

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 5:30 P.M.
MICROSOFT TEAMS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Cannon
Nancy Chanin
Kelli Freeman
James Kevin McNally
Peter Sclafani
Willie Potts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nicholas Palmisano
Robert Safranski
LaToya Ratlieff
Wes Waring

STAFF PRESENT:

Gene Sapino, Assistant Chief of Police
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 5:49 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:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Peter Sclafani, seconded by Mr. Cannon. Said motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2020:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from March 9, 2020 by Mr. Peter Sclafani, seconded by Ms. Nancy Chanin. Said motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

There has been no new response from the letter that was sent to homeowners' associations within the city limits requesting ideas, feedback and concerns regarding the agency. A discussion ensued regarding a follow-up to the letter. It was noted that based on experience, it is more beneficial when crime prevention tips are disseminated through videos on social media. In addition, Pop-Up PD events where the MCC is taken out for a day in different communities to build on community outreach and interaction is also beneficial.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sunshine Law/Public Records Training:

A presentation was conducted by Police Legal Advisor Lawonda Warren to educate board members on the Florida Sunshine and Public Records Laws.

B. Election of Chair

Mr. Sclafani made a motion to elect Ms. Freeman as the chair of the board, seconded by Mr. McNally. Mr. Potts made a motion to elect himself as the chair of the board, which was not seconded by any board member. Motion did not move forward. Mr. Sclafani made a motion to elect a vice-chair for the board. Mr. McNally was elected at the new vice-chair seconded by Mr. Cannon.

C. Assistant Chief Sapino's Update:

Members of the board were provided with Part 1 Crime Statistics for the current year, which shows a decrease of 0.16% from 2019. There is an increase in motor vehicle theft incidents vehicle burglaries which are occurring in the western part of Delray Beach. Residents are leaving their vehicle key fobs in their vehicles and not locking their vehicles and becoming targets.

From last week to this week, the crime is down by seven percent; the majority of the thefts based on the crime trends are license plates, theft of auto parts and catalytic converters. These trends are being monitored and social media is being utilized to get this information to our residents.

It was noted that the top three locations for calls for service within the last week were Delray Medical Center, Walmart located at 16205 S. Military Trail and Valero Gas Station on Congress Avenue.

For the month of August, there were 19 overdose incidents, one death and Narcan was utilized three times. For the current year, there were 247 overdose incidents which is an average of 30 incidents per month. The police department has reported a total 24 Narcan doses during this calendar year. Service Population Advocate Ariana Ciancio and/or Officer Damien Ferraiolo contacts overdose victims to provide them with assistance and resources available to them.

The agency continues to combat the effects of COVID 19 on a daily basis. Currently, we only have one officer in quarantine; at one point during the pandemic, we had 15 officers in quarantine.

Members of the board ensued in a discussion regarding the upcoming fiscal year budget. It was noted that the recommended reductions would not affect the level or service provided to residents.

A discussion ensued regarding the enforcement of face mask violations. The officers now have the ability to enforce the violation through issuing a civil citation. Officers will attempt to gain compliance by educating the violator first and will issue a written civil citation if the subject refuses to comply. The enforcement started last weekend.

8. DISCUSSION CONCERNING NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2020.

9. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF:

Mr. Cannon discussed how members of the board can assist with community outreach program. It was also noted that in light of the recent negativity directed towards law enforcement community, Ms. Freeman noted that the community needs to show the officers that we are thankful for what they do every day.

Mr. Potts discussed how the board can assist with funding for college scholarships for the children of the officers through a non-profit organization. The police department works with Delray Citizens for Delray Police, which is a non-profit organization and provides these types of services and other services which benefits the agency.


Ms. Freeman thanked Sgt. Gary Ferreri, Officer George Castro and Detective Casey Kelly for their continued professionalism and willingness to assist when needed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Ms. Freeman declared the meeting adjourned at 07:00 p.m.

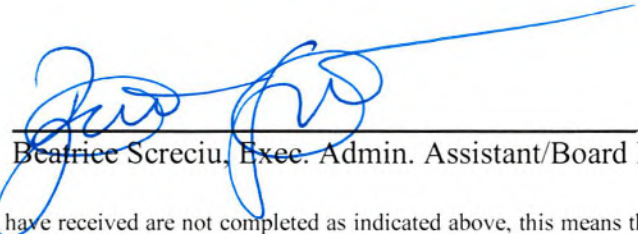


Beatrice Sereciu, Executive Administrative Assistant/Board Liaison

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

ATTEST:


CHAIR


Beatrice Screciu, Exec. Admin. Assistant/Board Liaison

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