

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

6:30 PM

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

Mohammad Junaid Akther

Michael Arena

John Archambo

Richard Christmas

Jacqueline Hutman

Brad Johnson

Michael Weil

I Call to Order

Chair Michael Weil called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

II Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Michael Weil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Committee Members present: Michael Weil, Mohammad Junaid Akther, Michael Arena, Jacqueline Hutman, John Archambo, Richard Christmas, and Brad Johnson.

Staff Present: Nicole Coates, Gloria Kelly, and Patrick Barthelemy

Guests: PBSO Lieutenant Eli Shaivitz, PBCFR District Chief Arena, PBC Fire Marshall David Derita, and PBC Community Risk Reduction Division & Communication Team, Elyse Brown.

IV Opening Comments

All committee members welcomed each other to the meeting and stated they are looking forward to the meeting.

V Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Michael Arena, seconded by John Archambo, and unanimously passed (7-0), to approve the agenda as presented.

VI Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Arena, seconded by John Archambo, and unanimously passed (7-0), to approve the March 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 3_24_21 Draft](#)

VII Old Business

Chair Michael Weil thanked everyone who attended the Village Council meeting where the Public Safety essay winners were recognized.

VIII New Business

Brad Johnson asked if the Public Safety Committee or any of the committees have a purpose statement.

Ms. Coates stated she would share the purpose statement with the committee.

IX Reports

Ms Coates informed the committee that Wellington won 2 Traffic Safety awards Wellington was recognized for, The Engineering Department was recognized for the Flashing Yellow Light at the intersection of Wellington Trace and Greenview Shores and the other for the Roundabout intersection at Greenbriar and Ousley Farms.

Ms. Coates also mentioned that Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 8 was recognized for their Operation Bent Metal Initiative to reduce traffic crashes in Wellington.

She went on to share the updates of the Gold Cart ordinance at that the second reading is scheduled for August 24, 2021.

Ms.Coates mentioned that prior to the pandemic the committee was working with the Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition. They were organizing a "Drive to Safe Lives Tour". This is a possible opportunity for the committee to partner with this organization.

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Attachments: [FYA Summary](#)

Assistance Village Engineer, Patrick Barthelemy introduced himself and began by playing a the Village of Wellington Flashing Yellow Light PSA . At the conclusion of the PSA, Mr. Barthelemy gave a brief presentation on the history and use of the new flashing yellow light. This flashing light was installed at the intersection of Greenview Shores and Wellington Trace.

Mr. Barthelemy answered questions from the committee in regards to signage, traffic pattern, and future projects.

Mr. Christmas stated he thought the yellow flashing light was brilliant.

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Lt. Shaivitz introduced himself to the committee. He explained the Operation Bent Metal initiative which was created to look at some issues with traffic and to keep the crashes down. The Lt. reported that crashes are down by 4% from January to April.

Lt. Shaivitz referenced the PBSO annual report and shared what he feels is the most important slide. The slide he refer to shows the ranking of the cities in the area and where Wellington stands in regards to crime bases on population, residential burglaries, vehicle burglaries and robberies.

He went on to mention that due to COVID-19 more people were at home, which helped to deter crime in the areas. He stated the numbers are continuing to trend downward.

The committee requested that the Village share safety tips on the Wellington website.

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Chief Tozzi introduced himself to the Committee. Chief Tozzi shared the March 2021 total response time was 6 minutes, 54 seconds. He went on to share the April 2021 total response time was 6 minutes and 58 seconds and May 2021 total response time was 6 minutes 43 seconds.

Chief Tozzi shared with the committee about the trend of hydrogen gas alarms that are coming from golf carts charging. Chief Tozzi Introduced PBC Fire Marshall David Derita and Fire Safety Specialist, Elyse Brown who have both taken the lead on the trend and raised awareness to the public. Fire Marshall Derita gave a presentation on hydrogen gas and the new trend of golf cart charging emitting the gas.

Fire Marshall Derita shared the Golf Cart charging safety PSA.

Mr. Arena thanked them for bringing this trend to the committee's attention.

Ms. Hutman asked if this information could be shared with the Watch captains.

Ms. Coates stated Wellington could share this information and share it with our groups.

X Public Comments

There were no public comments.

XI Closing Comments

Mr. Johnson had no closing comments.

Mr. Archambo had no closing comments.

Ms. Hutman had no comments but thanked everyone for the very good presentations this evening.

Ms. Akther thanked the Fire Rescue staff and the Lt. for their presentations this evening.

Mr. Weil thanked Fire Rescue for their presentation and stated he did not know about this topic until this evening. He hopes we can share this information to our community and our HOAs.

Mr. Christmas thanked the first responders for doing their best to keep the Village of Wellington residents safe.

Mr. Arena thanked PBSO and Fire Rescue for always being there for our community and bringing these items to our attention.

XII Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.