

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

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Goggin.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Suzanne Bahan, Mike Childs, Heidi Jungwirth (via phone), John Goggin, Tom Gressman, Jim Knickle and Dawn Thomas.

Staff: Administrative Officer Randy Paniagua.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2021

MOTION: PSC Member Gressman moved to approve the minutes; second by PSC Member Knickle.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. LCSO, FMBFD & MPO MONTHLY UPDATES – no updates.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY UPDATES

A. Beach Ministerial Meeting Update

Chair Goggin attended the meeting and reported that the reception was great. Paster Sean from Beach Baptist stated that the number of homeless people was low, so resources were focused in other areas. He noted that another meeting would be scheduled.

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B. Community Policing

Chair Goggin stated that Town Council voted down community policing but included \$25,000.00 for installing cameras. PSC Member Thomas expressed frustration regarding their decision. She questioned why Council bothered to ask for their opinion since they did not bother to listen. PSC Member Jungwirth agreed and noted that everyone spent hours working on the issue and was ignored in the end. She questioned why they did not have a joint meeting to discuss the decision. PSC Member Bahan stated that there were many homeless people and they stayed at Lynn Hall Park. She questioned why they spent so much time researching and making recommendations to

Council just to be ignored. She felt their work on the committee was a waste of time. PSC Member Knickle described how a community policing program would be an investment in the community and would give people a sense of control in their neighborhood. PSC Member Childs agreed with everyone's frustration. Chair Goggin was frustrated too but stated their role was to research and make recommendations to Council. He noted he was not surprised by their decision after watching meetings over the summer. He did not think their work was a waste of time because the community was more aware of the issue

C. Sanibel Crossing Aides

PSC Member Jungwirth stated she did not contact Sanibel yet.

VIII. BUDGET ITEM UPDATES – CODE BLUE & BICYCLE BELLS/LIGHTS

Administrative Officer Paniagua stated there was no money in the budget for code blue poles. Chair Goggin revealed that \$2,500.00 was in the budget for bells and lights. Administrative Officer Paniagua indicated he would contact the Town Attorney to address legal questions regarding bicycle rental companies and lights.

IX. SIDEWALK MARKINGS AND BIKE SIGNAGE UPDATE – no update.

X. PARKING APPLICATION

Administrative Officer Paniagua indicated that he had been trying to contact Clearwater for information on their program. Chair Goggin stated that a parking application would be included on the list of priorities to Council. He described what the PSC's involvement ~~would entail~~.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

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XII. MEMBER ITEMS

PSC Member Jungwirth thanked the Council Members who recognized PSC and their hard work. PSC Member Gressman shared his frustration with other members.

Chair Goggin noted that communication between Town Council and Advisory Committees needed improvement. He created a list of items to review and then determine whether PSC should be involved. Chair Goggin will present the list to Council and request that they prioritize items. Topics discussed included sidewalks on Crescent, crosswalks (lighting, RRFBs and markings), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) foot of the bridge design and landscape rendering, street lighting, trolley safe haven shelters (code blue and add cameras), bike rodeo for bells and lights and legal issues, bike restrictions in high-density pedestrian areas, bike lane markings, homeless community, Sanibel crossing aides, parking application, neighborhood watch, education in general, fire department and education concerning short-term rental inspections and cameras. Chair Goggin suggested he take the list to Council and request a joint meeting in October or November to discuss and prioritize items. He noted the list of priorities would generate their agenda for next year. PSC Member Childs suggested that Council Members rotate liaison positions with advisory committees.

Chair Goggin stated that it was time for a change of leadership at PSC. All PSC Members agreed that Chair Goggin did a great job in his role. Chair Goggin encouraged PSC Members to submit their names to Administrative Officer Paniagua for Chair or Vice Chair. PSC Member Gressman

revealed that he would not be renewing his PSC membership. PSC Members thanked him for his hard work over the years.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – October 19, 2021

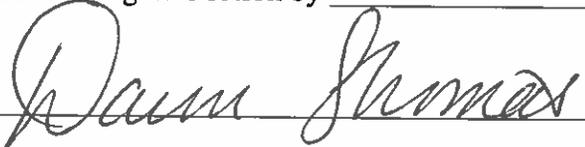
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PSC Member Knickle moved to adjourn; second by PSC Member Gressman.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Adopted 10-19-21 with/~~without~~ changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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