

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 9, 2007
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: Vice Chair Marion Lane, Josephine Opisso, Gene Leighton, Bob Garcia and Daniel McMahon

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Captain Alan Osowski

III. Introduction of New Member Bob Garcia

Vice Chair Lane welcomed Mr. Garcia to the Committee.

IV. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held November 16, 2006

Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Opisso voiced her desire for the Committee to be provided verbatim minutes rather than summary minutes. Mr. McMahon made a motion for the Committee's minutes to be verbatim. Vice Chair Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

Ms. Opisso briefed Mr. Leighton on the West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team meeting that she attended in Deland. She added that the group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Williamson stated that he received copies of the minutes of the meeting and would make copies for each Committee member. He asked the Committee if they wanted to reschedule their meeting day or time in order to attend the West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team. After discussion, the Committee decided to meet at 11:00 a.m., rather than at 9:00 a.m., to allow time for PSAC members to attend the meeting at the Deland Police Department. Mr. Garcia made a motion to continue meeting monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Opisso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Garcia stated that he researched the Sister City Program that was discussed by Council Member Tillis at the last meeting. Mr. Williamson said he was working on it, and Council

Member Tillis had been speaking with an interested City in South Florida. Mr. Williamson briefly explained how the concept works to the Committee.

Mr. Garcia asked for clarification regarding the Special Needs Program. Mr. Williamson explained that the County runs the program, but the suggestion made by Captain Osowski at the last meeting was for a shut-in program. Captain Osowski briefly explained his suggestion for the program that he made at the November meeting.

Vice Chair Lane requested that a representative from the Council on Aging attend the next meeting. Mr. Leighton noted that a similar list was compiled several years back when Bob Mauney was the city manager.

Mr. McMahon estimated that approximately seventy percent of the stop bar lines need to be repainted relative to the Committee's discussion in November.

- **Election of Chair for 2007**

Ms. Opisso moved that Bob Garcia be elected to chair for 2007. The motion passed 3-1, with Mr. Leighton dissenting.

VI. New Business

Ms. Opisso asked Vice Chair Lane if she made the presentation to Council on the December 6th meeting. Mr. Williamson responded that he had made the presentation himself to Council after Vice Chair Lane spoke to him that same day and informed him that she would be unable to do it.

Chair Garcia briefly discussed some residents leaving their trash out by the road longer than is permitted by the code. Mr. Williamson responded that code questions should be directed to the new Neighborhood Improvement Officer, Dave Hooker. He added that Mr. Hooker would be giving a public presentation at Town Hall, January 25th at 7:00 p.m.

VII. Public Participation

John Harvey, 61 Floridana Road, discussed a situation he had observed on December 30th involving the Sheriff's Department. He voiced concern regarding the deputies' knowledge of the City.

Mr. Williamson thanked Vice Chair Lane, Mr. Leighton, and Chair Garcia for their attendance at the Volunteers Inspiring Pride meeting.

Chair Garcia asked if the Committee could receive a yearly report from the Sheriff's Department. Captain Osowski answered that he is currently working on the annual report for the City, and the Committee can also receive a copy. He added that he also compiles a monthly statistical report that he would provide to the Committee.

Mr. Leighton asked Captain Osowski about the number of deputies used for break-in calls. Captain Osowski responded that there would be at least four, but the numbers vary depending on the exact situation. Captain Osowski then explained the questions that Mr. Harvey had in reference to the situation he observed on December 30th.

Ms. Opisso asked Captain Osowski how the officers receive driving directions when they are called somewhere. Captain Osowski explained that the patrol cars do not have global positioning systems installed, but they do have a mapping program on their computers. However, he noted that policy prohibits the officers from using the computer screens while they are driving. He stated that in most cases, the officers know most of the streets in DeBary, and can find a location quickly with the cross street names given to them by dispatch when the call is made.

Captain Osowski briefly explained the sex offender monthly check program.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Opisso seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**APPROVED February 13, 2007
CITY OF DeBARY
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Bob Garcia, Chair