

**SECURITY COMMITTEE
MARCH 3, 2008
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members:

Erasmus Reyes
Edd Siler
Antonio Maldonado
Luis López
Julio Bagué
Daniel Vasse
José Colón
Agapito Cosme
Mary Jo Espasas
Victor Nieto
Agustín Cabrer

Others in Attendance:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Erasmo Reyes, Chairman.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting were approved upon a motion by Daniel Vasse seconded by José Colón.

III. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

Antonio Maldonado informed that the Perimeter Surveillance System has been approved in principle by the PHA Board of Directors. The cost of the initial phase of this system is approximately \$150,000. Since this item is not included in the PHA Budget PHA is

working with Banco Popular to finance such a project. The bank is waiting for the 2007 audited financial statements to evaluate the loan. In view of the many problems being encountered along the Sunrise perimeter, this area is being added to the initial project. The PHA Board will have a review of the project on March 14, 2008 to consider its final approval.

Mr. José Colón informed that La Jolla is also coordinating with Virtual Eyes for the installation of a similar surveillance system in the regime.

Mr. Maldonado also reported that 100% check of closed vans and trucks is being performed at the back gate. A special mirror has been acquired to inspect the platform interior of big trucks.

Also, the problems with residents leaving homes with doors and window opened continues. Mr. Daniel Vasse added that realtors are contributing to this problem as often they leave homes with doors unlocked following a showing. In Sunrise there is a series of abandoned/repossessed homes with doors and windows opened. Some of these homes have furniture and house articles left by previous owners. Vandals and thieves are aware of these homes and have stolen property from these more than once.

Mr. Erasmo Reyes pointed out that entry and exit to the regimes is controlled by the regime administration. Regimes administrators must implement 100% checks of closed vehicles at exit points and work with realtors to heighten level of awareness of the problem.

IV. SECURITY DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Luis López, PHA Security Director, presented a comprehensive report outlining delinquency, criminal activity and incidents at Palmas del Mar for the month of February and year to date. There were seven (7) burglaries reported during the month of February. Four of these took place in abandoned or unoccupied homes in Sunrise. The other three took place in HarborLights, Beach Village and Aquabella.

There were five illegal appropriations reported in February. These illegal appropriations were scattered throughout Palmas. Fifteen (15) individuals were detained and turned over to the Police. Twelve (12) persons were rescued from drowning by the Beach Patrol. Beach Patrol personnel has been provided with a special rescue surfing board and life savers equipment. The rescue board is ten-foot long capable of multiple simultaneous rescues.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Antonio Maldonado informed that a contingency plan has been put together for Easter Week anticipating an increase in visitors and activity at Palmas del Mar. Patrols have been augmented with bicycle and golf cart patrols. Special attention will be given to Palmanova Plaza at night and the beach areas during the day.

Daniel Vasse suggested that each residential area must have a comprehensive security action plan to deal with each individual situation and particulars. Each president should be reminded that St. James made an offer to meet with each residential area and work specific regime plans and recommendations.

Edd Siler asked to be added to the daily security report distribution list. He also discussed the problem of people putting metals and unauthorized items in dumpsters that are no longer accepted by the land fills. Dumpsters should be monitored to avoid penalties and problems as trash collection companies are getting tough with this issue. Waste management has sent guidelines of what can be deposited in dumpsters.

Agustin Cabrer informed that he has noticed dogs in a trail they typically use behind his house. PHA should consider placing a dog cage in that area. Mr. Maldonado indicated that this same trail goes through Surfside and a trap has been placed at that location.

VI. ADJOURN

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