

City of DeBary
DEBARY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

9 AM

Florence K. Little Town Hall 12 Colomba Road

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Waczkowski, Chairman John Harvey, Josephine Opisso and Marian Lane. Gene Leighton arrived after roll call but participated in the meeting.

Also Present: Safe City Coordinator Elaine Swanson, George Coleman and Murray Hall.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
 FEBRUARY 8, 2005 and the WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

Ms. Opisso asked for a correction of Section 8 and noted the motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Lane. All members voted to accept the minutes as amended for the February 8th meeting.

Ms. Lane motioned to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2005 Workshop. Ms. Opisso seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Continuation of Discussion on City's Emergency Disaster Management Plan

Chairman Harvey said that everyone had a copy of the operating handbook and specifics would be filled in at a later time as the situation dictates. He asked the Board to look through it and make comments.

Ms. Swanson said she had contacted the City of Lake Helen and asked for their written procedures, but they did not have a written emergency plan. She handed out two pages of items to be addressed along with distribution sites she received from Volusia County. There was an agreement to keep the 2004 sites with the exception of a DeLand site to be moved to the old K-Mart site. In Orange City, the City Manager wanted to move the site from the K-Mart site elsewhere, and the County is currently considering this request. The Board concurred that it was a good site and recommended keeping that location in Orange City.

Ms. Lane asked if 911 is updated. Ms. Swanson answered that it is updated yearly, but that periodically, there are notices in the City Newsletter for citizens to contact Safe City if they have never received a Reverse 911 call.

Ms. Opisso suggested in Section 2 “Objective” to get rid of the word “the” and on “Assumptions” Section D, add AND SKILLS.

Ms. Lane asked who would be doing the recruiting. Chairman Harvey responded that would fall under the authority of the City Manager and the Safe City Coordinator.

Ms. Opisso commented that the Board did a lot of work prior to her arrival on the committee and the Plan looks very good. She then stated there was a misspelling of the word warnings in Section 10 Definitions “Hurricane Warnings”.

Board Member Marion Lane brought attention to the next page “Definition”. She asked who would contact volunteers for availability stand-by 24 hours prior to a hurricane strike. Ms. Swanson responded that would be done through the CERT captains, her phone pagers, or through the reverse 911 system.

Ms. Opisso asked about the page after Definitions. Chairman Harvey stated he would have to get more information from Ms. Courson before the next committee meeting.

Mr. Leighton asked what would be done with the generators for the rest of the year. Mr. Harvey stated he believed they would be put in storage along with the portable pumps the City purchased. There was a discussion on the cost and number of the generators. It was noted that the County would modify the traffic lights to be generator-ready.

Ms. Opisso asked if anyone remembered if all the intersections went out at the same time, and it was determined that the Saxon light went out later. Mr. Leighton noted that when the plastic stop signs went out along with the announcements on the radio to stop at all intersections, people were stopping. Ms. Opisso and Ms. Waczkowski both stated their opinion that five may be needed since it is feared this hurricane season may be worse than last year. The Committee decided to recommend the five generators. There was a discussion of using a generator to keep ice from melting. There was a discussion of getting a generator for the DeBary Elementary School because it is the main shelter for DeBary residents. Ms. Swanson said the County is working on that.

Chairman Harvey suggested a refrigerator truck on stand-by to keep ice. Mr. Leighton asked the Chairman to add that to the committee’s recommendation list. Ms. Waczkowski asked if the ice company on Enterprise Road was in DeBary and could they be used to supply ice. Neither Chairman Harvey nor other board members were aware of the ice company.

Ms. Waczkowski suggested a change under Direction and Control, to remove the words “as far as possible” in the sentence “After the emergency has passed the City will need to enter a recovery stage in order to restore a safe environment.”

Mr. Leighton again asked if three generators would be sufficient. There was a discussion of events that could use the generator during the year, and Ms. Waczkowski stated it was an investment. It was again stated it would be the Council's decision; and that the committee's recommendation would be for five generators for general City use; and that the generators not be used just for traffic control.

b. Goals and Objectives for Committee for 2005

Chairman Harvey stated the committee got off to a good start with this project, and that he would like to see the Committee become proactive and make recommendations to the Council. Ms. Lane agreed.

Ms. Swanson reported that the County notified her that April 16th would be hazardous waste disposal day. It will also be DeBary Clean Up Day. Chairman Harvey reported he still had the list of areas to be cleaned up from 2004. Ms. Swanson asked the Committee if this was an activity they wanted to continue. Ms. Waczkowski and Ms. Lane affirmed that they did. Chairman Harvey said he felt there were a lot of areas needing to be cleaned up due to the new waste company spilling a lot of trash, especially on Highbanks and 17-92. Ms. Lane stated the side streets are also a mess. Ms. Waczkowski commented that there are areas that need to be mowed before the clean up for it to be safe to walk in the areas. Ms. Swanson asked the committee to give her a list for the City to get mowed. Chairman Harvey stated he would get her the list. Ms. Swanson volunteered to put together a flyer. Committee members suggested contacting volunteer organizations such as Little League and the Scouts to assist on the DeBary Clean Up Day as they had helped in the past.

Chairman Harvey asked Ms. Swanson to obtain the list of roads sponsored by different groups. She agreed to obtain this information and stated that T-shirts would be handed out to volunteers who worked the clean up.

Ms. Swanson informed the Committee that Ms. Courson had requested that they work on a gun ordinance for the City. She also noted that Parks and Recreation is eager to work with the Committee on the Bike Rodeo in the fall.

Chairman Harvey requested Ms. Swanson obtain a copy of the evacuation plan from Captain Osowski.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Swanson reported Progress Energy would be having a First Response and Safety Expo on April 5th, 6th and 7th at their training center in Winter Garden. She handed out information and directions to the Committee.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

George Coleman noted that during the last storms, DeBary relied on the surrounding Cities for help; that a lot of the City's problems last hurricane season was due to power loss; that if there were an extra generator available it would be a resource for the whole area; and that electronic

message boards would be helpful. Ms. Swanson reported she put in a federal grant request with the County for two message boards for the City but hasn't gotten a response yet.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Leighton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Waczkowski seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

**APPROVED July 5, 2005
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

John Harvey, Chairman