

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Tom Gressman, Heidi Jungwirth and Ed Scott.
Excused: Ron Fleming, Pete Crumpacker, John Goggin and Joe LaDuca.
Staff: Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley.
Guest: Ron Martin, FMB Fire Department.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2019 - no quorum.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

VI. SIDEWALK RECOMMENDATIONS – SIDEWALK TYPES AND SIGNAGE

Manager O'Riley stated that BARASCO did not carry digital signage. She contacted Lamar Advertising concerning providing shelters and digital signage. A representative will be scheduled to deliver a presentation.

Discussion was held regarding different types of advertising, including public event notices. Manager O'Riley shared a map of trolley stops from LeeTran. She noted that she requested benches and included shelter types in case they could incorporate them at some of the stops.

Mr. Martin provided a picture of an AED defibrillator that could be installed in Times Square.

Mr. Martin stated that they supported shelters and digital signage. He discussed activating the 911 system from the shelters. He suggested building continuous flow water fountains. Manager O'Riley stated that a water fountain for humans and pets was recently installed at Newton Park.

VII. DISCUSSION ON ELECTRIC SCOOTERS/VEHICLES

Mr. Martin was concerned regarding riders without helmets and weaving in and out of traffic. He noted that education was essential. Vice Chair Gressman indicated that pedestrian injuries increased in areas that allowed electric scooters. Ms. Jungwirth agreed that it was a public safety issue.

VIII. DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS

Manager O’Riley revealed that she obtained temporary construction easements for the sidewalk from Times Square to Lani Kai. She expected a 60% design of the downtown sidewalks by the next meeting. They were coordinating with FP&L regarding installing concrete poles in the section. She indicated that LEDs with shields would be installed and they should provide amber bulbs next year.

IX. LIGHTING STUDY UPDATE

Manager O’Riley noted that the lighting study would be completed soon and the consultant will make a presentation next month.

X. MEMBER’S ITEMS

Manager O’Riley indicated that an all-day meeting with different various advisory committees was scheduled for October 30, 2019, to discuss Times Square, Bayfront Park and the Bay Oaks parcel. Discussion was held concerning flipping the LeeTran route at the school and making the roads one way permanently.

Mr. Scott questioned leaving the gate open between the ball fields at Bay Oaks. Manager O’Riley replied that the callbox for the gate was not currently working due to construction. Mr. Scott did not support leaving it open during season.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

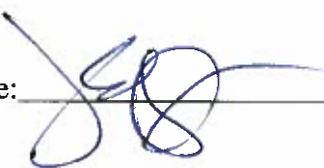
XII. SET NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA – October 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. or October 29, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding holding the regular meeting on October 15, 2019.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Adopted 10/9/19 with/without changes. Motion by _____
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: 

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