

**MINUTES  
FORT MYERS BEACH  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Town Hall  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by John Goggin. Members present: Pete Crumpacker, John Goggin, Tom Gressman and Joe LaDuca  
Excused: Ron Fleming and Ed Scott.  
Staff: Chelsea O'Riley

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 21, 2018**

**MOTION:** Mr. Goggin moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. ?

**VOTE:** Motion approved unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.**

**V. BIKE PED MASTER PLAN**

**Reallocate Funding/Criteria and the Cultural Loop**

Sean DePalma, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that he was working with BORCAB (Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Advisory Board) in developing a recommendation to Council for the Heart of the Island and the Cultural Loop. He noted that they initiated a conversation with LeeTran regarding an official stop for the tram at the switch over. He noted that the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) plan laid out a bike path and pedestrian path that he envisioned incorporating into the landscape and hardscape in the recommendation to Council. He commented on uses for the adjacent property and he noted that opening up Gulf Breeze may present a safety issue for students. Mr. DePalma envisioned making the entrance one way if they obtain the adjacent parcel of land.

Mr. Crumpacker questioned whether LeeTran was a partner with the Town. Mr. DePalma replied that they were not partners and discussions regarding the stop were preliminary. LeeTran will provide renderings and finance the final project. Ms. O'Riley noted that LeeTran purchased another tram and they were planning to provide the service during season.

Mr. Goggin stated that they were requesting a design study that included the entire cultural loop. He discussed integrating the bike trails and walking paths with the preserve at the

bay, the library and Bay Oaks. He noted that all groups in the area needed to be coordinated and he discussed the lack of signage, water, stable sidewalks and shaded areas. He questioned who would coordinate all the groups. Mr. DePalma replied that he will bring up the topic of coordination with the Town Manager tomorrow and report back to the PSC at their next meeting. Mr. Goggin noted that they wanted to make sure that \$30,000.00 would be sufficient to cover the design.

Consensus was held to table the conversation regarding reallocating funding until the next meeting.

## **VI. BUDGET UPDATE – IMPACT FEES**

Ms. O’Riley noted that Council did not make a decision regarding the Crescent St. sidewalk but they wanted to discuss it in the future. Mr. Goggin noted that they needed information from engineers before making any recommendations.

## **VII. LIGHTING STUDY (if available)**

Ms. O’Riley noted that she received the study and will meet with the Town Manager before releasing the report to the PSC.

## **VIII. MEMBER’S ITEMS**

Mr. Gressman - questioned whether the pedestrian refuge in front of The Wyndam would be removed. He described safety issues and he noted that the crosswalk was lighted and worked well. He questioned why the refuge needed to be at that location. Ms. O’Riley will research plans for the area and she indicated that she will forward a link to the online schedule.

Mr. Goggin - noted that he saw crosswalks highlighted in red and outlined in white when he traveled to another town. He stated that the crosswalks were hard to miss.

Mr. Crumpacker – envisioned coordinated, timed pedestrian lights to move people. He questioned available technology to coordinate lights. Mr. Gressman stated that money was an issue. Mr. LaDuca suggested decreasing the speed limit to 15 from the bridge past the Lani Kai with wider and more defined crosswalks. Mr. Crumpacker indicated that it needed to be coordinated with law enforcement.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leon Moyer, resident, questioned whether the sidewalk would be repaired from Times Square south to the pavers. He noted that cars did not look when turning left and cut bicycles off. He mentioned education.

Ms. O’Riley noted that Council tentatively approved replacing the sidewalk from the Lani Kai to Times Square and her goal was to fix it before season. She indicated that Lee County was more focused on a large-scale project with drainage in the area. She noted that lighting conduit needed to be installed before the sidewalk construction. Mr. Goggin noted that part of the pedestrian study looked at signage on the sidewalk.

Mr. Goggin stated that he will contact Jim Rodwell regarding natural vegetation.

Mr. Crumpacker questioned whether they could redo plantings at the north end. Ms. O'Riley will look into it.

**X. SET NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Crumpacker moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. Gressman.

**VOTE:** Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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