

**SECURITY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 10, 2007
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

Erasmus Reyes
Antonio Maldonado
Luis López
Julio Bagué

Others in Attendance:

Capt. Benjamin Orengo, St. James
José Juan Martínez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Erasmo Reyes, Chairman.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting were approved upon a motion by Erasmo Reyes seconded by Antonio Maldonado.

III. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

A. 14 year olds

The special committee considering a proposal to allow students 14 year old and older to drive golf carts to and from the Palmas Academy during school hours met on November 7, 2007. A comprehensive program proposal has been developed along the following lines:

1. The request and the authorization for a student to participate in this program must come from the interested parents. Parents must certify in a written document prepared by PHA that:

- a. The golf-cart is properly registered with PHA and complies with all safety inspection and insurance requirements
 - b. PHA and the Palmas Academy are held harmless and free of any responsibility and against any claims, suits, liability, cost or expenses related to the operation of a golf cart by a student while driving to and from the Academy.
 - c. The student will comply with all terms, rules and regulations governing the operation of golf carts within Palmas del Mar as outlined in the agreement between the cart owners and PHA.
 - d. The student will attend a special golf-cart driver's education program established by PHA prior to being authorized to drive the golf cart to and from the Academy during school hours.
 - e. The student will carry with him an identification card (I.D.) issued by PHA security while driving the golf-cart.
 - f. The authorization may be revoked and the I.D. withdrawn for violations of golf cart rules or upon the request by the Academy or PHA.
 - g. The student will remain in good standing at the Academy throughout the school year as certified by the Palmas Academy.
 - h. The student will not be allowed to drive the cart at any other time.
2. Student information will be provided to PHA to include name, date of birth, grade, homeroom leader, emergency contact person and number and Palmas home address. This information will also be included in the I.D. card.
 3. Parent Information to include name, address, telephone, etc.
 4. Good standing certification from the Academy.
 5. PHA Golf Cart agreement registration information.
 6. Golf Cart Drivers Education Program completion information and certification.
 7. I.D. card number and date of issue.

The special committee considering this matter has concurred on moving forward with the program; however, the President of the Academy Board of Directors has raised objection to the program. The Committee is scheduled to meet on mid-December to make a final recommendation to the Security Committee.

B. Electronic Surveillance

An electronic surveillance proposal for critical areas in Palmas del Mar was requested from Indrescom Security Technologies Inc. The proposal is now ready for presentation and will be presented to the PHA Security Committee at its next meeting in January 2008. The proposal consists of an array of 22 remote cameras monitoring and transmitting live images to a Virtual Eyes Surveillance Center. The cost of this system is approximately \$100,000.

IV. SECURITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Luis López, PHA Security Director, reported that there were no homicides, sexual aggressions, robberies, aggressions or stolen vehicles during the month of October. Five burglaries were reported; three of them in Harbor Lights, one in Beach Village and one in Harborside. Four illegal appropriations were also reported. Ten individuals were detained and turned over to the Police. The CIC is investigating and has identified suspects possibly associated with the burglaries in Harborlights. Again, service personnel being used by homeowners in the area are the prime suspects.

St. James security has added a golf-cart patrol during the day in the Harbor Lights area. This patrol has proven very effective and excellent feedback is being received from the homeowners in the area. The Tactical Team continues to patrol this area at night.

A problem has surfaced now in Las Villas de Palmas II where six burglaries were discovered during the 8-9 December weekend. According to the CIC this was the result of a single theft operative put together by someone with daily access to this area. This area has no security guard and the access control barrier can be easily activated by walking into the guardhouse. The CIC has already identified several suspects and is working on the interrogations. A meeting with the regime Board members, the CIC, the regime administrators and PHA Security is scheduled on December 13, 2007 to review the status of the investigations and the actions taken as a result of these incidents. PHA Security and St. James are working very closely with the CIC. Additional security measures to include the posting of security in this complex have been implemented.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Julio Bagué expressed concern with commercial vans exiting through the main gate without being searched. He believes these vehicles should use the service gate and be subject to searches.

It was explained that, according to the existing access control procedures, commercial vans with signs (rotuladas) are required to use the service gate. However, this restriction is not applied to vans without signs owned by Palmas residents that are registered with PHA and have PHA decals and AVI cards.

Mr. Bagué indicated that the procedures should be modified to force these vans to use the service gate regardless of who they belong to since they are commercial vehicles. Mr. Erasmo Reyes pointed out that this is a very sensitive area as you must be careful with giving a different treatment to residents simply because they are driving a commercial vehicle as their means of transportation. Perhaps emphasis should be placed on commercial vehicles that are not registered in PHA whether they have signs or not.

Luis López and Tony Maldonado will follow-up on this matter to assess how procedures could be modified to insure enforcement of using the back gate and searching all non registered commercial vehicles.

VI. ADJOURN

The Security Committee adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008.