

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
ANTI-CRIME COMMITTEE
April 24, 2019**

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Fernando Arguelles	P	P	P										Mayor Valdés-Fauli
Rachel Lauzurique	P	E	P										Mayor Valdés-Fauli
Jeff Sullivan	P	E	P										Vice Mayor Keon
Vicky Busot	P	P	P										Vice Mayor Keon
Maria Cruz	P	P	P										Commissioner Lago
Manuel Vadillo	A	E	P										Commissioner Lago
Annette Strauch	P	P	P										Commissioner Mena
Robert Cambo	P	P	E										Commissioner Mena
Sadia Raja	P	P	E										Commissioner Quesada
Aaron Glasser	P	E	P										Commissioner Quesada
Aurelio Durana	P	P	P										City Manager Iglesias
Andy Mayobre	P	P	P										City Manager Iglesias
Vince Damian	P	P	P										Police Chief Hudak

*P = PRESENT A = ABSENT E = EXCUSED * = NO MEETING/INFORMAL MEETING ** = SPECIAL MEETING*

Staff:

Cordell Atherley, Major
Jesse Medina, Major
Jason Plemmons, Recording Secretary

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 2 – GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

Majors Atherley and Medina introduced themselves to the Committee.

Major Atherley discussed Easter weekend crime, and vehicle burglaries in the City.

Major Medina discussed gang activity and the target rich environment that is the Coral Gables, and Pinecrest area. The majority of these crimes seem to be crimes of opportunity.

Major Atherley discussed the downtown patrol with Bicycle Units, which has decreased the downtown response times. Homeless issues were discussed, as well as mental health issues related to homeless persons. It was also stated that there does not seem to be an increase in homeless persons in the City.

The attempted suicide at the Metro Rail station was discussed. Air rescue responded, and the subject was Baker Acted for mental health concerns.

The designated Shoplifting unit and other decoy units were discussed. The decoy units have worked exceptionally well, and Loss Prevention units have greatly improved their efforts. The role of the NSAs were discussed as they have also had a significant impact in this area.

Graffiti at the Youth Center was discussed. Major Atherley discussed the graffiti and stated that the NSAs would assist with the issue. Graffiti used as “gang signs” was also discussed.

Crime Watch discussed various programs that have been presented recently for the public.

Mr. Prime discussed the intersection of US1 and Grand Avenue. The traffic lights in that area were discussed. The procedure for dispatchers to contact County Traffic Control was discussed. The turn-only lane at Granada and Ponce de Leon Blvd was discussed.

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.