

**MINUTES  
FORT MYERS BEACH  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday, February 11, 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, Tony Scopel, and Bill Veach.

Excused: Jim Wray

Town Staff: Tildon Copeland

Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of January 14, 2015

**MOTION:** Mr. Durrett moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Fleming ?

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nate Rogan (sp), Fort Myers resident, commented that crossing a highway to get to the pedestrian walkway at the base of the bridge was a public safety hazard. He remarked that segways were using pedestrian walkways instead of bike lanes.

**V. ESTERO BLVD. UPDATES**

Ms. Hosafros informed the Committee that Council Member Mandel took their funding request for a lighting study to the MPO and he felt funding may be available for the study and lighting. Ms. Hosafros stated that she felt a custom lighting analysis for each crosswalk was important. Discussion was held concerning roundabouts, pedestrian-heavy intersections, redirecting pedestrians, sidewalks, right-of-ways, bollards, a crossing guard at Lenell, RRFBs, flags in crosswalks, adding a crosswalk, left turns, and adding a traffic signal at Lenell.

**MOTION:** Mr. Fleming moved to hire a guard at Lenell through the end of the season; second by Mr. Scopel.

**VOTE:** Motion passed 5-1.

**MOTION:** Mr. Durrett moved that the Town ask the DOT to investigate an RRFB in the location of Lenell and Estero Blvd., second by Mr. Veach.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Veach moved to ask Council to commit a traffic study to determine the feasibility of putting a roundabout at Lenell, second by **Mr. Scopel?**

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN - 2nd Draft**

Ms. Hosafros reported that Mr. Fleming joined her in working on the plan. They met with the Fort Myers Emergency Operations Center and the Fort Myers Beach Fire Chief. She stated that the points of distribution in the plan may not be part of the state-approved list of distribution points. The Fire Chief indicated that his plan included Santini Plaza and Helmerich Plaza and he thought those two places were on the state-approved list, but he would verify. He stated that he would share those locations with the Town if those were the only approved sites. Ms. Hosafros noted that she was in the process of verifying all information. Mr. Scopel questioned whether the PSC had to redesign the chain of command. Ms. Hosafros replied in the affirmative.

## **VII. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVERTISEMENT - Safety Brochure Revisions**

Under Bicyclists, second sentence, delete *with a bicyclist*: at the end of the sentence. Line up *Motor Vehicle Drivers* and change *Motor Vehiclists* to *Drivers*. In the fourth bullet down, *Alert* should be lower case. Under Facts About FMB, change motor *vehiclists* to motor *vehicles*. Under Trolley Service, eliminate the period in the first bullet and change *is* to *are* in the third bullet. Under Be Seen on FMB, change the sentence to read: *The purpose of this brochure is to bring awareness...* and delete the period at the end of that sentence.

**MOTION:** Mr. Scopel moved to make corrections and send to the printer; second by Mr. **Fleming?**

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. STAFF REPORT - Street Light Inspections**

No street lights out, but Mr. Fleming reported that crosswalk signs in Times Square and Publix were in the bushes or missing. Mr. Veach brought up placing stickers on the back of speed limit signs to inform bicyclists they were going the wrong way. Mr. Phelan stated that stickers may not be permitted.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keri Weeg, Vice Chair of the Community Resources Advisory Board (CRAB), asked if brochures would be reprinted in time for the Leadership Conference at the end of February. Mr. Copeland replied that Council would have to approve printing the brochures. Ms. Hosafros indicated she would try to get it on the agenda at the next meeting.

## **X. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Myers commented that the bridge looked good.

Mr. Veach commented on grounding shelters to make them lightning safe. Ms. Hosafros suggested he send an email to Mr. Kiker.

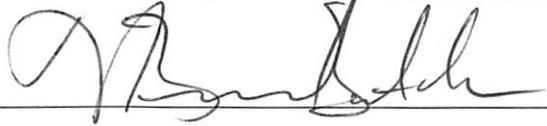
## XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Adopted 3-11-15 with/without changes. Motion by Tom Myers  
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: 

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