



BOCA WEST MASTER ASSOCIATION

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes

In attendance: Harvey Ehrlich, Stuart Rosenholtz and David Okun were present. Chief Joseph Lastella and Sean Wasloff, Security Administrator, were also present. Dr. Sean Lenhan and Mary Banmiller, Executive Director, were absent due to their attendance at the Commissioner's meeting. Iris Hyman and Steve Milhauser were absent.

Chief Lastella called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and established a quorum.

Chairman's Overview

No business to report.

Director of Security Report

Chief Lastella reviewed the Security report.

Stop Sign Camera Testing

Chief Lastella provided an update on stop sign camera testing. A regular-sized camera with the software is expected to be available for rollout by September or October. The group discussed stop sign cameras and citations, with Chief Lastella explaining that while the software system is in place, they are still working on implementing it with a third-party company. He clarified that unlike previous arrangements, this new system will operate on a flat fee structure where Boca West will maintain control over the fines, rather than an outside company taking a percentage. The implementation details and specific costs are still pending a proposal from the service provider.

New Security Uniforms

The group discussed changes to security uniforms, with Chief Lastella explaining that the Board decided to implement a more military-looking uniform with dark pants and vests as a deterrent. He reported that while the new uniforms are slightly less comfortable due to the added vest, they haven't received significant complaints, and the team adjusts by removing vests during outdoor details that might last longer than typical calls. The discussion also touched on how the new uniforms have caused people to pay more attention to security personnel.

Chief Lastella reported there are ongoing issues with the inner gate villages who are unhappy with the new uniforms. The Board gave the village presidents the option to hire a third-party security company.

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The cost of training in-house security to be armed guards would have been approximately \$600 per person for training plus insurance, while switching to an outside company would have cost over \$800,000 annually. He noted that current personnel costs are around \$2.3 million, including guards, PBSO Deputies, and licenses. He is reviewing the security financial needs in preparation for budget planning.

Golf Cart Path and Signage Updates

The group discussed changes to golf cart paths following construction. Chief Lastella confirmed the construction was completed but signs had not yet been installed. Mr. Ehrlich identified a missing sign near Course 4 where the path intersects with Island Court. Chief Lastella will have Maintenance add the missing signage. Mr. Okun suggested discussing with Mrs. Banmiller about keeping carts on Boca West Drive rather than using the path. Mr. Ehrlich noted that a new crossing had been installed at that location.

Chief Lastella confirmed that all construction work was completed, including new signs and crosswalks on Bridgewood Drive and Cedarwood Dr. Mr. Ehrlich and Mr. Okun expressed satisfaction with the improvements, noting they were much needed and would be helpful during the season. Mr. Okun mentioned he would reach out to Mrs. Banmiller regarding the architect's review of recreational paths, as this was outside Security's scope of work.

Chief Lastella will monitor the area by Fairway Oaks and Peppertree for an additional stop sign when season begins as there is no traffic now.

Committee Member Comments

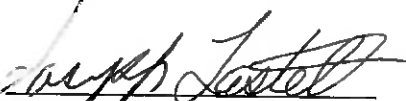
There was no business to discuss.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 P.M.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Chief Joe Lastella
Director of Security

Date

