

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Goggin.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. REORGANIZATION

LPA Member Jungwirth nominated Dawn Thomas for Chair and she accepted.
LPA Member Goggin nominated Heidi Jungwirth as Vice Chair and she accepted.
Consensus was reached to accept the nominations.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members present: Suzanne Bahan, Heidi Jungwirth (via phone), John Goggin, Jim Knickle and Dawn Thomas.
Excused: Mike Childs
Staff: Administrative Officer Randy Paniagua.
Consensus was reached to allow PSC Member Jungwirth to participate via phone.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 21, 2021

Clarification: Paster Sean from Beach Baptist stated that the number of homeless people was low, so County resources were focused in other areas.
Under X.: He described ~~what the PSC's involvement would entail~~ how the PSC could be involved.

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VII. LCSO, FMBFD & MPO MONTHLY UPDATES

Sergeant Chris from Lee County Sheriff's Office reported that no new trends affected the community's safety. A couple of arrests for theft were made.
Scott Worth from the Fire Department described recent changes in the fire department. He discussed Chief Love's service and congratulated him on his move to CO. He noted the fire department responded to almost 250 emergency responses in September. He indicated 75% of

calls were medical-related and 25% pertained to property. He commented that there was a fire on South Street with no injuries. Discussion was held regarding appointing a representative to attend the fire department's Strategic Planning Sessions.

VIII. REVIEW OF OPEN TOPICS

Administrative Officer Paniagua noted that the completion date for the sidewalk project was still on track. PSC Member Jungwirth indicated she would give the crosswalk map, rationale, and other information to Administrative Officer Paniagua before the joint meeting with Council. PSC Member Goggin reviewed the history of crosswalks at the base of the bridge. Chair Thomas indicated she wanted to keep pushing for side street lighting. PSC Member Goggin revealed that funds for the code blue emergency equipment for safe haven shelters, never got added to the budget. He questioned whether staff would install one of the leased cameras at the prototype shelter on Bay St. He said that PSC created a list of locations for 10 safe haven shelters.

Bicycle bells and lights were ordered, and Chair Thomas questioned the timeline for the bike safety rodeo. Administrative Officer Paniagua suggested that Chair Thomas contact the Sheriff's Office to coordinate the event. PSC Member Goggin questioned whether the town could require rental companies to install audible devices since it was a Florida state law. Chair Thomas supported a bicycle restriction in Town Square. Administrative Officer Paniagua commented that Director O'Riley was working with the county regarding painting bike lanes. PSC Member Goggin stated that Council approved sidewalk markings two years ago, but nothing had been done. He reviewed the meeting with the beach ministerial association concerning the homeless population and noted they sent a list of services they provided. The next step was to reconfirm a special meeting between the PSC and representatives from various organizations.

PSC Member Goggin brought up that Council discussed the blue shirt people in Sanibel who helped direct pedestrian traffic to crosswalks. He remarked that they needed to question what Council hoped to accomplish before the PSC moved forward with research. Administrative Officer Paniagua reported that the parking supervisor was involved with the parking app process. Chair Thomas discussed the neighborhood watch program and suggested that the information be made accessible to the community. Obtaining educational materials and developing a program that linked specific short-term rental registrations with training material on inspecting units was reviewed.

PSC Member Goggin questioned Council's objective for installing cameras and whether they wanted involvement from the PSC. He stated that Council tasked PSC with researching the impact of video gaming on the community.

IX. APPOINTMENT OF MPO REPRESENTATIVE

No decision.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XI. MEMBER ITEMS

Chair Thomas questioned whether the canals were marked with signs. Administrative Officer Paniagua will investigate.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – November 16, 2021

PSC Member Goggin will be out of town.

XIII. JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL – November 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting.

Adopted 11/21/2021 with/without changes. Motion by Heidi
(DATE)

Vote: Jim Kauck Signature: Dawn Thomas

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