

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE
November 29, 2017**

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Fernando Arguelles	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	Mayor Valdés-Fauli
Rachel Lauzurique	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	A	A	P	P	-	Mayor Valdés-Fauli
Jeff Sullivan	P	P	P	E	-	-	P	P	E	P	P	-	Vice Mayor Keon
Vicky Busot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice Mayor Keon
Maria Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	Commissioner Lago
Manuel Vadillo	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	E	P	E	-	Commissioner Lago
John Daly	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	A	P	P	P	-	Commissioner Mena
Robert Cambo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commissioner Mena
Helen Sonenreich	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commissioner Quesada
Aaron Glasser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	Commissioner Quesada
Aurelio Durana	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
John Caballero	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Vince Damian	P	P	P	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
Edward Hudak, Chief of Police
Miriam Ramos, Deputy City Attorney
Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney
Jason Plemmons, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2017 were approved upon motion by Ms. Lauzurique, seconded by Mr. Caballero, and carried.

ITEM 3 – UPDATE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING

Chief Hudak provided an update on recruitment efforts, stating that a new officer would be starting the next week.

The “lateral Officer” process was discussed. Chief Hudak also discussed college credit requirements, and other requirements for the hiring process. Possible waivers of requirements were discussed.

ITEM 4 – WI-FI CAMERAS

Mr. Durana asked about Wi-Fi cameras at the entrances to Coral Gables. Chief Hudak discussed the benefit of cameras for deterring crime through the perception of surveillance. The perception of residents that they are being watched when the cameras are in residential areas was also discussed. Chief Hudak discussed how the cameras are used and how the ALPR camera and Red Light Camera systems are all used together.

Mr. Durana asked about walk through crime, and if cameras are an effective deterrent for that type of crime. Mr. Daly discussed CCTV studies that were done versus the impact on crime in monitored areas with studies showing the impact on crime is not significant, but are a great tool for looking for specific events or vehicles. Chief Hudak stated that the cameras are a great investigative tool when focusing on specific events or looking for details. The effects as a crime deterrent are not as easily evaluated because of hoods and other items that can be used to conceal oneself.

Chief Hudak discussed smart lighting used in the Eighth Street area.

ITEM 5 – USE OF FORCE TRAINING

Chief Hudak discussed use of force training, which is provided for all officers. De-escalation training is the preferred way to deal with scenarios where use of force could apply. CALEA accreditation standards for use of force training were discussed.

ITEM 6 – ETHICS SEMINAR

Mr. Durana discussed clarification of a statement made at the Ethics Seminar about the Sunshine Law. The issue was addressed by a memorandum from the City Attorney.

ITEM 7 – OFF-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AND ZONE COVERAGE

Off-Duty assignments as they pertain to zone coverage during events, such as Burgerlicious, were discussed. Chief Hudak discussed that supervisors have the ability to pull officers from off-duty type events if they are needed for emergencies. Off-duty events do not impact zone coverage units.

ITEM 8 – AWARD RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

ITEM 9 – CHIEF’S UPDATE

Chief Hudak discussed holiday enforcement efforts, emphasizing package theft, and crimes which become more prevalent during the holidays.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony was discussed; Chief Hudak explained that the Specialized Enforcement Division is tasked with planning the police aspect of special events.

Mr. Durana asked about the murder at the Marriott Hotel on Le Jeune Road. Chief Hudak stated that the subject is in custody, and further details cannot be provided.

ITEM 10 – GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Lauzurique discussed the Committee’s name, and its perceived negative connotation. A motion to change the Committee’s name to “The Public Safety Advisory Board” was made by Ms. Lauzurique, seconded by Mr. Durana, and carried.

A motion to give the Police Chief a vote of absolute confidence from the Committee was made by Ms. Lauzurique, seconded by Mr. Glasser, and carried.

Mr. Caballero asked about the enforcement initiative along the Eighth Street corridor. Chief Hudak discussed the initiative, and jurisdictional boundaries. The Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Miami was also discussed.

Mr. Caballero asked about the NSA program, its future expansion possibilities. Director Fernandez discussed the program. The program has been expanded to ten positions, with further expansion possible in the future, and with some part-time possibilities.

Mr. Sullivan asked about the possible annexation of the Little Gables area. Chief Hudak discussed the possible zone configuration changes that could be necessary if the annexation is approved. Director Fernandez discussed resource allocation requirements and how those needs compare to other areas of the City.

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CORAL GABLES ANTI-CRIME
COMMITTEE STATING A VOTE OF ABSOLUTE
CONFIDENCE IN THE CITY'S POLICE CHIEF.

WHEREAS, the Anti-Crime Committee was re-established in 2014 and was reinstated in order to 1) to assist and advise the Police Department in all matters involving crime and traffic issues within the areas they represent by gathering information to be delivered directly to the Command Staff of the Police Department, and 2) to assist the Department in the dissemination of initiatives and reports originating from the Department back to the areas they represent and to the Commission as a whole; and

WHEREAS, during the November 2017 Anti-Crime Committee meeting the Anti-Crime Committee took a unanimous vote of absolute confidence in the Police Chief, Edward Hudak ; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Crime Committee would like to make the City Commission aware of its vote of absolute confidence in the City's Police Chief, Edward Hudak;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the Coral Gables Anti-Crime Committee has unanimously expressed absolute confidence in the City's Police Chief, Edward Hudak.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CORAL GABLES ANTI-CRIME
COMMITTEE ON THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017.

FRANK FERNANDEZ
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

MARIA CRUZ
COMMITTEE CHAIR