

**MINUTES  
FORT MYERS BEACH  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Excused: Jim Wray.

Absent: Alice Mack.

Town Staff: Sam Updike.

Lee County DOT: Robert Phelan.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 11, 2013**

**MOTION:** Mr. Myers moved to approve the minutes; second by Mr. Kakatsch.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

**V. SIDEWALK EXTENSION - Fifth St. and Estero Blvd.**

Mr. Updike stated that he had requested a meeting with FDOT.

**VI. DISCUSSION ON LIGHTNING WARNING SYSTEMS**

Mr. Rob Pentico from Thor Guard distributed a packet of information and provided details regarding their lightning prediction system. Discussion was held regarding placement of horns, strobes, Bay Oaks, weather, Thor Mobile, feedback, quotations, power lines, timing options, solar power, and maintenance expenses.

Ms. Hosafros suggested obtaining a second quote. Mr. Updike indicated that he would request additional bids.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hosafros moved to continue the research; second by Mr. Durrett.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. DISCUSSION ON BIKE TRAIL PROPOSAL - Mound House to Town Hall**

Mr. Updike stated that he was waiting to hear from the Town Attorney.

## **VIII. STREET LIGHT DISCUSSION WITH FP&L**

Mr. Phelan indicated that he would prepare an evaluation when needed.

## **IX. FOLLOW UP ON BAY BEACH CROSSWALK FLASHING LIGHTS**

Mr. Phelan stated that he received quotes for RRFBs.

## **X. STAFF REPORT**

### **1) Street Light Outage Report**

Mr. Updike stated that he submitted a request to repair the lights. Chair Butcher noted that the light at Estrellita and Estero Blvd. was out. Mr. Kakatsch noted that the light at Dakota was out. Mr. Updike stated that he would submit a second request.

### **2) Clear Sight Distance - Potential intersections not meeting this requirement**

Mr. Updike provided information regarding legal requirements for site clearance. Discussion was held regarding specifications.

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

Chair Butcher suggested that Mr. Updike choose dates for a workshop.

## **XII. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Kakatsch stated that the shrubs on Dakota and Jefferson needed to be checked. Ms. Hosafros suggested writing a letter to the editors of local periodicals regarding safety issues. Chair Butcher volunteered to write the letter.

## **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Keri Weeg stated that she resided on Dakota and visibility was compromised. Ms. Weeg stated that a tree blocked the view of traffic on Voorhis as well.

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Adopted 2-2-14 with/without changes. Motion by J. J. K.  
(DATE)

Vote: 6-0 Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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