

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Butcher. Members present: Bruce Butcher, Al Durrett, Alice Mack, Rexann Hosafros, John Kakatsch, and Jim Wray.

Excused: Tom Myers

Town Staff: Sam Updike

Council Liaison: Joe Kosinski

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 18, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Kakatsch moved to approve the minutes; second by Ms. Hosafros.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

IV. LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEM PRESENTATIONS

A. Systematic Technologies - Wayne Sexauer

Mr. Sexauer distributed and discussed literature featuring products by Systematic Technologies. Mr. Sexauer provided details regarding detection range, advance warning, hours of operation, number and spacing of stations, turtles, continuing maintenance costs, and warranty.

B. Weatherbug - Randy Smith

Mr. Smith provided a power point presentation that included current clients, sensors, early warning, in-cloud and cloud-to-ground detection, cell phone alerts, radius, and real-time weather access. Frank (last name not provided) described advance warning in relation to bolt out of the blue. Mr. Smith explained that Weatherbug monitors the system 24/7 and there would be a monitoring fee the second year. Mr. Smith discussed prediction versus detection.

Chair Butcher questioned Mr. Updike concerning bids from each company. Mr. Updike stated that he had not received a quote from Systematic Technologies, but he may have

received a quote from Weatherbug. Mr. Durrett stated that he would like to continue to pursue a system. Discussion was held regarding funding opportunities and permitting.

**V. DISCUSSION ON BIKE TRAIL PROPOSAL MOUND HOUSE TO TOWN HALL
Matanzas Preserve Issues - Teri Cain Presentation**

Chair Butcher explained the concept of the bike trail to Ms. Cain, Conservation Lands Coordinator for Lee County Parks and Recreation. Ms. Cain presented a map of the area to indicate public access entrances. Ms. Cain pointed out that hurdles included canals, mangroves, tidal action, private property, wet lands, permitting, and the homeless population. Ms. Cain discussed boardwalks, the history of the area, The Nature Conservancy, and that no bicycles are currently permitted in the preserve. Chair Butcher questioned Ms. Cain as to whether it would be worth it to go forward. Ms. Cain stated that Matanzas was a preserve, not a park, and she did not feel that bikes belonged in preserves. Ms. Cain remarked that the path would be very expensive for a short bike trail.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VII. SIDEWALK EXTENSION - FIFTH ST. AND ESTERO BLVD. - COMMENT ON PLANS

Mr. Updike stated that he received an updated set of plans from LeeTran. Mr. Updike stated that he has not heard from FDOT. Discussion was held regarding scheduling the workshop. Mr. Updike stated that he would check with Cathie Lewis concerning the workshop.

VIII. STREET LIGHT DISCUSSION WITH FP&L

Chair Butcher shared information regarding Cree LED lights. Mr. Updike revealed that Lee County would be making a presentation to Town Council on February 18 and that public comment by private citizens would be permitted.

IX. PROPOSED BAY BEACH CROSSWALK - STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Phelan indicated that he was waiting on survey data before proceeding with plans.

X. STAFF REPORT

A. Street Light Outage Report

Chair Butcher reported that many burnt out lights were functioning.

B. Clear Sight Distance - Potential intersections not meeting this requirement

No new intersections identified. Discussion was held regarding the obstruction at the intersection at CVS. Ms. Mack described the dangers of the intersection. Chair Butcher

pointed out that another potential intersection was Dakota. Mr. Updike stated that he would investigate both intersections with Mr. Phelan.

XI. UPDATE OF ESTERO BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS (PSC Wish List)

Chair Butcher indicated that Santini would be a good place to start improvements. Mr. Durrett requested that work be performed at night. Ms. Hosafros noted that noise was an issue. Mr. Kakatsch stated that the project should be completed in 18 months, not five years, and he would start from the south end and complete two miles in a one-year period. Mr. Phelan discussed improvements to sidewalks and curbs, drainage, and shut-off valves.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Wray moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Durrett.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Adopted 3/12/2014 with/without changes. Motion by Jim Wray
(DATE)

Vote: 5-0 Signature: DK Butcher

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