

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 12, 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 11:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Josephine Opisso, Gene Leighton, Chair Bob Garcia, Daniel McMahon, and Alternate Marlee Grein

Members Absent: Vice Chair Marion Lane (excused)

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Captain Alan Osowski

III. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held May 8, 2007

Ms. Opisso said she was disappointed that the minutes were not verbatim and made a motion not to accept them. Mr. McMahon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Chair Garcia stated that he had verbally addressed the City Council to inform them of the Committee's recommendations and read them his statement he had given to Council on June 6th.

Ms. Opisso noted that the News Journal had printed an incorrect time for the Committee meeting and asked Mr. Williamson if he could make sure the newspaper is aware of the correct time.

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson updated the Committee on the meeting held earlier in the morning. He said that the County intends to install LED lights in the traffic signals; that the "Click It or Ticket" campaign ended last Sunday, and they are waiting on the official report for the total number of tickets that were issued; and that the City of Orange City will be having DUI checkpoints throughout the month of June.

Mr. Williamson answered the question raised by Ms. Opisso at the previous meeting concerning the validity of the alternate position. He stated that the Council has the authority to appoint members to its boards and committees as it sees fit; that they do not require the recommendations from any of its boards or committees to make such appointments; and that they may change the composition of its boards and committees by Ordinance, which they did when they passed Ordinance #02-07.

Mr. Williamson informed the members that he had put in a budget request for \$5,000 for the weather radios; that he had found a Wal-Mart grant for communities that he would be applying for; that he would be holding an organizational meeting on June 19th for National Night Out; and that his monthly evening presentation for June would be the Neighborhood Improvement Officer, Dave Hooker.

Ms. Opisso informed the Committee that she did bring up the parking ticket issue discussed at the May meeting when she attended the COP meeting as she had promised, but as of this time, the COPs are still not authorized by the Sheriff to write tickets.

Captain Osowski noted that in reference to the complaint regarding the crematorium at the May meeting, the regulatory agency is the Division of Funeral Homes and Mortuaries, which is a State office. Chair Garcia stated that he had requested a letter from Neighborhood Improvement Officer, Dave Hooker, in reference to the complaint forwarded to him by the Committee.

John Likakis, 38 Seminole Drive, suggested that the pictures of the crematorium should be submitted to the State with a letter outlining the complaints and asked the Committee to send the letter. Ms. Opisso questioned if it is within the purview of the Committee to send such a letter. Mr. Williamson said that they should first follow up with Mr. Hooker, and then they could research the matter as it relates to public safety. Chair Garcia said they should gather as much information as possible before submitting anything to Council.

Ms. Opisso made a motion that Chair Garcia meet with the City Manager to request that all minutes be verbatim. Mr. McMahon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Public Participation

Lenny Marks, 32 Wisteria Drive, thanked Chair Garcia for his presentation to Council on June 6th. Mr. Marks noted that there were not any PSAC minutes posted on the City website for April. He asked why the flashing light was removed from 17-92 in front of the fire station. Mr. Williamson answered that there were a number of accidents and the West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team recommended that it be removed.

Maryann Bardon, 25 Lake Drive, advised the Committee that all their relevant issues need to be brought before the Volusia County MPO committees. She also stated that the City should have a continual burn ban, that residents should not burn yard waste, and the garbage company does pick up yard waste from all residences. She also voiced concern regarding the reflective material wearing down over time on the stop signs. Mr. Williamson stated that the signs are due to be inspected in July.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McMahon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

APPROVED July 10, 2007
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Bob Garcia, Chair