in 2024 vs. 2023:
  - homicides decreased by 66.67%
  - robberies have decreased by 50%
  - burglaries decreased by 49%
  - auto thefts decreased by 35.53%
  - overall, persons crime decreased by 52.63% and property crime decreased by 49.21% in 2024 vs. 2023 year-to-date
- In comparison to July of 2023 vs. July of 2024:
  - homicides decreased by 100%
  - sex crimes have decreased by 40%
  - robberies decreased by 85.71%
  - aggravated assaults decreased by 28.57%
  - overall persons crime decreased by 44.12%
  - burglaries remained the same (10)
  - larceny decreased by 22.60%
  - motor vehicle theft decreased by 21.05%
  - overall property crime decreased by 49.21%
  - overall, the total crime decreased by 24.58%
- There were 154 adult arrests, and 14 juvenile arrests initiated in July of 2024.

The department was short staffed by 20 officers last year, so the decrease in crime could be attributed to additional staffing and high visibility.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Police Advisory Board Brochure**

Members of the board reviewed the brochure with recommended changes and presented to the board for approval. A motion was made to approve the brochure as presented, with the provision that the pictures will be swapped as needed. Motion made by Mr. Strasser, seconded by Ms. Stacey-Wright.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Workshop scheduling update**

A motion to schedule a workshop for Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:30 was made by Mr. Strasser, which was seconded by Ms. Stacey-Wright.

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

Topics to discuss during the meeting will include cold cases in the Set community, county vs. city year-to-date crime statistics in Palm Beach County

**11. MEMBER COMMENTS - none**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 06:12 p.m.

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Beatrice Screciu, 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 August 12, 2024, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on February 10, 2025.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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