

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

4:00 PM

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

*Matthew Aldrich
Michael Arena
Robert Chenoweth
Ron Herman
Matthew Ladd
Helena Muñoz
Michael Weil*

I Call to Order

Nicole Coates called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II Pledge of Allegiance

Nicole Coates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Members present: Matthew Aldrich, Michael Arena, Robert Chenoweth, Ron Herman, Matthew Ladd, Helena Muñoz and Michael Weil.

Guests: Sergeant Matthew DeJoy, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Chief Amanda Vomero, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. Attending virtually: Ruta Jariwala and Anna Highsmith of TJKM Consulting.

Staff members present: Nicole Coates, Gloria Kelly and Jonathan Reinsvold

IV Opening Comments

Committee members introduced themselves and gave brief backgrounds to their experience and how they are looking forward to serve this committee.

A. [PSC-262](#) SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Michael Arena nominated Michael Weil for the position as Chair of the committee. Robert Chenoweth seconded the nomination.
Ron Herman nominated himself for the Vice Chair position of the committee. Michael Arena seconded his nomination.
The committee voted 6-0 for Michael Weil as Chair and Ron Herman as Vice Chair.

V Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Chair Michael Weil and seconded by Michael Arena and unanimously passed (6-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

VI Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Chair Michael Weil and seconded by Vice Chair Ron Herman and unanimously passed (6-0) to approve the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes.

A. [PSC-266](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

VII Old Business

No old business

VIII Staff Report

Ms. Coates introduced herself to the committee. She explained her role as being the staff liaison for the Public Safety Committee as well as her day-to-day duties as Emergency Management and Public Safety Director.

She told the committee that if they have any items they wish to have included in the meeting agendas to let her know.

IX Reports

A. [PSC-264](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT

District Chief Amanda Vomero introduced herself to the committee and explained her role and her district. She shared that Wellington has four fire stations. Chief Vomero explained that during the meeting she typically will give the committee the quarterly response time report and updates.

Chief Vomero said that hurricane preparations are underway for the upcoming storm season and Fire Rescue has done all the walk-throughs at all Palm Beach County schools. She went on to share some events that took place through the months of March, April, and May.

Chief Vomero shared that from March 11, 2024 to June 11, 2024, Fire Rescue had 1,682 calls and 75% of the calls were medical. The average response time was 6 minutes, 43 seconds.

Chief Vomero mentioned that if there are any topics the committee would like to hear about, she is more than happy to set up a presentation. Vice Chair Herman asked Chief Vomero if there has been a recent presentation on CPR. Chief Vomero stated she would ask Ms. Coates since she took command in April 2023.

B. [PSC-265](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT

Sergeant Matthew DeJoy presented on behalf of District 8. He introduced himself to the committee and shared how traffic is one of the major enforcements inside the Village of Wellington. He stated that there are 67 sworn deputies and six non-sworn employees in District 8.

Sergeant DeJoy shared that Wellington is unique from other cities because they have two unmarked traffic cars. He went on to share the quarterly report and that there have been four burglaries to business this year, one burglary to a construction site, ten burglaries in residences, 67 burglaries to vehicles, and 11 recoveries of stolen vehicles.

Sergeant DeJoy shared the traffic statistics with the committee and that the traffics stops are up 1,884 from last year. He went on to give brief updates and statistics to the operations taking place in the Village of Wellington.

The committee members asked the Sergeant if the vehicle crimes are being committed by Wellington residents or people coming from other areas.

X New Business**A. [PSC-261](#) VISION ZERO UPDATES**

Ms. Coates moved on to the Vision Zero project and shared a brief synopsis of this project. She introduced the Wellington Engineer, Jonathan Reinsvold who spoke to the committee about the outreach that has been done to get resident feedback on Vision Zero and Traffic safety items. Mr. Reinsvold introduced the TJKM consultants, Ruta Jariwala and Anna Hightower who presented virtually.

The consultants spoke about the Wellington Vision Zero plan and the breakdown to what has been done so far through this plan. They shared what safety projects were currently being planned.

Committee members asked questions relating to how the information is given to the Vision Zero team as well as turn lane safety in some areas around the houses of worship off of Big Blue Trace. Questions about the lighting along certain parts of the community were brought up to the consultants and the Village Engineer.

B. [PSC-263](#) SELECTION OF TOP COP AND TOP FIREFIGHTER FOR 2024

Vice Chair Ron Herman recused himself from the Top Cop voting due to some work-related matters. Robert Chenoweth nominated Agent McDonald and it was seconded by Matthew Ladd, unanimously passed (6-0) to select Agent Terrance McDonald as the 2024 Top Cop.

Vice Chair Ron Herman nominated Captain Jessica Banks and it was seconded by Chair Michael Weil, unanimously passed (7-0) to select Captain Jessica Banks as the 2024 Top Firefighter.

XI Public Comments

There was no public comment.

XII Closing Comments

The committee members commented on the meeting being very informative and they are looking forward to the next meeting and to be working with everyone.

XIV Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.