



City of Doral Police & Traffic Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center

3rd Floor Training Room

8401 N.W. 53rd Terrace

Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Radys Nader, Chair	Present
Frank Vaio, Vice-Chair	Present
Wesley Roddy, Secretary	Present
Maria Huston, Board Member	Present

Also present were:

Major Daniel Borrego, Police Department
Captain Nancy Fernandez, Police Department
Lieutenant Ernesto Garcia, Police Department
Sergeant Guillermo Santiago, Police Department
Rey Valdez, Police Department
Rita Carbonell, Public Works Department
Eugene Collings, Public Works Department

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

- a. Mr. Pierre Christ commented on the speed trailer he saw in a Doral Park and was intrigued in seeing the various new and modified trailers that are currently in the inventory. Mr. Christ says he's witnessed more joggers using the green bike lanes in the Doral Parks and stated that those were strictly for bicycle riders only.

5. Approval of Minutes

The board decided to postpone the approval of minutes to next meeting due to them not being sent prior to the meeting.

6. Discussion Items

a. Discussion: Meet with Rey Valdez – Doral Police Information Officer

Mr. Valdez discussed his role and responsibility as the Information Officer for the Doral Police Department to the board. Some of his responsibilities include managing social media accounts, handling requests from the media both digital and electronic (TV, Radio and Print) in both reactionary and proactive modes depending on the event that is occurring in the City that garners or warrants media attention. Mr. Valdez also provides interviews to the media in English and Spanish and he tries to accentuate the positive things the Police Department does for the Community. Mr. Valdez said that a lot of millennials use social media for everything, and he has to remind them that the Doral Police Department twitter and Instagram account is not monitored 24/7 and should not be used to notify the police during an emergency. Citizens should use 911 in case of an emergency.

DPD Twitter Account: <https://twitter.com/doralpolice?lang=en>

DPD Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/doralpd/>

b. Discussion: Annexation – Status & Impact

Major Borrego provided a detailed explanation and various copies of maps showing the new annexed areas of the City of Doral. Major Borrego said that all requests for annexation were approved by Miami-Dade County and in one case, one request was modified and made larger. Doral Police is considering dividing the City into three areas for patrol if the City Council approves these three new annexed areas. Below are the proposed areas the City submitted for annexation.

Section6:<https://www.miamidade.gov/incorporationandannexation/library/maps/doral-section-6.pdf>

Section15:<https://www.miamidade.gov/incorporationandannexation/library/maps/doral-section-15.pdf>

Section16:<https://www.miamidade.gov/incorporationandannexation/library/maps/doral-section-16.pdf>

c. Discussion: Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail

Lieutenant Garcia said that their unit has been enforcing the residential areas and no through truck zones, particularly those in the northwest side of the City. During the month of March, particularly those in the northwest side of the City, they wrote approximately 60 citations and by the end of April, the amount of citations increased to 166. Although there are posted signs saying 'No through trucks', there are many other areas/directions of traffic that do not have those signs posted and thus those areas can't be enforced by Doral Police. Lieutenant Garcia said they have established a few initiatives that will detail members from both Traffic and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) to help alleviate this particular problem. Traffic and CVE will continue to enforce the Northside of the City and work with the Florida Highway Patrol (FPH) to enforce the Southside of the City. Since the FPH are Department of Transportation (DOT) certified and can stop a truck for a routine inspection with a probable cause or violation, the Doral Police Department will work alongside them to help enforce commercial vehicle traffic. FHP also provided Doral Police with additional training.

d. Discussion: Presentation by Public Works on future projects and traffic calming solutions

Ms. Carbonell and Mr. Collings presented to the board all the various initiatives and projects their office is and has managed. Those include: Capital Improvement

Projects, Completed Master Plans, Transportation Master Plans, Bike Network Plans, transit mobility plans, ongoing/projects and studies, congestion management plan, citywide parking study, transit study, trolley system update. They went in-depth on their numerous on-going design projects throughout the City and their level of completion. Other topics discussed were the County's adaptive signal control plans, CCTV cameras, automated and manual signal timing. Public Works discussed their current and upcoming construction improvement projects as well. Lastly, they discussed a State project that will involve building a ramp connecting N.W. 117 Avenue North of N.W. 25th Street to the northbound Turnpike as well as an adjacent slip ramp that will allow traffic to go over or bypass N.W. 41st Street. This will be a five-year project, with construction starting this year. Public Works: <https://www.cityofdoral.com/all-departments/public-works/>

e. Open Discussion

Mr. Valdez explained the new statewide texting and driving law that takes effect on July 1st and will become effective on October 1st. From October 1st to January 1st, 2020, the Doral Police can stop, warn and educate drivers of this new law. Effective January 1st, Doral Police will be issuing citations for texting while driving. Additionally, if you are in a posted school or work zone and you are holding a handheld device and making a call or simply using it, the drivers will be issued a ticket and will be considered and treated as a moving violation.

7. New Business

- a. No new business.

8. Discussion of next meeting agenda items

- a. Discussion: DPD Budget

9. Future Meeting Date: Thursday, June 27th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

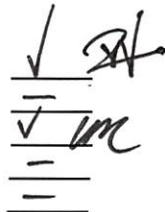
Respectfully submitted,



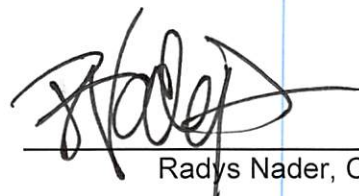
Wesley Roddy, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 23rd, 2019 Police & Traffic Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____.

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



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of June 2019



Radys Nader, Chair