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DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

9:00 AM

Florence K. Little Town Hall

12 Colomba Road

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: John Harvey, Gene Leighton, Marion Lane, Mary Hall and Josephine Opisso

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez and Captain Alan Osowski

III. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting held September 13, 2005

Mr. Leighton informed the Committee that he had seen a citizen in Woodbound Lakes dumping lawn clippings down the storm drain. He suggested that it might be noted in the City newsletter that residents should not do that. Mr. Gonzalez said that staff would place it in the newsletter.

Chairman Harvey asked Captain Osowski if warnings or actual parking tickets were issued the prior month as they discussed at the September meeting. Captain Osowski answered that he did not know. Mr. Leighton asked the color of the tickets, and Captain Osowski responded that they are white. Chairman Harvey suggested that the minutes be amended to read tickets and/or warnings, rather than just tickets.

Mr. Leighton made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Lane seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Old Business

1. Code Enforcement

Chairman Harvey said that Dominick Vessa, former Volunteer Coordinator, was supposed to have asked Tom Reynolds, with Volusia County Building and Zoning, to attend the meeting to discuss code

enforcement. Chairman Harvey told the Committee that they would have to postpone that discussion until November and asked Mr. Gonzalez if he could have Mr. Reynolds attend the next meeting

2. Traffic and Vision at Intersections

Chairman Harvey said that Warren Graham had brought in a list with pictures of various intersections that have visibility issues at the last meeting. Mr. Gonzalez asked Mr. Harvey to call him with that list to ensure that City staff included all known problem intersections on their master list.

Mr. Leighton asked Mr. Gonzalez the process that the City uses to cut vegetation on private property. Mr. Gonzalez explained the steps that the City takes to abate those types of nuisances.

Ms. Opisso said that she had brought the list with her and they could go over it during the meeting. Ms. Hall asked who is responsible for taking nuisance complaints and why the City does not have an in-house code enforcement officer. Chairman Harvey said that he would call Orange City to obtain their job description for a nuisance officer. Captain Osowski explained the limitations of code enforcement officers with regards to private property to Ms. Hall. He also discussed various City ordinances with the Committee.

Mr. Leighton asked Captain Osowski what the Sheriff's office does about parking at yard sales. Captain Osowski answered that they are not proactive, but if they get a complaint they will act on it.

Ms. Opisso discussed the dangers encountered by a nuisance or code enforcement officer.

Mr. Gonzalez asked the Committee if they were advocating a new paid employee or a volunteer position. Chairman Harvey responded that the Committee could discuss that at the next meeting after doing some research into what other cities in the area are doing.

Mr. Leighton noted that some stop signs in the City are faded and there are missing street signs; he asked the Committee if a few people could take a trip around the City to note the locations of dilapidated or missing signs to provide to City staff. The Committee questioned if they would be covered under the City's insurance if they decided to make that trip. Mr. Gonzalez said he would find out the specifics before the next meeting.

V. New Business

Chairman Harvey said he had noted an increase in used car sales by the Reserve and in other locations throughout the City. Captain Osowski said that his officers have been placing pink tags on these vehicles, which require removal within 24 hours.

VI. Public Participation

Captain Osowski suggested that the Committee might want to work on getting a traffic light installed at the exit ramp from I-4 at Dirksen because of the number of accidents that occur there. He also distributed minutes of the West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team, which is made up of citizens, law enforcement, and public officials to identify problem traffic areas. He noted that he thought it would be a good idea for DeBary to participate in the Team.

Chairman Harvey asked Mr. Gonzalez to request the accident statistics from Volusia County Traffic Engineering for the I-4 exit ramp at Dirksen.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Lane moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

**APPROVED November 9, 2005
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

John Harvey, Chairman