

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Butcher. Members present: Bruce Butcher, Al Durrett, Ron Fleming, Tom Myers, and Tony Scopel.

Excused: Bill Veach and Jim Wray.

Town Liaison: Tildon Copeland

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

Town Staff: Director Public Works Scott Baker

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan

Lee County Sheriff's Office: Det. E. Sommers

Lee County Commissioner: Larry Kiker

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 10, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Fleming moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Scopel.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. LIGHTING FOR ESTERO BLVD.

Mr. Kiker explained the core level of service and MSTU and MSBU. Discussion was held concerning bed taxes, policy direction, subsidizing transportation, installing conduit runs, enhancing street lighting at some crosswalk locations, non-standard fixtures and maintenance, hiring a lighting consultant, and budget. Mr. Kiker outlined the process: PSC needed to identify issues and problems, go in front of council as a recommendation, council must vote as a majority to move forward, and council could then instruct staff to pursue the project. Ms. Hosafros stated the process was in process; Council Member Mandel was meeting with the MPO concerning funding. Discussion was held regarding bridge tolls. Mr. Kiker congratulated PSC for their hard work over the past years.

VI. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN - 2nd Draft

Ms. Hosafros will meet with Lee County EOC.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVERTISEMENT

A. Safety Brochure Revisions

Chair Butcher noted the phrase, *lights on bikes* was missing from the bicycle section and he stated bells were required on bicycles using sidewalks. Bullet points #2 and #3 were consolidated, *lights on bikes* was added, *ride single file* was deleted, and *use bell* was added. In the motor vehicle section, change the bullet to read: *Give bicyclists a 3 foot clearance, it's the law.* Under pedestrians, add bullets stating that lights are recommended at night and pedestrians should make eye contact with the motor vehicle. Ms. Hosafros suggested the final draft be presented to council for approval before printing. Mr. Baker noted he would walk it on January 20, 2015. Mr. Fleming reviewed changes. Chair Butcher noted that bicycles riding with traffic *was the law* and that should be included in the bullet point.

B. Mesh Banners

Mr. Copeland pointed out that the banners were not readable and he indicated the designer had been notified. Discussion was held on ways to modify the banners.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. Lenell Road Crossing

Mr. Baker reported that from 12-22-14 through 1-02-15 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., 4,154 pedestrians crossed Lenell Rd. and 2,190 crossed on Estero Blvd., for a total of 6,344 pedestrians. He stated the crossing guards expressed concern regarding vehicles turning left. Ms. Hosafros revealed that residents were confused about the bollards in that intersection. Mr. Durrett stated the bollard on the north side going south before Lenell should be moved to the north by 75 to 100 feet, which would give vehicles room to cut in. Ms. Hosafros questioned Mr. Phelan regarding different safety features. Mr. Baker commented that he would like to see more arrows and verbiage on the road. Discussion was held concerning consolidating driveways, signage, and roundabouts.

B. Street Light Inspections

Mr. Copeland indicated the lights at Tropical Sands and the lights on the bridge had been repaired.

C. Estero Blvd. Updates

Mr. Sommers reported that the center suicide lane could not be used for passing unless there was an obstruction such as a tree. A stopped trolley or garbage truck was not considered an obstruction and could not legally be passed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Scopel suggested scheduling a workshop concerning lighting issues on Estero Blvd. Mr. Copeland stated he would research a date and time to meet.

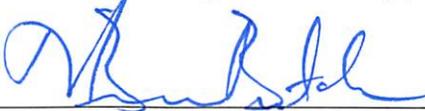
XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Adopted 2-11-15 with/without changes. Motion by AL Dorrett
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: 

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