

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tom Gressman.
There was no quorum. The meeting was a discussion only.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mike Childs, Tom Gressman and Dawn Thomas.
Excused: Suzanne Bahan, John Goggin, Heidi Jungwirth and Jim Knickle.
Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 15, 2020

No quorum. PSC Member Gressman was not in attendance at the December meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

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

PSC Member Gressman noted he would like clarification concerning acronyms in the report.
Director O'Riley commented that they would at the next meeting.

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

Director O'Riley reported that the recommendation to hire Town Lighting would go to Town Council on February 16, 2021, for review. She noted the cost could run up to \$185,000.00 depending on the option chosen.

PSC Member Thomas discussed the lack of lighting on Crescent and questioned whether the blue lights could be turned on. Director O'Riley replied that the Town's blue lights were on the beachside and the others were privately owned. She stated she would raise the issue with code enforcement.

PSC Member Thomas questioned the process to request additional lights. Director O'Riley responded that it was up to Council to set policies and procedures. She reported that FP&L would be trimming trees on side streets from Bay Mar to Lenell in a couple of months.



VIII. FOOT OF THE BRIDGE DESIGN STATUS

Director O’Riley reported that she sent the Town Manager information regarding their concept for the base of the bridge design and the price of lights. She noted that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) would make a presentation to Council in April or May.

IX. BAY ROAD SHELTER STATUS (BUDGET AND PROGRESS)

Director O’Riley reported that the shelter was up and functioning. She added that FP&L should install a light next to the shelter soon.

X. SIDEWALK MARKINGS

Director O’Riley stated that the bike lane at Carlos Circle was painted green and the crosswalk would be painted red today. She commented that it was the free pilot project postponed from last year. PSC Member Gressman supported the markings and described crosswalks in other areas.

XI. BICYCLE LIGHTS AND BELLS PROCUREMENT

Director O’Riley noted that links for products were provided to Council and PSC Members could discuss a process for distribution at their next meeting. PSC Member Gressman was skeptical that people would use lights and bells since the current bicycle ordinance was not enforced. PSC Member Thomas suggested that marking the bike lanes might eliminate some issues.

XII. MEMBER ITEMS

PSC Member Childs suggested that the little rental cars be equipped with flags for visibility. He mentioned e-bikes traveling too fast on sidewalks.

PSC Member Thomas questioned whether addresses would be included on the Sheriff’s report. Director O’Riley replied that PSC Member Knickle would meet with them and discuss the information. PSC Member Thomas indicated that she emailed the survey with changes to Director O’Riley.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

XIV. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA – no change.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Adopted 3-16-21 with/without changes. Motion by JUNGWIRTH
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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