

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Goggin.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Suzanne Bahan, Mike Childs, John Goggin, Tom Gressman, Heidi Jungwirth, Jim Knickle and Dawn Thomas.

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley

Council Liaison: Dan Allers (via phone due to illness)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2020

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

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. RESEARCH & MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON LCSO COMMUNITY POLICING AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Chair Goggin distributed his draft of a process for input. Liaison Allers stated that the Sheriff & Fire Department reports would be forwarded from the Town Manager to a designated person to share with the PSC. Director O'Riley offered to be the contact person. Chair Goggin discussed the steps of the process.

MOTION: PSC Childs moved to approve the draft process; second by PSC Knickle

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Goggin questioned who could work on creating a 10-question public survey. PSC Member Thomas volunteered. PSC Member Jungwirth revealed that Beach Talk Radio conducted a survey and listeners ranked the areas of concern: 1. Crosswalks; 2. Homeless people; 3. Traffic, including speeders and distracted drivers; 4. Lighting; 5. Intoxicated people; 6. Bicycles; 7. Boaters; 8. Golf carts; 9. Lack of police presence and 10. Noise.

Chair Goggin noted the location of issues was essential. PSC Member Thomas will work with Director O'Riley and Coordinator Dexter to draft questions for the survey. Input from PSC Members will be coordinated through Director O'Riley.

VII. LIGHT STUDY, RFP UPDATE AND PSC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW

Director O'Riley indicated that the study was extended beyond Thanksgiving. She noted that Chadd Chustz and one member from MRTF and PSC would join her as part of the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC). PSC Member Childs was nominated to participate in the SAC. Director O'Riley reported that she contacted FP&L regarding turtle-compliant lighting and was waiting for a reply. Discussion was held regarding reporting burnt out lights. Director O'Riley commented that FP&L had a reporting system on their website and the Town had a lighting outage report. Chair Goggin indicated that they compiled a list of safety tips previously and Director O'Riley will email the information to members for feedback.

VIII. FOOT OF THE BRIDGE DESIGN STATUS

Town Manager Hernstadt to follow up.

IX. BAY ST. SHELTER STATUS (BUDGET AND PROGRESS)

Chair Goggin described the Code Blue design in the packet. Director O'Riley stated that they would have to look into a free-standing item. Chair Goggin reviewed previous shelter discussions. He noted that the Fire Department requested they include an AED in the Code Blue design for emergencies. Director O'Riley will research costs and noted the item was not in the budget. Liaison Allers suggested that they settle on a final product to present to Council. Chair Goggin suggested that they state the capabilities they needed with a cap on the maximum cost rather than recommend a specific model. PSC Members agreed. Liaison Allers will discuss the topic with Town Manager Hernstadt.

PSC Member Gressman questioned who answered the emergency phone. Assistant Chief of Fort Myers Beach Fire Department Scott Worth replied that calls went to 911. Director O'Riley stated that the shelter was not grounded.

X. SIDEWALK MARKINGS

Director O'Riley will email the County and report back to PSC.

XI. MEMBER'S ITEMS

PSC Member Jungwirth spoke with officers regarding community policing and felt the Town needed to focus on the issue.

PSC Member Knickle will schedule a meeting with the Captain.

PSC Member Thomas agreed with PSC Member Jungwirth. She suggested that construction companies secure their equipment before storms. Director O'Riley stated that they did require construction companies to lock down equipment.

PSC Member Gressman brought up painting bike lanes bright green and discussed the bike lane ending by the library and Bay Oaks. He offered to research polymer surfacing companies. Chair Goggin suggested that they include the item in the survey. PSC Member Knickle discussed the lack of crosswalk signs. PSC Member Gressman stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) felt that too many signs resulted in eye fatigue.

Town Manager Hernstadt reported that FDOT and Lee County would brief Council regarding changes to the base of the bridge around March-April, 2021. He suggested that PSC have recommendations ready for the Council meeting in March. Chair Goggin questioned meeting with Town Council in February for their input. Town Manager Hernstadt suggested that they present a concise list at a Council meeting under Committee Reports in December. Director O’Riley will forward the previous plan to PSC Members.

Chair Goggin reminded members to send all communications to Director O’Riley.

Liaison Allers indicated that the Sheriff’s Department would conduct seminars at the Outreach Center on various topics.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – December 15, 2020

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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