

City of DeBary
DEBARY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

9 AM

Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road DeBary, Florida

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman John Harvey called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Gene Leighton, Chairman John Harvey, Josephine Opisso and Marian Lane. Linda Waczkowski arrived late to the meeting.

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez, City Manager Maryann Courson, and Reggie Sears.

III. BUSINESS

Discussion of the Emergency Management Plan

Chairman Harvey asked for a copy of the Volusia County Fire Services procedure for hazardous materials incidents, railroad and airplane transport incidents. He noted that the evacuation procedure was missing and on page 5 Section E, "Other Outstanding Contracts" was eliminated, as there are contracts with Bird Brothers and Whitehouse Masonry.

Ms. Lane asked who takes care of storm drains. Chairman Harvey responded that Volusia County Public Works does that, and the State takes care of those on 17-92. Ms. Lane asked where the pipes along Highbanks drain. Ms. Courson replied the pipes drain to the pond.

Mr. Leighton commented that on page 10, Article 12, Number 6 was removed. Ms. Courson expressed concern that the generators for the streetlights and for Bill Keller Park were not included. Mr. Leighton responded that was addressed at the last meeting on March 15, 2005. Chairman Harvey said that there was a recommendation for 5 generators.

Chairman Harvey asked Ms. Courson how much it would cost to make the streetlights generator ready. She answered that Volusia County Traffic Engineering told her it was an easy change for the lights to accept the generator power. Ms. Waczkowski reported she spoke to Tim McQueen at F.P.& L. who told her it was more difficult than just converting it, and during a storm one would have to be very careful doing so. He further told her neither F.P.& L. nor Progress Energy would be able to assist if they shut down. She suggested more research needed to be done to avoid liability. Ms. Lane asked if

they could be converted now rather than waiting. Ms. Courson replied it is a simple switch. Several Board Members suggested getting the work done and having the power companies inspect them.

Mr. Leighton recommended to Ms. Courson that the generators needed to be on wheels to make their use easier and that it was the committee's recommendation that the generators not simply be stored all year, but used during events like the Haunted Hike and Christmas display.

Ms. Courson stated it was important to add an action item titled "Develop Representatives and Scheduling at the E.O.C." because last year there was only one person who was there all the time. Mr. Leighton told her this was already addressed at a prior meeting, and that the committee already recommended having at least two people.

Ms. Lane asked the committee to look at page 4, Item 6, under C, and questioned if this is where the C.E.R.T. team would come in and asked how many people actually showed up to volunteer last year. Ms. Courson responded that the Safe City Coordinator Elaine Swanson would have a record of that. Ms. Lane commented it was her recollection that there was a poor showing of C.E.R.T. members whereas there was a good number of C.O.P.s and other volunteers. Ms. Waczkowski responded that a large number of people had to evacuate and that most of the people were elderly. Ms. Lane stated that they need younger people who can actually do the job and that they needed to get proactive in recruiting younger people. Ms. Courson responded it is the job of the Assistant City Manager to evaluate the C.E.R.T. program and determine its effectiveness. There was a general discussion of the C.E.R.T. program and problems with the volunteers.

Mr. Leighton asked if anyone had anything to add or delete from the document. Chairman Harvey and Ms. Lane noted it was pretty much the same only the format was different. Mr. Gonzalez agreed he would be the staff member for the committee. He said he would add whatever is already in the minutes to the document. Mr. Leighton stated a P.I.O. should be appointed, and Ms. Courson said it should be in there as an action item.

A flyer for the DeBary Clean Up Day on April 16th was handed out to the committee.

Chairman Harvey asked the members if the 29th was good for the next meeting. Mr. Gonzalez stated he would bring the minutes to the next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Waczkowski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lane seconded the motion. All members voted to adjourn.

**APPROVED June 14, 2005
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

John Harvey, Chairman