

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice-Chair Wray. Members present: John Kakatsch, Alice Mack, Tom Myers, Tony Scopel, and Jim Wray.

Excused: Bruce Butcher and Al Durrett.

Town Staff: Tildon Copeland.

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Wray welcomed Tony Scopel to the Committee.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 11, 2014

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kakatsch voiced his concern as a citizen regarding the lack of crosswalks in the downtown area. Mr. Kakatsch felt that PSC was focused on the lightning system instead of crosswalk safety.

V. LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM - Work on Presentation to Council

In progress.

VI. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN - Review Current EOP and Set up Workshop for Suggestions to Council

Discussion was held regarding condensing the Emergency Operation Plan and when to schedule the workshop. Consensus was reached to review Annex D and the Plan for discussion in August and schedule a workshop in September.

VII. LENELL INTERSECTION - Seasonal Traffic Officer - Contractor and Cost

Mr. Copeland reported that Central Base provided information on costs associated with hiring a seasonal officer. Mr. Copeland indicated that the existing contract with Central Base could be extended to include a seasonal officer. Mr. Copeland stated that Central Base was working on a proposal and they should have it completed by August.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. Street Light Outage Report

No outages reported. Mr. Copeland reported that the manager of the Outrigger expressed concern regarding the lack of lights at the Outrigger crosswalk. Mr. Copeland stated that he would contact Mr. Phelan regarding the cost of adding lights to the crosswalk. Ms. Hosafros stated that Mr. Phelan disagreed with adding additional flashing lights on the Island.

B. CVS Thank You Letter

Vice-Chair Wray thanked Mr. Tildon for the letter he created and delivered to CVS. Mr. Tildon stated that he would research the situation with residents on Dakota and Jefferson concerning visibility issues.

IX. REVISED BANNER TO: STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS AND YIELD 3 FEET FOR BICYCLES - Banner Materials Options and Costs

Mr. Tildon reported that Mr. Phelan sent him details regarding code and he would forward the information to PSC members. Ms. Mack felt that pedestrians and bicycles should be more aware of traffic when crossing outside of crosswalks. Mr. Myers suggested an education program for bicyclists. Vice-Chair Wray stated that he would speak with Mr. Phelan concerning ideas regarding safety. Mr. Tildon suggested dropping off brochures to bike rental shops. Ms. Mack shared a bicycle and pedestrian safety plan from the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Tildon reported that mesh banners held up better in high winds and were less expensive than solid banners.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kakatsch thanked PSC members and Mr. Scopel. Mr. Kakatsch noted that the beach had been safer in the last six months due to the efforts of PSC.

Mr. Scopel stated that he would like to focus on pedestrians not using crosswalks. Mr. Scopel discussed traffic issues at Lenell and at Lani Kai.

Mr. Kakatsch questioned using brick pavers in crosswalks. Ms. Hosafros stated that Mr. Phelan had concerns regarding consistency with all crosswalks in the County.

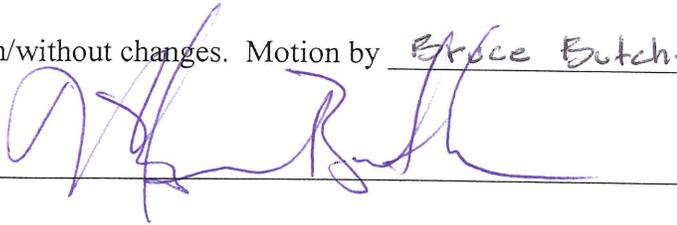
XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Adopted 8/13/2014 with/without changes. Motion by Bryce Butcher
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 present Signature: 

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