

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Caruso  
Nancy Chanin  
Kelli Freeman  
Ron Gilinsky  
Peter Sclafani  
Susan Sikich

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Michael Costin  
Alexander Christopher  
Stacy Beaulieu- Fawcett  
Robert Safranski

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF ABSENT:**

**GUEST OTHERS:**

Mr. Mason Hudson

**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 by Mr. Gilinsky, seconded by Ms. Freeman. Said motion passed unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2019:**

Mr. Sclafani made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2019, seconded by Mr. Gilinsky. Said motion passed unanimously.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Chief Sims' Update:**

Chief Sims provided members of the board with a spreadsheet containing a breakdown on crimes for the 2019 calendar year. It was noted that the total number of crimes reported is slightly higher during the month of May. This could be attributed to school being out and being in season. He also provided an update on the opioid epidemic, which decreased to 24 reported overdoses, in the month of June. Chief Sims noted that there is an increase in fentanyl usage, however heroin remains the number one drug of choice. There was 18 heroin overdoses and two fentanyl overdoses.

Board also reviewed the number of crashes and discussed the attributed causes of these crashes. It was noted that the causes (speeding, running a red light, distracted driving, etc.) vary based the location of the crash. In addition, members of the board ensued in a discussion regarding the "no texting while driving" law. Law enforcement officers are now able to issues warnings and citations will be issued effective January 1, 2020. The law specifically prohibits police who pull drivers over for texting from taking their phones without a warrant. Police officers must have voluntary and unequivocal consent to search a phone.

Members of the board had a brief discussion regarding the number of calls for service for the calendar year.

Chief Sims discussed upcoming events in the community and invited members of the board to attend.

**B. Revisions of Rules of the City of Delray Beach Police Advisory Board**

Members of the board reviewed and discussed the revisions to the Rules of the City of Delray Beach Police Advisory Board. A revision to the Quorum Article III was discussed and made by the members of the board. Mr. Scalfani made a motion to approve the revisions, seconded by Ms. Chanin. Said motion passed anonymously. The updated Rules of the Police Advisory Board will be presented to Commission for approval during the next Regular Commission Meeting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Letters to Homeowners Associations.**

A letter has been generated and will be sent out to homeowners' associations in November requesting ideas, feedback and concerns regarding the agency to be submitted to the board, which serves as a liaison between the community and the Delray Beach Police Department.

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

The board had a discussion on several topics (active shooter training, Ring Doorbell video)

**9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF:**

Mr. Caruso thanked the board for their patience with regards to his availability and attendance of meetings.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Hudson commented on the no texting while driving law and the upcoming training opportunity in August.

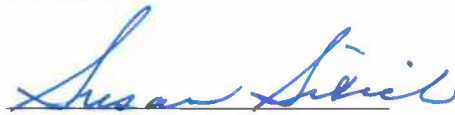
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Ms. Sikich declared the meeting adjourned at 06:25 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 July 8, 2019, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on January 13, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
CHAIR

  
Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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