

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

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Fleming. Members present: Chair Fleming, John Goggin, Tom Gressman and Ed Scott.

Excused: Pete Crumpacker and Joe LaDuca.

Staff: Chelsea O'Riley

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 19, 2018**

Minutes not available.

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

**V. BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN – Prioritizing Projects**

Mr. Goggin commented that sidewalks on Crescent St. from Estero down were a safety issue and should be done sooner than five years from now. Mr. Gressman questioned whether the area would be done as part of the Margaritaville development. Mr. Goggin noted that past Fifth St. would not be affected and there was no safe haven for pedestrians. He suggested that PSC recommend that Council install sidewalks on the south side from Estero to First St. and mark the parking under the bridge to indicate a safe haven for pedestrians to walk. Chair Fleming commented that the County was interested in making Crescent St. one way.

Ms. O'Riley stated that she provided a copy of the Matanzas Plans. In their CPD they were required to install a 10-foot sidewalk or equal or lesser value on their property. She noted that preliminary discussions regarding the sidewalk were in progress. Mr. Goggin felt that the sidewalk should be their first priority because it would be a big benefit to the Town. Chair Fleming stated that Crescent St. had to be a priority.

Mr. Gressman noted that bike lanes or shoulders were not mentioned for Crescent St. Mr. Scott indicated that the plan showed shared lanes for bicycles and vehicles. Discussion was held regarding whether Matanzas was required to pay for the sidewalk.

**MOTION:** Chair Fleming moved to recommend to Town Council that Crescent St. sidewalks, pedestrian safety areas and shared lanes for bicycles be a priority; second by Mr. Scott.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, Chair Fleming withdrew his motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Goggin moved to recommend that Town Council direct Town Staff to prioritize the design and construction of sidewalks and a bike boulevard on Crescent St.; second by Mr. Scott.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goggin questioned making general recommendations. Chair Fleming suggested going through the entire list to identify low priorities first. Mr. Scott questioned whether drainage would have to be installed along with sidewalks. Ms. O'Riley replied that everything would be assessed with any design.

Discussion was held regarding the area around Bay Oaks and the school. Chair Fleming questioned whether LeeTran was responsible for providing refuge for their passengers. Ms. O'Riley responded that they could have that conversation with LeeTran.

**MOTION:** Mr. Goggin moved to recommend that the Town contact LeeTran to determine their plans for upgrading the Trolley stop on Bay Rd. and if they acquire the property in front of Bay Oaks that, at the time they look at development, they also consider bike and pedestrian traffic in the cultural loop; second by Chair Fleming.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goggin suggested tabling discussion surrounding the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) plans until the designs were available. Consensus was reached to table the discussion.

Ms. O'Riley noted that they should receive the results of the Lighting Study soon. Chair Fleming indicated they should wait for the results before making recommendations.

Discussion was held regarding code enforcement, education, signage and landscaping regarding sidewalks and crosswalks.

## **VI. MEMBER'S ITEMS**

Ms. O'Riley noted that the pavers from Avenue C to Times Square were a priority with staff. Mr. Scott felt that the area should be concrete. Chair Fleming agreed. Mr. Scott brought up recommending that Council and Town Attorneys look into requiring sidewalks with new construction on side streets. Mr. Gressman noted that some streets were too narrow for sidewalks. Mr. Goggin questioned costs for stamped concrete, pavers and concrete in Times Square. Ms. O'Riley stated that she did not have the figures yet but she thought the stamped concrete would be more expensive partially due to replacement costs. Mr. Goggin indicated that the concrete should be consistent except for in Times Square. He did not think installing pavers was a good idea. Mr. Goggin questioned who represented the PSC on the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Ms. O'Riley will find out and get back to them. Mr. Goggin addressed installing bike racks at all beach accesses by the end of the year. He questioned whether a commuter study on traffic patterns was ever undertaken. Ms. O'Riley did not think so.

Chair Fleming questioned the results of the water test. Ms. O'Riley will check with Ms. Burns.

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

**VIII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA** - August 21, 2018

Mr. Goggin questioned whether Chair Fleming should make a presentation including their two priorities during Council’s August budget meeting. Chair Fleming noted that he will be out of town. Mr. Goggin offered to make a presentation at the August 7, 2018 Council meeting. Ms. O’Riley discussed funding opportunities for Times Square. Mr. Goggin brought up using impact fees. Ms. O’Riley noted that impact fees could be considered.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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

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

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