

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

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

Friday, April 30, 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, and Jim Wray.

Invited Guests: Dan Moser, Jay Anderson, and Andy Getch.

Excused/Absent: Alice Mack and Tom Myers.

Town Staff: Scott Baker.

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros.

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan.

II. ESTERO BOULEVARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Phelan presented a recap of the Estero Blvd. improvement process.

Chair Butcher stated that discussion would center around bike/pedestrian infrastructure for safety and traffic congestion at the core area and Lenell.

A) Lighting and locations of crosswalks

Mr. Kakatsch suggested remarking crosswalks by painting the center red. Discussion was held regarding rumble strips, hand rails, number of crosswalks, line of sight, signage, and elevated crosswalks.

Discussion was held concerning crosswalk lighting, maintenance, funding, LED lights, fixtures, height and spacing of lights, and different bulb colors.

B) Routing pedestrians into designated areas for crossings

Discussion was held concerning the use of surfboards for pedestrian refuge.

C) Use of chicanes to slow traffic

Mr. Phelan described the use of chicanes at bus stops.

D) Minimization of left turns

Chair Butcher discussed rerouting traffic to avoid left turns off of Estero. Mr. Getch indicated that the State was studying the issue. Ms. Hosafros suggesting using signs to reroute vehicles instead of prohibiting left turns.

- E) Corner visibility
Town Council will send a letter to CVS concerning the bushes.
- F) Street lighting
Discussed above.
- G) Traffic circles
Chair Butcher reviewed traffic circles.
- H) Other ideas, thoughts, or concerns
Ms. Hosafros suggested that the Public Safety Committee recommend to Council that law enforcement patrol Lenell during events in the area during season. Mr. Getch offered to research law enforcement options.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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