

**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2007**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Florence K. Little Town Hall**  
**12 Colomba Road**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Bob Garcia called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Josephine Opisso, Gene Leighton, Chair Bob Garcia and Daniel McMahon

**Members Absent:** Vice Chair Marion Lane (excused)

**Others Present:** Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson, Council Member Tillis and Captain Alan Osowski

**III. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held January 9, 2007**

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

**IV. Old Business**

- Shut-in program

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that The Council on Aging did not have anyone available to come to the meeting, but he did learn some information regarding their program called the "Friendly Visitor Program". He briefly explained the program to the Committee.

Sophia Pickett, Coordinator of the Beyond 50 Ministry with the First United Methodist Church, explained their homebound program to the Committee. She also explained the prayer chain run by the Methodist Church. She said that the Church is initiating a transportation ministry to run errands for homebound individuals.

There was discussion regarding holding a workshop with area churches to get the City's program off the ground.

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that he and Mr. Garcia attended the meeting earlier in the morning and updated everyone on the highlights of the meeting. Chair Garcia spoke briefly about the Team's plan to place reflectors on the stop signs to reduce the number of people running stop signs.

Chair Garcia asked Captain Osowski about the apparent increase in domestic violence. Captain Osowski stated that it has been a growing trend in recent years.

Mr. McMahon informed the Committee of a few locations in the City with signage issues. Ms. Opisso said there are a number of signs and poles throughout the City that are turned and twisted.

Ms. Opisso asked if all of Glen Abbey would be changed to a 25 mph speed limit. Captain Osowski responded that traffic engineering has recently done a traffic study due to a citizen request, but there has not been a change in the speed limit for the entire development.

Chair Garcia stated that the Traffic Safety Team had mentioned there is a need for a sidewalk on Dirksen Drive south of 17-92. Council Member Tillis informed the Committee that he is currently working with Volusia County MPO to install a bike path in that area.

Council Member Tillis discussed the commuter rail project and updated the Committee on various City matters.

Ms. Opisso excused herself at 12:30.

Marlee Grein, 34 Naranja Road, spoke about informing parents of the recent incidents involving children being approached by strangers. Captain Osowski explained the way in which the sheriff's office handled the incidents.

## **V. New Business**

### Chairman Issues / Concerns

- Tornado Warning
- Traffic Control
- CERT
- Classes for Board Members
- VIP

Chair Garcia said he had been thinking about the City possibly researching warning devices such as sirens, in light of the recent tornadoes. Captain Osowski explained that regardless of whether it is a tornado or hurricane, there is a plan in place that everyone would follow. He also spoke in favor of the weather radios instead of the sirens. Mr. Williamson described the City's comprehensive emergency management plan and the fact that it can be used in a variety of circumstances. Chair Garcia stated that the community needs to be made aware of the plan.

Chair Garcia said he was looking forward to the traffic control class on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that he would bring report back to the Committee with information after he attends the class.

Chair Garcia stated there are nine or ten different organizations involved with VIP, and Mr. Williamson is working on it.

**VI. Public Participation**

None.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McMahon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

**APPROVED March 13, 2007  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**Bob Garcia, Chair**