

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE  
August 30, 2017**

| MEMBERS            | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | APPOINTED BY                   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Fernando Arguelles | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | Mayor Valdés-Fauli             |
| Rachel Lauzurique  | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | A | - | - | - | - | Mayor Valdés-Fauli             |
| Jeff Sullivan      | P | P | P | E | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | Vice Mayor Keon                |
| Vacant             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Vice Mayor Keon                |
| Maria Cruz         | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | Commissioner Lago              |
| Manuel Vadillo     | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | Commissioner Lago              |
| John Daly          | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | A | - | - | - | - | Commissioner Mena              |
| Vacant             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Commissioner Mena              |
| Kathy-Ann Marlin   | E | E | E | A | - | - | A | E | - | - | - | - | Commissioner Quesada           |
| Vacant             | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | Commissioner Quesada           |
| Aurelio Durana     | P | P | P | P | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark |
| John Caballero     | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark |
| Vince Damian       | P | P | P | P | - | - | P | P | - | - | - | - | Police Chief Hudak             |

*P = PRESENT    A = ABSENT    E = EXCUSED    \* = NO MEETING    \*\* = SPECIAL MEETING*

**Staff:**

Frank Fernandez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Safety  
Michael Miller, Assistant Chief of Police  
Craig Leen, City Attorney  
Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney  
Jason Plemmons, Board Liaison/Recording Secretary

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

**ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion by Mr. Durana, seconded by Mr. Vadillo, and carried.

**ITEM 3 – LETTER SENT TO ARIEL FERNANDEZ**

Mr. Leen discussed the letter that was sent to Mr. Ariel Fernandez. This item was brought to the Committee by Mr. Durana who raised concerns about Committee members facing similar measures for speaking at Committee meetings or making records requests.

Mr. Ariel Fernandez discussed the issue from his perspective and answered questions from Committee members.

Mr. Durana asked the City Attorney if this letter had been sent at the direction of the City Commission.

Mr. Damian stated the he does not understand why this issue is before this Committee. He stated that he does not feel this is appropriate for this Committee's purview and there are City departments and mechanisms in place to address concerns such as this one.

Mr. Sullivan echoed Mr. Damian's sentiment regarding this issue not being appropriate for this Committee.

Mr. Damian stated that the scope of this Committee needs to be more clearly defined.

Mr. Daly stated that as a new committee member, he feels that a "format" for Committee meetings needs to be established and structure maintained as what occurred at this meeting is unacceptable.

Ms. Cruz discussed her view of the Committee and how this item is relevant.

Director Fernandez responded to the comments made by Mr. Ariel Fernandez, and questions from the Committee.

Mr. Daly states that he feels the discussion needs to move on, as there are other items on the agenda.

Mr. Durana discussed the issue with Lt. Claughton, and Sgt. Cramer. He was told by Internal Affairs that the affidavit was lost. Director Fernandez discussed the purge of information from Internal Affairs files.

#### **ITEM 4 – UPDATE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING**

Assistant Chief Miller discussed Police Department professionalism, and provided an update on the status of Police Department hiring and current vacancies.

Ms. Cruz asked about the Internal Affairs Commander position. Director Fernandez discussed the Internal Affairs Commander position, and current vacancy and recruitment efforts.

Ms. Cruz asked about the number of vacancies in relation to the number of people currently in the Academy. Director Fernandez discussed the Academy which starts in October. Director Fernandez also discussed overtime usage to maintain appropriate coverage. Ms. Cruz discussed the Public Records Request she made which is similar to the information that was discussed.

Mr. Daly asked about departmental resource allocation, and proactive spending on crime deterrent or enforcement efforts.

Director Fernandez discussed the NSA program and how it is working as a crime deterrent, and the perception that NSAs are being used to replace police officers.

**ITEM 5 – GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Ms. Cruz discussed the response to requests about Phillips Park from Major Pedroso, which states that the issues in Phillips Park have been resolved.

Ms. Throckmorton, and Director Fernandez stated that some improvements to Phillips Park have been completed since the last meeting. Director Fernandez stated that a security guard has been placed in the area of Phillips Park to provide additional presence, and it does seem to be working.

Mr. Durana discussed officers trying to talk citizens out of filing police reports, and if proper procedures are being followed.

**ITEM 6 – FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD**

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm upon motion by Mr. Durana.

APPROVED

MARIA CRUZ  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

JASON PLEMMONS  
RECORDING SECRETARY