

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mike Childs, Heidi Jungwirth, Jim Knickle and Dawn Thomas.

Absent: Suzanne Bahan

Staff: Administrative Officer Randy Paniagua

Public Works Manager: Jason Freeman

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 19, 2022

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no comment.

VI. LCSO & FMBFD UPDATE

District Chief Scott Worth reported 316 incidents, and none were significant. He explained that stuck elevators fell under extraction and rescue incidents. Fire Chief Ron Martin thanked the PSC for all their work and commitment to the town.

VII. BICYCLE LIGHTS AND BELLS

A. Distribution Plan – no response from the school yet. PSC Member Jungwirth and Chair Thomas will coordinate efforts to distribute lights and bells to the school before the summer break.

B. Bike Lanes and Markings – no update.

VIII. PUBLIC SAFETY WEBPAGE AND EDUCATION UPDATE

Chair Thomas stated that she would contact Communications Coordinator Jennifer Dexter regarding a Be Bright at Night campaign as suggested by Chief Martin below.

IX. CROSSWALK RANKINGS

Chief Martin reported that adding a yellow flashing beacon at Lenell and Estero for the fire station was discussed, but the cost was prohibitive. He stated that a flashing beacon would serve a dual purpose of aiding pedestrians and as an emergency signal for the fire department. He indicated he was finalizing a letter to Town Manager Hernstadt and Council Member Allers supporting an emergency signal with a dual purpose at that location. Chair Thomas suggested including the emails from concerned residents for support.

Chief Martin indicated a shift in incidents near Publix with pedestrians, bicycles and cars. He suggested a branding initiative such as Be Bright at Night for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Administrative Officer Paniagua noted he would follow up with Project Manager Chustz regarding whether street lights at crosswalks were turned off during turtle season.

Chair Thomas questioned whether residents contacted Town Hall regarding dangerous intersections. Administrative Officer Paniagua responded that complaints went directly to the corresponding departments online. He noted that he would filter through survey responses for concerns.

X. FPL LIGHTING PLAN UPDATE – no update.

XI. MPO MEETING UPDATES – no update.

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

Chair Thomas reported that Council Member Allers received complaints regarding the crosswalk at Fairview Isles. She forwarded an email to the Town Manager regarding a step and dropoff at Leaky Teaky and noted that two people were recently injured.

PSC Member Childs ordered a NiteRider lite and noted it was very powerful.

No items from other members.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Martin reminded members to forward emails from citizens concerned about commercial occupancy to the fire department at: prevention@FMBfire.org.

XIV. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – June 23, 2022

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Adopted 8/16/2022 with/without changes. Motion by Heidi J
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: Dawn

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