

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Goggin.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mike Childs, Ron Fleming, John Goggin, Heidi Jungwirth and Jim Knickle.
Excused: Tom Gressman and Ed Scott.
Staff: Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley
Council Liaison: Bruce Butcher

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2019 - not available

August 20, 2019 minutes have not been approved.

**V. DISCUSSION AND FINAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY/TOWN
DESIGN FOR ESTERO BLVD. AT SOUTH END OF MATANZAS BRIDGE**

Manager O'Riley relayed comments made by Town Council and TPI representative John Gucciardo at the Council meeting on November 4, 2019. Chair Goggin revealed that he spoke with Mr. Gucciardo, who indicated that making Fifth a one-way was an issue. Chair Goggin commented that he would meet with Mayor Cereceda, Town Manager Hernstadt, County representatives and Commissioner Sandelli to review recommendations.

PSC Member Childs supported Fifth being two-way and a right turn so people could return to the Island without going back over the bridge. PSC Member Knickle agreed. PSC Member Jungwirth suggested installing signage to return to the Island.

PSC Member Jungwirth questioned whether the trolley stop at Crescent Park would be similar to the others on Estero Blvd. Manager O'Riley replied that it would be a pull-off like Newton Park. PSC Member Childs supported leaving the trolley stop in Times Square. Discussion was held regarding removing or relocating trolley and tram stops on Estero Blvd.

PSC Member Jungwirth stated that the main priority was to discover what Lee County was going to do with the Seafarer's property because it affected the final design.

PSC Member Fleming questioned installing a traffic signal at Crescent and Estero Blvd. Manager O'Riley confirmed that the County was installing the traffic light and funding would be released

July 1, 2020. Chair Goggin will add comments and suggestions to the previous list before meeting with Mayor Cerededa.

Manager O'Riley brought up allowing electric scooters for rent. Chair Goggin suggested that Manager O'Riley bring back the brochure for review and a recommendation. PSC Member Childs questioned what happened to the proposed pedestrian walkover. Chair Goggin replied that it was not on the recommendations. Manager O'Riley stated that the pedestrian walkover was affiliated with the TPI project.

VI. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR TOWN COUNCIL ON THE MPO LIGHTING STUDY – Review the financial summaries, by option, developed by the Town Finance Officer

Chair Goggin indicated that Town Council decided to hire a consultant to review the study from an amber lighting perspective. He questioned whether members were interested in developing questions for Council Members to consider regarding amber lights. PSC Member Childs questioned the need for adding additional poles due to existing poles. Chair Goggin summarized public comment lighting concerns from Council's meeting. He questioned whether there was a significant difference between the proposed white lighting and amber lights concerning turtle disorientation. He wondered whether they had enough right-of-way to install additional poles. PSC Member Knickle questioned whether pedestrians and bicyclists were more visible with white or amber lights. PSC Member Childs stated they needed to protect turtles and humans and he did not support turning off lights. PSC Member Jungwirth remarked that the proposed white lights could be shielded from the turtles.

Manager O'Riley stated that seven of eight new LEDs would contain amber lights at Crescent Beach Park. During season, only the amber lights would be turned on. She indicated that FP&L would provide a cost for the total number of fixtures. Chair Goggin brought up the 22 lights on Estero that caused disorientation. Manager O'Riley stated that the episode occurred after hurricane Irma and the lights had since been replaced. Chair Goggin added whether they could study a sampling of LED effectiveness versus the lights in the proposed study.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lowell Jaeger, resident, discussed the lack of bike safety on Estero Blvd. He suggested that the yellow line be moved to the brick past the asphalt at the north end of Estero Blvd. He described the dangers of bus lanes at the south end. He listed recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for bicycle lane safety. He recommended putting the bikes back on the sidewalk due to the narrow bike lane. Chair Goggin noted that Lee County was responsible for the design but he would pass along concerns.

VIII. MEMBER'S ITEMS

PSC Member Nickle questioned whether they received regular reports from the Sheriff's Department and other agencies. PSC Member Fleming indicated that the Fire Department information was on their website and he would share it with the PSC. Chair Goggin will contact Town Manager Hernstadt regarding obtaining Sheriff reports.

PSC Member Fleming suggested changing the name of PSC because they were not police or fire but PSC Member Knickle felt that the broad category allowed them to take on more projects. Manager O'Riley reviewed the branding meeting. She will forward the concepts presented and send a link to the meeting. She shared a list of comments from the meeting and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Chair Goggin questioned whether the County saw their top 10 list and whether it was funded in the add-ons. Manager O'Riley replied that Town Manager Hernstadt would contact the County and she was waiting to hear back from Lamar. She indicated funding for engineering and production for bus shelters were included on the add-on list. Chair Goggin suggested that Manager O'Riley take a look at soofa.com for standalone digital signs. He questioned whether the Sheriff and Fire provided input. Manager O'Riley replied that the Fire Department provided input and she would check with the Town Manager regarding the Sheriff.

Chair Goggin stated that specific lighting for specific crosswalks would be determined after the overall street lighting was designed.

Manager O'Riley clarified that the Town was paying for all lights in the Town, included those on Estero Blvd. She reached out to the MPO regarding paying for the lights on Estero Blvd. and she will report back to the PSC. She reported that the downtown sidewalk designs were ongoing and should reach 90% by the beginning of December. The sidewalks on Bay and School St. were approved and she will keep them updated on the project.

She stated that PSC was scheduled to present a written report to Council on April 6, 2020.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA - TBD

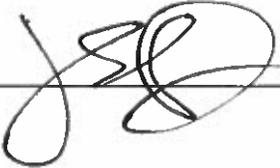
X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PSC Member Jungwirth moved to adjourn; no second.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Adopted 2-18-20 with/without changes. Motion by GOGGIN
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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