

**SECURITY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 4, 2008  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members:**

Antonio Maldonado  
Luis López  
Julio Bagué  
Daniel Vasse  
José Colón

**Others in Attendance:**

Capt. Benjamin Orengo, St. James  
Sr. José Juan Martínez

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by acting Chairman Antonio Maldonado in the absence of Erasmo Reyes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 14, 2008 were approved upon a motion by José Colón seconded by Daniel Vasse.

**III. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS**

**A. CIC Update**

Nothing new to report. The CIC continues to work active cases. The Humacao District Attorney will be invited along with the CIC to attend the next Security Committee meeting. The objective here is to gain a better understanding of the process for processing criminal cases.

## **B. Perimeter Surveillance System**

A presentation of the Perimeter Surveillance System proposal presented by Virtual Eyes Corporation to the Security Committee on January 14, 2008 was presented to the PHA Board of Directors on January 18, 2008. The proposal was well received and the PHA Board has authorized the identification of funds to support this program. The objective is to install a Perimeter Surveillance System by phases beginning with the most critical areas. Joint programs with individual regimes should be developed and incorporated into subsequent phases.

## **IV. CRIME STATISTICS REVIEW**

Mr. Luis López, PHA Security Director, conducted a comprehensive review of all criminal, delinquency and incidents which took place at Palmas del Mar during the month of January. Significant items include six (6) illegal appropriations and four (4) burglaries reported during January. In the four burglaries (Roble Valley, Plaza del Mar, Harbor Lakes and Sunrise – one each) the primary property stolen was T.V. sets. According to the CIC, this has been a pattern which began in early 2007 whereby electronic equipment primarily Plasma T.V.'s are being stolen and resold in what appears to be an emerging black market. The CIC is following closely on all these cases and have lifted fingerprints for matching with existing records.

There were 23 individuals detained by Palmas Security. Of these, eleven were turned over to the Police.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Daniel Vasse made reference to an incident whereby one of his employees was not given a pass to enter because he did not have the driver's license with him. Although Mr. Vasse had called and advised the Dispatcher that the individual has a driver's license but it was simply left at home he was not given a pass. Eventually the individual drove through the Main Gate by simply saying he was going to "Chez Daniel". Mr. Vasse believes that in these cases a little flexibility and common sense must be used to prevent people from doing what this employee did and thus defeating the purpose for an access control.

It was pointed out that the Dispatcher had acted correctly and had followed the Standard Operating Procedure which calls for individuals to demonstrate a valid driver's license when picking up passes to enter Palmas. This is in compliance with the Municipal Ordinance. Mr. Victor Nieto added that caution be observed in considering giving passes to people without licenses since they could become involved in an accident which may result in a liability to PHA and for the person who authorized his entry into Palmas. Also, if the individual is a regular employee he should have a permanent pass to enter Palmas del Mar which would have precluded the situation presented by Mr. Vasse.

Mr. Victor Nieto also noted that he has observed some patrol vehicles driving too fast for no apparent reason. Vehicles should be driven at a speed that allows the security guard to pay attention to the areas being patrolled. If responding to an emergency the vehicles should display the emergency lights to let other vehicles know he is responding to a security or a safety situation. Captain Orengo, St. James Services Supervisor, took note of Mr. Nieto's observation for subsequent action.

Mr. Nieto also asked if there is an alarm system in Palmas monitored centrally by Palmas Security. He was informed that such a system has been in existence at Palmas for several years. Through this system alarms installed at properties within Palmas by Campo Rico Electronics are monitored by the PHA Security Dispatch. Alarm activations are shown at the Security Dispatch which will immediately send a patrol to the alarm site to investigate. This system has been endorsed by PHA and recommended to the community. Unfortunately many homeowners are not taking advantage of this system and the quick security response it represents to them.

## **V. ADJOURN**

The Security Committee adjourned at 7:55 p.m.