

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Chanin
Michael Costin
Stacy Beaulieu- Fawcett
Kelli Freeman
Ron Gilinsky
Peter Sclafani
Susan Sikich

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Caruso
Alexander Christopher
Steven Mack
Robert Safanski

STAFF PRESENT:

Javaro A. Sims, Police Chief
Lawonda Warren, Police Legal Advisor

STAFF ABSENT:

GUEST OTHERS:

None

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

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

3. INTRODUCTIONS:

None.

4. APPROVAL AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JULY 09, 2018:

Ms. Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from July 09, 2018, seconded by Ms. Sikich. Said motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Election of Chair

Ms. Freeman made a motion to elect Ms. Sikich the chair of the board, seconded by Mr. Sclafani. Ms. Sikich made a motion to elect a vice-chair for the board. Ms. Freeman was elected as the new vice-chair of the board.

B. Review of Rules of the City of Delray Beach Police Advisory Board

The board ensued in a brief discussion regarding this topic. The board discussed the frequency of the regular meetings, which are scheduled every second Monday of every other month at 5:30 p.m., vacancies and voting members. Recommended revisions to the rules discussed during the meeting will be updated and discussed during the next meeting. In addition, absences and vacancies were discussed during the meeting. Once revisions are made and discussed with members of the board, they will be presented to City Commission for approval.

C. Chief Sims' Update:

Chief Sims stated that Part 1 crime (homicides, sex crimes, robberies, aggravated assaults, simple domestics, burglaries, larceny, motor vehicle thefts and property crime) is down by 4.76 percent year to date. He provided an update regarding the opioid epidemic. There were 31 reported overdoses in Delray Beach in April, the highest number since 2016. These overdoses are attributed to fentanyl and carfentanil (originates from China, Japan or Mexico). The Delray Beach Police Department has joined collaborative efforts with other local and state agencies to combat this epidemic. In 2016, there was a large influx of sober homes that were being shut down which attributed to the increase of overdoses. Service Population Advocate Ariana Ciancio has continued to educate our residents and provide treatment/housing and essential services that are available to the homeless community and overdose victims.

At this time, the board had a brief discussion regarding license plate readers in the barrier island and a traffic analysis that was recently conducted. Members of the board also discussed the new texting while driving law.

Chief Sims also discussed the involvement/participation at community events of board members and the scope of the board.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

8. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

The revised and updated Rules of the City of Delray Beach Police Advisory Board will be provided to the board for review and approval. Another agenda item for the next meeting is the purpose and priorities of the board, as well as more engagement from the board.

9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF:

Ms. Freeman briefly discussed Chief Sims' new appointment as the chief of police.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Ms. Sikich declared the meeting adjourned at 06:24 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 May 13, 2019, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on July 8, 2019.

ATTEST:

CHAIR

Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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