

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 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, Daniel McMahon, and Vice Chair Marion Lane

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Captain Alan Osowski

III. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held February 13, 2007

Vice Chair Marion Lane made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that he attended a safety audit class sponsored by FDOT and explained the class to the members.

Mr. McMahon recommended that public speaker time should be limited to five minutes in the future. Ms. Opisso added that anyone speaking must do so at the podium. Mr. McMahon made a motion that speakers are limited to five minutes per topic, and all speakers must come to the podium microphone. Ms. Opisso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Chair Garcia said that he and Mr. Williamson attended the Team's meeting earlier in the morning and discussed the fatality that occurred on Dirksen Drive recently with the Team. He added that the Team was very receptive to his concerns regarding Dirksen Drive.

Mr. Williamson stated that the Team discussed a few possible solutions including adding lights to the bike path or possibly increasing the area of the shoulder of the road. He said that he would submit a study request to the Team for Dirksen Drive to ensure pedestrian safety from Gemini Springs to Mansion Boulevard. Ms. Opisso stated that people should not be walking on the bike path at night because Gemini Springs closes at dusk.

V. New Business

- **Parking Ordinance – Overnight Parking**

Captain Osowski distributed copies of the ordinance to the Committee. He gave a brief history of the ordinance, and stated that overnight parking is not specifically addressed in the ordinance. He asked the Committee to review the ordinance to determine if there are any changes needed and shared his thoughts on safety issues caused by overnight street parking.

The Committee discussed parking on sidewalks. Captain Osowski said that it is addressed in the ordinance and is prohibited.

Mr. McMahon spoke about the prohibition against parking in the streets of Terra Alta and Highland Country Estates. Captain Osowski said that the Sheriff's department does not enforce covenants of homeowner's associations.

Chair Garcia asked the members to review the ordinance for the next meeting. Mr. Leighton made a motion to take the ordinance under advisement until the next meeting. Vice Chair Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Participation

Captain Osowski noted that the Rotary Club would be sponsoring a 5k and 10k run in November, which would be similar to the one that was held for the City's 10-year anniversary. He explained his department's role during the previous run.

Leonard Marks, 32 Wisteria Drive, spoke to the Committee about tornado warnings sirens and his desire for the idea to be put forth to Council. Chair Garcia stated that it would be placed on the agenda for the April Committee meeting. Vice Chair Lane asked if there was grant money available to purchase weather radios. Mr. Williamson responded that he would need to research it for the Committee.

Mr. Marks also asked the Committee about the installation of fire hydrants in the old areas of DeBary. Chair Garcia stated that he would get information regarding the topic for the next meeting.

Mr. Williamson briefly discussed how the Reverse 911 system works.

VII. Adjournment

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

**APPROVED May 8, 2007
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

Bob Garcia, Chair