

CORAL GABLES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 2008

CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

MEMBERS	J	M	J	APPOINTED BY
James Carmichael	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Rhonda Anderson	*	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Rene Alvarez	P	P	E	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Omar Pasalodos	E	P	E	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Keith Saks	P	P	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers
Blackwell Stieglitz	P	P	P	City Manager David Brown
Bruce Hornik	P	P	P	Business Improvement District

*A=Absent P=Present E=Excused *=Vacant*

STAFF:

Assistant Police Chief Richard Naue
Major Mark Ginn
Major Edward Hudak
Major Scott Masington
Deputy Fire Chief Marc Stolzenberg
Recording Secretary Jason Plemmons

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item No. 1 – Absent Members: A motion to excuse the two absent members was made by Mr. Saks, and carried unanimously.

Item No. 2 – Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting were approved as presented upon motion by Ms. Anderson which carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – University of Miami: A review of University of Miami crime statistics was given by Assistant Chief Naue. Training exercises were also discussed in light of recent events at FAU.

Item No. 4 – State Budget Cuts: Discussion relative to State Budget Cuts and the effects on Public Safety agencies.

Item No. 5 – Marine Patrol: Discussion relative to the operations of the Coral Gables Marine Patrol Unit ensued.

Item No. 6 – Memorial Day Holiday: Discussion relative safety preparations for the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday.

Item No. 7 – Hurricane Season: Discussion relative to preparations and training of personnel for the Hurricane Season ensued. Handling of personnel issues during an emergency situation was also discussed.

Item No. 8 – Wireless Communications: Discussion relative to wireless communications issues and redundant systems for public safety agencies.

Item No. 9 – Homeland Security Grants: Discussion tabled upon motion by Mr. Stieglitz, and carried unanimously.

Item No. 10 – Use of Force: Discussion relative to publicity related to excessive use of force, and officer training.

Item No. 11 – Chemical/Biological Threat: Discussion relative to potential pandemic, or significant chemical or biological threat and public safety agency preparations.

Item No. 12 – Housing Market: Discussion relative to the housing market's effect on crime statistics.

Item No. 13 – Chairperson: Selection of new committee chair tabled until entire committee is present. Mr. Saks announced his resignation from the Public Safety Committee.

Item No. 14 – City Commission Update: None.

Item No. 15 – City Projects Update: None.

Item No. 16 – Fire Department: Deputy Chief Stolzenberg discussed Public Service Announcements and other initiatives in which the Fire Department is currently involved.

Item No. 17 – Police Department: Assistant Chief Naue discussed the building implosion project.

Item No. 18 – Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee was set for July 8, 2008, 6:00 pm, at a location to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Plemmons
Recording Secretary