

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 11, 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: Vice Chair Marion Lane, Chair Bob Garcia, Gene Leighton, Josephine Opisso, and Alternate Marlee Grein

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez

III. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held July 10, 2007

Ms. Grein moved to approve the minutes, and Vice Chair Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Opisso moved to amend the minutes of May 8, 2007. Vice Chair Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that the Traffic Safety Team would be conducting a safe child walk to school program in DeLeon Springs in October, and that they planned on holding it in DeBary next year.

Ms. Opisso stated that she had addressed the Traffic Safety Team regarding the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Enterprise Road and Summerhaven Drive. She explained that it would be approximately two years before the much-needed traffic light is installed.

- Fire Hydrants

Chair Garcia explained the map of the existing water lines to the Committee and recommended that two fire hydrants be installed on Shell Road at the intersections of Volusia Drive and Lake Drive and a third hydrant on Plantation Boulevard at the corner of Bayou Vista Street. He added that the three locations were chosen because they would provide service to the greatest number of residents.

Mr. Leighton discussed the hydrant that was recently installed by the City at the corner of Shell Road and Palmetto Drive.

John Likakis, 38 Seminole Drive, said he thought the maximum distance is 300 feet in each direction from the hydrant. Chair Garcia stated that there is a 500-foot circumference around each hydrant from the center. Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez clarified that if the distance was measured from one side of the circle across, the diameter is 1000 feet.

Leonard Marks, 32 Wisteria Drive, asked the Committee the size of the existing water lines. Chair Garcia responded that they are eight and ten inches.

Mr. Leighton made a motion to recommend to Council that two fire hydrants be installed on Shell Road at the intersections of Volusia Drive and Lake Drive and a third hydrant on Plantation Boulevard at the corner of Bayou Vista Street. Ms. Opisso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **GAI EAR Meeting Summary**

Chair Garcia updated the members on the EAR meeting and said he could provide information on it if the Committee is interested. He added that every seven years the City must perform an evaluation and appraisal report on its comprehensive plan.

Ms. Opisso asked Mr. Williamson to provide the Committee members with copies of the report.

- **National Night Out Summary**

Mr. Williamson said it was a tremendous success, with about 300 residents attending the event and approximately twenty organizations participating. He noted that Volusia County MPO fitted and distributed roughly forty bike helmets for children. Chair Garcia said that he was impressed with the large number of children that were fingerprinted that night, and the number was between 75 and 80.

Ms. Opisso discussed the City Council minutes of June 6, 2007, in which Chair Garcia made a presentation to the Council regarding recommendations of the Committee. She voiced concern that someone reading the minutes would not know the details of the Committee's recommendations to the Council. She suggested that in the future it might be noted in the minutes that a letter was provided by Chair Garcia to the Council.

V. New Business

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that Daniel McMahon resigned as a member of the Committee due to his busy schedule. Chair Garcia asked for a motion to recommend to Council that alternate member Marlee Grien be appointed to the regular vacant position. Motion made by Ms. Opisso and seconded by Vice Chair Lane. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Participation

Mayor Coleman spoke briefly about the needed traffic light at Summerhaven and Enterprise Road and informed the members that the School Board is looking for property to build an elementary school in the area. There was a discussion regarding schools and property in the City.

Mac McShea, 71 Alano Road, spoke about the article in the newspaper regarding a chop shop in Glen Abbey and advocated stronger code enforcement relative to rental properties in the City of DeBary.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Opisso seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

**APPROVED October 16, 2007
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Bob Garcia, Chair**