

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Butcher. Members present: Bruce Butcher, Al Durrett, John Kakatsch, Alice Mack, Tom Myers, and Jim Wray.

Town Staff: Sam Updike

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 12, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Kakatsch moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Myers.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Updike reported that the Town Council called for a joint session on May 1 with one or more representative(s) from each advisory committee.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM - Presentation to Council (Update)

Chair Butcher stated that he would like to work with Mr. Updike on the power point presentation. Mr. Durrett suggested providing Council with an overview of the lightning warning system on May 1.

VI. ESTERO BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS & STREETLIGHT DISCUSSION

Chair Butcher suggested inviting outside experts to the workshop. Mr. Myers and Mr. Phelan discussed encroachment issues concerning Estero Blvd. improvements. Consensus was reached to hold the workshop at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

Chair Butcher revealed that a potential construction company contacted him to discuss safety issues. Chair Butcher invited him to attend a PSC meeting. Chair Butcher reported that he would meet with the state on Friday regarding St. Carlos Blvd.

VII. PROPOSED BAY BEACH RRFB - Comments on Plan

Mr. Phelan reported that plans were sent to utilities and he was waiting to hear back from them. Mr. Phelan discussed challenges he encountered at the Bay Beach location. Mr. Updike stated that he would inform the EBIA (Estero Bay Improvement Association) regarding the pad and ADA compliance.

Chair Butcher discussed low visibility due to the lighting shields.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. Street Light Outage Report

No outages reported.

B. Clear Sight Distance - Update on Enforcement of Visibility Triangles

Mr. Updike indicated that Mr. Overmyer would discuss enforcement with the Town Attorney. Mr. Durrett suggested sending a letter to CVS regarding the bushes on Lenell. Mr. Updike stated that he would research the issue and draft a letter.

Mr. Kakatsch identified Fairweather, Jefferson, Delmar, Dakota, and Lenell as areas with low visibility due to shrubs.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Pete Hyde stated that his wife was hit in a crosswalk and discussed the perils of intersections. Mr. Hyde suggested lowering the speed limit during season. Mr. Phelan reported that a seasonal speed limit was not allowed.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Mack revealed that bicyclists were inappropriately using the Matanzas Pass walkway.

Ms. Hosafros relayed a question from Mr. Sam Lurie regarding confusing pedestrian crosswalk signs at Lanark, Flamingo, Albatross, Bay Beach, and Buccaneer. Mr. Phelan stated that most advanced pedestrian signs were removed except for locations where the signs were appropriate. Ms. Hosafros stated that Mr. Lurie noted that distance placards were confusing. Mr. Phelan stated that arrows on signs indicated where the crosswalk was located. Mr. Phelan offered to look into the signs. Chair Butcher stated that he would reply to Mr. Lurie.

Mr. Myers stated that volunteers were needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Myers mentioned that the school would be hosting a Walk-a-Thon.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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