

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

4:00 PM

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

Mohammad Junaid Akther

Michael Arena

John Archambo

Salvatore Van Casteren

Jacqueline Hutman

Brad Johnson

Michael Weil

I Call to Order

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Members present: Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman, Michael Arena, John Archambo, Salvatore Van Casteren, Brad Johnson, and Michael Weil.
Member absent: Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther.

Guests: Lt. Robert Humphrey, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Chief Amanda Vomero, Deputy Michael Barbusio, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Staff members present: Nicole Coates, Gloria Kelly, and Christian Santa-Gonzalez

IV Opening Comments

No opening comments

V Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by John Archambo, seconded by Michael Arena, and unanimously passed (6-0), to approve the agenda as presented

VI Approval of Minutes

- A. [PSC-249](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

VII Reports

- A. [PSC-250](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT

Lt. Humphrey greeted the committee. He shared quarterly statistics and mentioned he has a presentation from the JAM unit. He mentioned that crime trends remain relatively low, but one main concern is traffic crashes. He said that the biggest problem is the property crimes related to automobile burglaries and vehicle thefts. Lt. Humphrey said that members of the community are leaving vehicles unlocked or key fobs in the vehicle.

He stated the district has placed message boards around Wellington to remind members of the community to lock vehicles and take valuables out of the vehicles. He shared the PSA that Sheriff Bradshaw and Captain Addazio presented regarding vehicle burglaries.

In addition, the district is working on a new program in which residents can sign up to have PBSO place a sticker on the back window of their vehicles if the vehicles are being driven between certain hours of the night. This would then give PBSO probable cause to search the vehicle during those hours if it was found to be driven during that time.

Members of the committee asked questions Lt. Humphrey relating to car burglaries and break-ins being related to vehicle theft groups.

Lt. Humphrey introduced Deputy Michael Barbusio to the Committee. Deputy Barbusio is the JAM Juvenile Arrest Monitoring (JAM) Deputy for the Village of Wellington. He gave a presentation on what his duties and responsibilities are. Deputy answered questions from the committee.

B. [PSC-255](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT

District Chief Vomero greeted the committee and went on to share the turnout times from December 12th to March 11th. During this period there was a total of 1,701 calls in Wellington. Of those calls, 75% of them were medical. There were 214 alarms, 88 vehicle accidents, 71 investigations or assists, 30 fires, 8 hazardous situations, 5 inner facility transports, 4 other call types, and 1 water-related incident. The District Chief shared that the average response time was 6 minutes 47 seconds.

C. [PSC-248](#) STAFF REPORT

Ms. Coates greeted the committee and reminded the members that the next scheduled meeting is June 12th at 4 pm in Council Chambers. She shared the new Vision Zero website and the interactive features on this webpage.

Ms. Coates shared that National Take Back Day is April 27th and that she is working on planning the Hurricane Expo which is scheduled for May 4th.

Ms. Coates reminded the Committee that their terms will end on May 31, 2024. The committee commented on how well done the Vision Zero website is.

VIII New Business

A. [PSC-252](#) BICYCLE INITIATIVES ACTION PLAN UPDATES

Christian Santa-Gonzalez introduced himself to the committee and gave a brief update on the Bicycle Initiatives Action Plan. He mentioned that the current projects in progress include a bicycle parking audit and bicycle repair stations.

B. [PSC-253](#) SELECTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY STUDENT ART AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The committee selected the following winners the 2024 Public Safety Art and Essay Contest.

- Elementary School**
1st Camilla Diaz
2nd Lucianna Vivas Sanchez

- Middle School**
1st Scarlett Kirk
2nd Ethan Barrett

High School Art

1st Danielle Baig

2nd Malle Manriquez

High School Essay

1st Lucas Saenz

2nd Ryan Balliram

IX Public Comments

There were no public comments

X Closing Comments

The committee enjoyed the meeting and thanked Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for keeping Wellington safe.

XI Adjournment

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.