

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Town Hall - Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Butcher. Members present: Bruce Butcher, Al Durrett, Tom Myers, and Tony Scopel.
Excused: Ron Fleming, Bill Veach, and Jim Wray.
Town Liaison: Tildon Copeland
Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros
Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Vote Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Tildon noted that Ron Fleming and Bill Veach were appointed as new members. Chair Butcher moved to table elections until next month when all members were present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 10, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Durrett.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. COUNCIL JOINT MEETING REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Chair Butcher thanked Chelsea for her help with creating the presentation. Council Liaison Hosafros felt that Council was impressed with the quality of the presentation. Chair Butcher reported that lightning detection may be tried at Bay Oaks. He commented that Council liked the banners and they provided positive comments regarding no left turns and roundabouts; however, an action plan was not created.

Mr. Durrett reported that the discussion regarding Estero Blvd. lighting included hiring a consultant to conduct a study. Mr. Phelan responded that plans were to provide additional lighting, but would not include enhanced lighting components. Discussion was held concerning

the creation of a special taxing district, right-of-way, the lack of poles on the East side of Estero Blvd., and the possibility of using FP&L poles for specific lighting. Mr. Copeland stated he would contact the Town's FP&L representative.

Chair Butcher reported that Council suggested members look at the mesh banners at the Edison House. He stated that the banners were very nice. Mr. Copeland offered to contact the vendor and request that he provide a quote for mesh banners.

VII. LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM/LIGHTNING EDUCATION (Brochure)

Consensus was reached to keep the lightning warning system on the agenda for discussion regarding Bay Oaks.

Mr. Copeland distributed a draft of the brochure. Chair Butcher suggested that members review the brochure before the next meeting. Discussion was held concerning the legality of passing trolleys. Mr. Copeland indicated that he would contact the Sheriff's department to arrange a meeting for clarification.

VIII. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

Council Liaison reported that the plan was in progress. Chair Butcher felt that a flow chart could be created to indicate which steps needed to be taken next.

IX. STAFF REPORT

A. Trolley Pull Off and Crosswalk at Lahaina Inn Resort

No report.

B. Lighting at Crosswalks (Outrigger/Charley's Boathouse)

Mr. Phelan distributed photographs of the crosswalk taken in 2012 at 5:00 a.m. He indicated that there wasn't a lot that could be done to enhance the lighting at that location.

C. Estero Blvd. Updates

Chair Butcher questioned who was responsible for trolley benches and shelters. Council Liaison Hosafros remarked that Mr. Kiker indicated support for the issue. Mr. Phelan noted that LeeTran received grants to enhance shelters. Discussion was held concerning space constraints within the first 50 feet and sidewalk width.

Mr. Phelan stated that they would be staking the right-of-way and that they were moving forward. Discussion was held concerning 24/7 construction and the overall time frame.

X. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVERTISEMENT

A. Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) Language in Brochure

Chair Butcher suggested adding information to the brochure regarding the RRFBs.

B. Add Sign at Bridge - Stop for Pedestrians

Mr. Copland spoke to an FDOT representative from Tallahassee and the representative was in favor of adding signs at the bridge. Mr. Copland stated that he would provide samples of signs at the next meeting.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kerri Weeg commented that residents who don't receive a water bill don't receive the newsletter. Council Liaison Hosafros suggested that the Sandpaper publish a copy. Mr. Phelan suggested including the newsletter on the Town's website and he indicated the information was on the Lee County website.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Durrett.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Adopted 11/12/14 with/without changes. Motion by Tony Scopel
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: 

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