

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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Thomas.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Suzanne Bahan, Mike Childs, Heidi Jungwirth, Jim Knickle and Dawn Thomas.
Excused: John Goggin
Staff: Administrative Officer Randy Paniagua
Council Liaison: Dan Allers

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2021

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. LCSO & FMBFD UPDATE

Mark from the Sheriff's Office reported no notable crime trends and encouraged people to lock their vehicles.

Scott from the fire department stated that Administrative Officer Paniagua included data in their packet. There were no significant events in October.

VII. STATUS OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS

A. Town Council Regarding Code Blue

Chair Thomas reported that they were on hold while Town Council completed the project. Liaison Allers will make sure the item is included on a future agenda.

B. Homeless Community Outreach

Chair Thomas stated she had a meeting scheduled today with Denise and they would set a time for a special meeting with all parties within the next month, if possible. Mark from

the Sheriff's Office described members of the hot team who assisted the homeless. Chair Thomas will keep members informed. She will schedule the meeting at Town Hall.

C. Bicycle Lights and Bells – Town Council Mandate Update & Distribution Plan

Chair Thomas questioned whether they needed to schedule the distribution. Administrative Officer Paniagua suggested that Chair Thomas coordinate the event with Communications Coordinator Jennifer Dexter. He noted a new batch of lights was ordered and should arrive within a few weeks. PSC Member Knickle mentioned tagging onto appropriate events to distribute bells and lights. PSC Member Jungwirth noted that they could partner with the school during their Christmas program.

PSC Member Knickle questioned Liaison Allers regarding direction from Town Council. Liaison Allers responded that he would bring up adding it to a Management & Planning Session agenda.

D. Public Safety Webpage and Education – Neighborhood Watch & FMBFD Fire Safety Educational Materials

Chair Thomas stated that they had to determine which items to include on the webpage. PSC Member Jungwirth suggested that members submit a list to Administrative Officer Paniagua and consolidate items at the following meeting. Chair Thomas will contact Tiffany Wood from the Sheriff's Office regarding a neighborhood watch presentation.

Scott from the fire department reported that they had an inspection safety program in place. He will provide the links to Administrative Officer Paniagua. He described the Slumber Safe program. PSC Member Knickle listed the types of properties exempt from fire inspections. He stated that the fire department would perform a walk-through inspection for free, but it was not a full inspection with a follow-up.

VIII. MPO MEETING UPDATES

PSC Member Bahan volunteered to be the MPO representative, and Administrative Officer Paniagua will forward information to her.

IX. MEMBERS ITEMS

PSC Member Bahan requested information for Tiffany Wood.

Liaison Allers noted that in the past, PSC Members checked streetlights for burnt bulbs. He questioned whether they would be interested in monitoring again. Administrative Officer Paniagua will provide a list of lights that were turned off during turtle season. Chair Thomas agreed to check lights and suggested adding links to the website so the community could also report outages. She offered to monitor the north end and commented that they needed to get the information out to the community as soon as possible. Administrative Officer Paniagua will post to social media. PSC Member Jungwirth will monitor mid-island and PSC Members Knickle and Childs will check the south end. PSC Member Bahan will monitor Old San Carlos to Bowditch. Administrative Officer Paniagua stated that all poles were numbered, but the blue poles were owned by Town and had a different reporting process than FP&L.

Chair Thomas shared a handout from Communications Coordinator Dexter to be distributed at pop-up events and noted the cost was \$27.00. Consensus was reached to deduct funds from the add-on list. She suggested they include a timeline for action items.

No items from other members.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – January 18, 2022

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Adopted Jan. 18 2022 with/without changes. Motion by Huidi
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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