

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:00 PM

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

Mohammad Junaid Akther

William Flack

Ron Herman

Jacqueline Hutman

Cherie McBrayer

Michael Weil

Ernie Zimmerman

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II Pledge of Allegiance**III Roll Call**

The Chair called the role. All members were present.

IV Opening Comments

The Chair recognized representatives from local neighborhood watch groups were in attendance along with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Citizens on Patrol unit.

Mr. Herman called attention to the addition of open discussion at the end of the agenda. Members welcomed new Committee appointee Michael Weil.

Mr. Akther remarked on resident concerns over recent passage of the medical marijuana ordinance.

Mr. Weil remarked that he had viewed recordings of past meetings in order to familiarize himself with the Committee.

V Approval of Agenda**A. [PSC-087](#) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Herman called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kurit made the motion, seconded by Mr. Weil. Motion passed 7-0. All members were present.

VI Approval of Minutes**A. [PSC-088](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Herman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Mr. Weil made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kurit. Motion passed 7-0 with all members present.

VII Old Business

A. None

General discussion included the Village website, Wellington's Prime Time News publication for seniors and ways to alert residents to Committee meetings, including social media.

Ms. Hutman suggested use of the Village's A-frame signs for meeting notifications.

Ms. Edwards responded that she would bring the suggestion to Village administration.

VIII New Business**A. [PSC-093](#) PBSO CITIZENS ON PATROL**

Members discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with the Education Committee.

Ms. Edwards responded that she would address that request under her staff report.

D/S Scott Poritz provided a power point presentation on the Village's Citizens Observer Patrol.

B. [PSC-089](#) STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Salas provided information on Wellington's Neighborhood Watch Program, reporting that there were currently 23 active neighborhood watch groups. The next joint meeting was scheduled for April 2018. Established active watch groups also had the ability to apply for available grants through the Village.

Ms. Edwards reported that Committee information would be included in the new Community Newsletter with a placeholder for meeting dates and other relevant information. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for March 28th. A new meeting time for the Committee of 6:30 pm was approved.

Mr. Herman made a motion to move the regular meeting start time to

6:30 pm Ms. Hutman seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0. All members were present.

Ms. Edwards followed up on a potential joint meeting with the Education Committee to discuss bullying. The next regular meeting of the Education Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th.

C. [PSC-090](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT

Lt. Shaivitz provided information on vehicle burglaries and Operation Wild Stallion. Since December 1st, 28 DUI arrests had been made. The next meeting for the Wild Stallion initiative was tentatively planned as a teleconference. Additional discussion included texting and driving, vehicle burglaries, home video systems, Wellington's street team and gang activity in Wellington.

D. [PSC-091](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT

Battalion Chief Muller provided a report on recent response time averages and ways that PBCFR continued to work toward reducing response times. Over the last 2 months, 923 calls were run out of Wellington; 643 medical and 18 fires. Fire Rescue had teamed up with Community Services to create a PSA to warn of fireplace and chimney hazards.

IX Closing Comments

A. [PSC-092](#) OPEN DISCUSSION AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Edwards suggested that members prepare a list of suggested future agenda items and forward to staff for dissemination to the Committee for review and feedback.

Ms. Hutman suggested that discussion of stalking, harrassment and mental illness issues be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Mr. Herman suggested emailing future agenda items to Ms. Edwards and suggested doing a PSA with the Education Committee and/or having students do an essay or presentation on texting and driving.

Mr. Akther suggested texting, bullying, school safety and marijuana and how sales related to safety.

Ms. McBrayer suggested inviting parents to attend the joint meeting with the Education Committee.

Mr. Akther suggested inviting the School Police.

X Public Comments

Tim Eikner, resident at 1609 Primrose Lane and Rye Terrace neighborhood watch captain voiced concerns regarding recent issues at Wellington High School and commended Wellington and PBSO for addressing his neighborhoods issues and allowing him to feel safer in his neighborhood.

John Shriner, neighborhood watch captain and former Crimestoppers President discussed the school police.

Mr. Ray Barbaresi, resident at 14541 Stirrup Lane asked that Wellington assist in promoting a requirement to be completely hands free in vehicles.

Mr. Herman addressed a written public comment from Mr. William Klein.

XI Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm