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**MINUTES  
FORT MYERS BEACH  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Newton Park  
4650 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Veach. Members present: Al Durrett, Ron Fleming, John Kakatsch, ~~Tom Myers~~, Tony Scopel, and Bill Veach.  
Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros  
Staff: Chelsea O'Riley ✓  
Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 13, 2015**

**MOTION:** Mr. Durrett moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. ?  
**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**V. ESTERO BOULEVARD - Questions Regarding Plans**

Vice Chair Veach provided a list items from the work session. Mr. Phelan discussed raised median refuges at crosswalk locations. He indicated that transitions between the road and trolley stops would be marked and the intent would be to provide adequate lighting for crosswalks. Ms. Hosafros stated that Council Member Mandel would inquire about lighting funds from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mr. Phelan noted that conduit would be in place for future lighting systems. Mr. ? questioned whether there would be crosswalks at every beach access. Mr. Phelan replied that trolley stops were paired with crosswalks and adding a crosswalk at every beach access may be excessive; however, there may be opportunities to place crosswalks closer to beach accesses in the southern portion. Mr. Phelan asked PSC members to help him identify high-use beach access points. Mr. Kakatsch questioned whether FP&L would install light fixtures on the relocated electric poles. Mr. Phelan responded that the Town maintained the light fixtures on the poles and the Town would have to enter into a contract with FP&L to add lights. He explained the way FP&L charged for light fixtures and how they recouped their costs. Ms. Hosafros described a meeting concerning lighting with FP&L and staff. She stated the idea was to supplement the lighting offered by FP&L. Discussion was held regarding bicycle lanes. Vice Chair Veach questioned whether the road would drain to the

center. Mr. Phelan replied in the affirmative. Discussion was held concerning raised medians, drainage, bike lanes and educating the public on riding with traffic. Vice Chair Veach questioned why the trolley stop was eliminated in front of Publix. Mr. Phelan indicated that it might not be eliminated but there were challenges due to the reduction of the right-of-way width in that location. Discussion was held concerning property owners donating land for trolley stops, right-of-way encroachments and right, left and center turn lanes.

## **VI. SAFETY DISCUSSION**

**Lightning Safe Structures** - Vice Chair Veach questioned the metal roof structures at Bay Oaks. He stated they were not grounded. Ms. Hosafros recommended that Vice Chair Veach contact Randy Norton, Parks and Recreation Director.

**Alternative Public Safety Items and Advertising** - Ms. O'Riley indicated there was \$995.00 left in the budget. Discussion was held regarding ordering brochures, public safety items and downloading the brochure to the website. Mr. Kakatsch commented that the hotels showed great interest in distributing the brochures last year. Discussion was held concerning the amount of brochures to order.

**MOTION:** Mr. Durrett moved to print 5,000 brochures and distribute to bike rental locations; second by ?

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning messages on banners. Ms. Hosafros suggested targeting advertising to a specific theme each year. Mr. Durrett stated that he would rather spend money on signs, not brochures. Discussion was held concerning public safety issues outside of crosswalks.

**Walk Your Bike on Matanzas Pass Bridge** - Ms. O'Riley stated that the MPO would add an imprint in the ground on the east side of the bridge to indicate that bikes must walk their bicycles over the bridge. Vice Chair Veach discussed creating bumper stickers for city vehicles to inform bicyclists to ride with traffic.

## **VII. MEMBER'S ITEMS**

Mr. Fleming stated that the Sheriff's office made a renewed effort to reduce underage drinking and other activities behind Hooter's.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **IX. DISCUSS SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AND PREPARATION**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Kakatsch moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Durrett.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ with/without changes. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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