



City of Doral Police & Traffic Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Radys Nader, Chair	Present – Late Arrival
Frank Vaio, Vice Chair	Present
Wesley Roddy, Secretary	Present
Armando Chanlatte, Board Member	Present
David Yglesias, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Captain Nancy Fernandez, Police Department
Rita Carbonell, Public Works Department
Eugene Collings, Public Works Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

- a. Mr. Christ had a couple of comments: 1. He noticed that some of the recently deployed speed radars were not operational and was not sure if this was due to drained batteries. 2. He offered a suggestion to use the Doral Trolley benches to publicize important information like the new distracted driving law.
**(FS 316.305) states: A person may not operate a motor vehicle while manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols or other

characters into a wireless communications device or while sending or reading data on such a device for the purpose of nonvoice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, e-mailing and instant messaging.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. September 26, 2019

Motion to approve the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes made by board member David Yglesias and seconded by board member Wesley Roddy. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. December Crime Numbers 2019 vs 2018. 2019 Q4 vs 2018 Q4.

Capt. Fernandez stated crime last year as a whole increased by a fraction or .7%. She said this was pretty good considering how much the city has grown, particularly in residential. Dec. 2019 compared to Dec. 2018 there was a reduction of 5.11%, with total Part 1 crimes going from 137 vs. 130.

Mr. Chanlatte said that he was interested in receiving the closure rate for crimes in Doral.

Capt. Fernandez said the statute changed in Oct. 2019 for shoplifting. It used to be a theft of \$300 was a felony and under \$300 was a misdemeanor. The new felony amount has increased to \$750. This will change the totals for what was once a felony to a misdemeanor.

The net effect of this change:

- Felony thefts: 2018 (47) vs 2019 (14)
- Misdemeanor thefts: 2018 (34) vs 2019 (67)

b. New Trends and Updates by PD

Capt. Fernandez said there were no significant trends in crime. We had a couple of pockets of vehicle burglaries, but there have been arrests made. Our License Plate Readers (LPR) have been a great contributor for finding those responsible. There is a continued need to remind people to not leave their keys or expense items in their cars. PD continues to engage with HOAs and use social media to try to get the word out. PD made an arrest late last year of a serial burglar and the LPRs and good police work helped apprehend him.

The Real-Time Information Center (RIC) has been approved by the Council and is currently in the infancy stage. PD sees the RIC supporting regular police activities and special events.

Staffing: (4) Public Services Aides are currently in the Police Academy
(8) Officers in the background check process

c. Traffic – New Lights on 74th

Mr. Collings said that the City was waiting on the County to approve the permit to install a signal on the SW side of 74th St. and 102nd Av. The light mast arms have already been ordered and they expect that it will be installed in April 2020. An additional traffic signal will be installed at Legacy Park at the intersection of 82nd St. and 114th Av. It is in final design and waiting approval by the County. Construction is expected to commence in the summer.

d. Traffic – Pedestrian Bridge and Parking Meters

Mr. Collings said the pedestrian bridge over 41st St. is still on schedule and looking to advertise bids at the end of the year. It has approximately a 400-day design & build schedule and will hopefully be completed by the end of 2021. Part of the City's criteria package for this bridge includes preliminary plans and a planning level estimate on what the budget would be. He said any desire or plans to install solar panels on the pedestrian bridge to power lighting fixtures would not be allowed to generate revenue for the City, based on the DOT Federal funding rules. The bridge has been in the planning process for three years.

Ms. Carbonell said that they adopted a parking study last Nov. and they are in the process of writing the ordinance. There are a lot of issues they are working on to include: who is going to take it over, parking rates, enforcement, revenue sharing, etc. The City would collect and retain all parking fees but would have to share 1/3 of any funds associated with parking fines generated through enforcement would go to the County. The City plans on holding public workshops in February. They are doing two peer reviews for Coral Gables and South Miami since they are comparable to Doral based on demographic and size. Downtown Doral business owners are in favor of parking meters because commercial and private vehicles are parking over extended periods, and this is negatively impacting their businesses.

e. Open Business

2. New Business

Mr. Nader said he has seen some police officers coming across as aggressive, even though they are wearing body cameras. He thought having body cameras would have reduced the amount negative or questionable verbal or physical interaction with the public. Capt. Fernandez said that everyone needs to be treated with respect and she expects that of all police officers. De-escalation is taught to officers, but there are some citizens who do not want to de-escalate. She promised to review the body camera footage video that Mr. Nader highlighted.

3. Discussion of next meeting agenda items

Mr. Yglesias wants to look at our mass transit plan

Mr. Roddy wants to schedule a date to tour the PD HQ

4. **Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
5. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourns at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



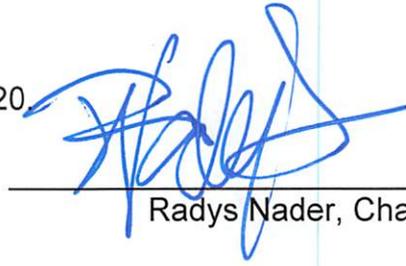
Wesley Roddy, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 Police & Traffic Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Radys Nader and seconded by Board Member Wesley Roddy.

Chair Radys Nader
Vice Chair Frank Vaio
Secretary Wesley Roddy
Board Member Armando Chanlatte
Board Member David Yglesias

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of February 2020.



Radys Nader, Chair