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## **DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2006**

**9:00 AM**

**Florence K. Little Town Hall**

**12 Colomba Road**

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Marion Lane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Mary Hall, Marion Lane, Gene Leighton, Daniel McMahon, and Josephine Opisso

**Others Present:** Volunteer Coordinator Alan Williamson, Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez, Mayor George Coleman, and Lieutenant David Brannon

#### **III. Introduction of New Member – Daniel McMahon**

Vice-Chair Lane welcomed Mr. McMahon to the Committee.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting held December 14, 2005

Mr. Leighton suggested that the Sheriff's office might place a patrol car in the medians on 17-92 as Captain Osowski discussed at the December meeting to slow drivers down. Vice-Chairman Lane asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Opisso made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Old Business**

1. Election of Chair for 2006

Vice-Chair Lane nominated Ms. Hall, but she declined the nomination. Ms. Opisso and Mr. Leighton also declined. Mr. Williamson informed the members that the Committee is only required to meet quarterly, rather than monthly. Vice-Chair Lane informed the Committee that after speaking with Ms. Hall, she agreed to accept the nomination for Committee Chair. Vice-Chair Lane asked for the Committee to vote on the nomination for Ms. Hall as Chair. The members unanimously approved the nomination.

The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the schedule to quarterly meetings. Mayor Coleman suggested that if they do that, the Public might get the wrong idea and think that safety is not important to the City. Vice-Chair Lane agreed and asked the Committee for a vote to keep the schedule the same. All members voted to keep the monthly meeting schedule.

## **VI. New Business**

1. Goals and Objectives

Ms. Opisso stated that she has noted an increase in the use of elaborate fireworks in her neighborhood and asked if there was a City ordinance addressing fireworks. Lieutenant Brannon answered that there is a state statute that prohibits the use of those types of fireworks, but there are loopholes in the statute. He added that if the purchaser is willing to sign a form that states the fireworks are for the purpose of scaring birds away at a farm, then the purchaser could legally buy the fireworks. He informed the Committee that if a citizen has a complaint, he or she may call the Sheriff's Department, and they will send a deputy out to respond.

Vice-Chair Lane asked Lieutenant Brannon if they had a significant number of fireworks complaints on New Year's Eve. He answered that he was not aware of a large number, but he would check and report back to the Committee.

Mr. Leighton said his goal for the Committee would be to compile an inventory of all the stop signs hidden by trees and other vegetation in DeBary. Vice-Chair Lane asked Ms. Opisso what the Citizens on Patrol could do if they observed a safety concern such as Mr. Leighton described. Ms. Opisso responded that the protocol is to call in safety violations to base. Mr. McMahon said that he could make notes while he is driving around as a COP. Ms. Opisso said that she could also do that as well. Mr. Williamson said he would contact the COP Coordinator for Volusia County.

Ms. Hall suggested that while each member is in his or her own neighborhood, he or she could make a note of any sight hazards. Mr. Gonzalez said he would really appreciate it if they could call City Hall directly to report those hazards.

Mr. Williamson explained the annual cleanup day to the Committee, but said that the specific date for this year has not been determined. He said he would have the date for the Committee at the next meeting.

**VII. Public Participation**

None.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McMahon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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

**Mary Hall, Chair**

