

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE  
January 31, 2018**

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

Jason Plemmons, Recording Secretary

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

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

New members Mr. Cambo, and Ms. Busot introduced themselves to the Committee. Chair Cruz discussed being unable to contact Ms. Sonenreich who has not attended a meeting since her appointment.

**ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 29, 2017 were approved upon motion by Ms. Lauzurique, seconded by Mr. Daly, and carried.

**ITEM 3 – UPDATE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING**

Chief Hudak provided an update on Department hiring. The Department is moving more into a “training mode” to train the new officers who have joined the department. Recruitment efforts are being concentrated on Communications Operator positions and other civilian positions.

Chief Hudak discussed the recent departmental promotions of one Major, two Lieutenants, and a Sergeant. The formal Promotional Ceremony is scheduled for February 16, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

#### **ITEM 4 – AWARD RECOGNITION**

Chair Cruz stated that she had intended to nominate one of the City's officers for an award, but has decided to withdraw the item as the information she received was inaccurate.

Director Fernandez clarified the information that was presented.

#### **ITEM 5 – THEFTS FROM LANDSCAPING TRUCKS**

Mr. Durana discussed thefts from landscaping trucks. Chief Hudak discussed how these thefts were handled by the department. Mr. Durana discussed the NTL card that was distributed to the area where the thefts occurred. Chief Hudak discussed NTL visibility, zone coverage, and responsibility in this type of scenario. NSA zone realignment for better coverage was discussed.

Gated Communities, NSAs, and off-duty police officers being hired by those communities was discussed.

#### **ITEM 6 – UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF/GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chief Hudak discussed the holiday season events and the Department's involvement with those events. Upcoming events, such as Carnival on the Mile, and the St. Patrick's Day events were discussed.

Chief Hudak discussed the continuing installation of CCTV cameras, and new Red-Light cameras. Five new red-light cameras have been installed and are currently in testing.

Chief Hudak discussed the 25 mph speed limit signs have been ordered and the new speed limit is being implemented in residential areas as approved by the City Commission.

Ms. Lauzurique discussed speeding on Salamanca Avenue. Chief Hudak discussed how apps such as Waze are directing people through neighborhoods to avoid traffic. Mr. Daly asked about the bill in congress which would make texting and driving a primary offense.

Mr. Durana discussed the shooting which occurred at the trailer park in the Eighth Street area.

Chief Hudak discussed the Shield 12 units, and how volume issues are often perceived as speeding. Chief Hudak discussed the traffic engineering process to evaluate traffic circles, speed tables, and speed bumps.

A motion that speed ramps/tables and other traffic control measures be studied and installed in the City was made by Mr. Durana, seconded by Ms. Lauzurique.

Mr. Cambo discussed traffic circles, and street signs down after Hurricane Irma. Mr. Caballero discussed pedestrians crossing the street, and the driving culture of Miami-Dade County.

The process of Red-Light camera violations was discussed. Director Fernandez discussed traffic enforcement in the City, and traffic volume challenges.

Mr. Durana withdrew his previous motion. Driving behavior change that come with traffic enforcement was discussed. Mr. Durana discussed Commissioner Lago's appointment to the Transportation Planning Organization.

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.