

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stacy Beaulieu- Fawcett
Richard Burgess
Nancy Chanin
Nicholas Palmisano
Robert Safranski
Peter Sclafani
Susan Sikich

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Caruso
Kelli Freeman
LaToya Ratlieff

STAFF PRESENT:

Javaro A. Sims, Police Chief
Lawonda Warren, Police Legal Advisor
Beatrice Screciu, Executive Administrative Assistant

STAFF ABSENT:

GUEST OTHERS:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. INTRODUCTIONS:

Members of the board were introduced.

4. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

An item was added to the agenda under new business to include the feedback and suggestions received as a result of the homeowners' association letter. A motion was made to approve the addition to the agenda by Ms. Stacy Beaulieu-Fawcett seconded by Mr. Peter Sclafani.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2020:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020 by Mr. Peter Sclafani, seconded by Ms. Nancy Chanin. Said motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Chief Sims' Update:

Members of the board were provided with Part 1 Crime Statistics for the current year, which shows an increase of 13.61%.

Chief Sims provided members of the board with a spreadsheet containing a monthly combined comparison on 2020 overdoses. There were 35 overdoses during the month of January and 27 overdoses in February. A total of five overdose deaths were reported in January and six in February of 2020. The police department has reported a total 24 Narcan doses during this calendar year. Chief Sims also advised that Service Population Advocate and/or Officer Damien Ferraiolo makes contact with overdose victims to provide them with assistance and resources available to them.

Chief Sims discussed upcoming events in the community and advised board members to attend if their schedule permits. A forum will be held on Friday, April 17, 2020 entitled "Building a Community of Trust" with a panel made of local chiefs, attorneys and key representatives. Some of the topics of discussion will be use of force, stand your ground, traffic stops, etc.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The letter to homeowners' associations requesting ideas, feedback and concerns regarding the agency to be submitted to the board was mailed out and members of the board discussed the feedback and comments that were received from associations. A traffic concern issue was brought up regarding Federal Highway and SE 1st Street, which will be forwarded to Traffic Unit for review. One of the comments received was positive interaction between officers and residents in the downtown area. A concern was brought up regarding homeless population and panhandling. Chief Sims noted that homelessness is not a crime and the city hired a legal expert and is in the process of developing the panhandling policy. As of right now, aggressive panhandling is enforceable in our city.

8. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF:

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Dawn DeVoter, President of the Spanish Wells Homeowners' Association and Mr. Morris Carstarphen, chair of the NW/SW Alliance Group. Mr. Carstarphen noted that there is an increase in speeding through the neighborhood and is a growing concern, mostly on SW 6th Avenue, SW 7th Street and NW 7th Street. These concerns will be forwarded to Traffic Unit for follow-up. Mr. Carstarphen thanked the officers for their contribution and involvement in the community. Ms. Sikich thanked them for their participation and feedback provided to the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Ms. Sikich declared the meeting adjourned at 06:00 p.m.

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 March, 9 2020, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on September 14, 2020.

ATTEST:

CHAIR

Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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