

**MINUTES  
FORT MYERS BEACH  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Town Hall  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Scott. Members present: Pete Crumpacker, John Goggin, Tom Gressman, Joe LaDuca and Ed Scott.

Excused: Ron Fleming

Staff: Chelsea O'Riley

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 18, 2018**

**MOTION:** Mr. Gressman moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Crumpacker.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leon Moyer commented on requiring bicycle lights to be lit during the daytime.

**V. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Scott nominated John Goggin as Chair; second by Mr. LaDuca.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Scott nominated Tom Gressman as Vice Chair; second by ?

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. BICYCLE & VEHICLE SAFETY ORDINANCE REVIEW**

Chair Goggin summarized the ordinance regarding ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. He stated that the Town Attorneys should have a definition of what was ADA compliant and which other motorized vehicles could be given an exception or denied. He indicated that their definition should be consistent with MRTF (Marine Resources Task Force) who were reviewing motor vehicles on the beach and sidewalks. Discussion was held regarding definitions. Chair Goggin proposed that Council agree on a Town wide definition regarding which vehicles should be permitted under the ADA with a list of exceptions. Everything else would be prohibited. PSC Member Crumpacker mentioned little scooters in Fort Lauderdale and electric scooters on sidewalks. PSC Member DeLuca suggested creating bike free zones in Times Square due to

congestion. PSC Member Gressman agreed with tearing out three feet of the nine-foot multi use sidewalk installed by Lee County PSC Member DeLuca commented that the area from Times Square to the Lani Kai should be a pedestrian zone and the speed limit reduced to 15 mph. Chair Goggin stated that he would like the Town's position regarding which mobile devices were approved, which were not and which devices required a discussion. He reiterated that they had to be consistent with MRTF regarding vehicles on sidewalks and beaches to ensure one consistent Town wide policy.

## **VII. BIKE PED MASTER PLAN**

### **Reallocate Funding/Criteria and the Cultural Loop/Directional Signs/Handrails**

Chair Goggin noted that Town Council discussed low directional landscaping between the curb and sidewalk to steer pedestrians to crosswalks. He indicated that they discussed replacing the Crescent St. sidewalk. He proposed defining the bike free zone suggested by PSC Member DeLuca. He noted it would be easy to enforce.

Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley stated that Town Council approved replacing the pavers on the beach side of the sidewalk between Times Square and the Lani Kai. They did not deny the use of impact fees for sidewalks along Crescent, Fifth, Fourth, Third and First Streets. She hoped they could connect Old San Carlos to Crescent via sidewalks. She reviewed the bid process and noted that she will email the design to PSC. She stated that she was waiting for a status update from the MPO contractor regarding the sidewalk on Connecticut St. from Estero to Shell Mound. Chair Goggin stated that Town Council did not include the PSC when they decided which groups would be involved with discussions regarding the Cultural Loop. He noted that they requested to be involved twice and he asked that Manager O'Riley stress the importance of involving PSC. Ms. O'Riley replied that she did voice their concerns regarding involvement in the Cultural Loop and Bayfront project. She will relay their concerns again and she encouraged Chair Goggin to attend Council meetings. Chair Goggin noted that attended meetings but there was no opportunity to add or correct items. He will present a letter to Council regarding safety issues.

Manager O'Riley discussed replacing brick pavers with asphalt on the crosswalk by the Smokin Oyster Brewery. She indicated the crosswalk design would appear in the October monthly report. PSC Member Gressman noted that the street light in front of Smokin Oyster Brewery did not light up the intersection.

Chair Goggin would provide like an update on the FDOT study at the base of the bridge. Chair Goggin would like to focus on what the Times Square area could look like including landscaping and handrails at the Ocean Jewel property and how they defined high pedestrian traffic areas.

PSC Member Crumpacker questioned whether they could participate in the FDOT design. Chair Goggin replied that he made the request last month but has not heard back.

PSC Member Scott noted that enforcement officers impeded traffic during season because they allowed pedestrians to constantly cross. Chair Goggin indicated that the FDOT study replaced enforcement officers with a traffic light.

## **VIII. BUDGET UPDATE – IMPACT FEES**

Discussed above.

## **IX. LIGHTING STUDY (if available)**

Chair Goggin noted that Option 2 was recommended. Manager O'Riley requested actual numbers so they could determine feasibility. PSC Member Gressman discussed the end of the report with satellite shots of the street lights on the Island. He questioned the street light labels as "being able to be seen by turtles." He questioned whether the turtles could see the light emanating from the bulbs or the bulbs themselves. He noted it would be easy to shield the lights from the gulf side. Chair Goggin stated that pedestrian safety was not really addressed. PSC Member DeLuca felt that every crosswalk should be lit up and he questioned who decided where crosswalks were located. Chair Goggin agreed that they should discuss criteria of where crosswalks should be located and what they should look like.

## **X. MEMBER'S ITEMS**

PSC Member Gressman stated that he disagreed with Town Manager Hernstadt's statement that they needed to reeducate the public regarding bicycles and pedestrians. He described the signage at St. Petersburg and stated that he never questioned where he was supposed cross or where he was supposed to go. He stated it was not about educating the populace; it was about making navigation obvious. Chair Goggin questioned whether PSC Member Gressman would follow up with St. Petersburg. He indicated that the State law required lights on the front and rear of bicycles and they had to be lit from sunset to sunrise. He stated that his front light saved him more than once and he thought the ordinance to keep lights on during daylight hours was a good idea.

PSC Member Crumpacker thought the bike lighting ordinance would not be enforceable. Chair Goggin questioned whether PSC Members DeLuca and Gressman would review the ordinance regarding their ideas requiring rental companies to install lights and keep them lit during daylight hours. He indicated that Manager O'Riley could include it in the agenda packet for discussion.

PSC Member Scott thought the Town should eliminate the curb cuts and make it a bike lane. He discussed the danger of riding bikes on Old San Carlos next to parked cars. PSC Member DeLuca discussed a pedestrian only zone. Public Works staff will investigate who designed and justified the cut outs in the curb on Old San Carlos.

Chair Goggin noted that they had not heard anything regarding the pedestrian refugee at the Wyndham.

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leon Moyer stated that State law required an audible warning every time a bicycle passed a pedestrian on a sidewalk. He discussed bicycles on the beach and being responsible for speeding. He supported laws being included in bicycle rental agreements. He noted that the Town faced liability issues due to the damaged sidewalk.

## **XII. SET NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

Chair Goggin indicated that they would provide ideas regarding the high-density area to Manager O'Riley for discussion at the next meeting. He will draft a letter to Council regarding the Cultural Loop and participation in the FDOT study. PSC Member Gressman will research St. Petersburg's design and will provide input on the bike light ordinance to Manager O'Riley before the next meeting.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** PSC Member Crumpacker moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. DeLuca.

**VOTE:** Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

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