

**City of DeBary**  
**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, November 20, 2007**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Florence K. Little Town Hall**  
**12 Colomba Road**  
**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Bob Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Bob Garcia, Vice Chair Marion Lane, Gene Leighton, Marlee Grein, and Josephine Opisso

**Members Absent:** Alternate David Asson (excused)

**Others Present:** Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez, Captain Alan Osowski, and Mayor Coleman

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held October 16, 2007

Ms. Grein moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Leighton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Public Participation**

Robert Meeks, 27 S. Shell Road, said he is concerned about a pole near his house without a streetlight. He added that there is a school bus stop in this location near the Civic Center. Mr. Gonzalez said he would inform the City Manager that a light is needed. Mr. Leighton made a motion to forward the information to staff that a streetlight is needed at 27 S. Shell Road. Vice Chair Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

John Wilson, 114 Pine Valley Court, spoke about an ongoing problem concerning vehicles speeding on his street and endangering pedestrians. Ms. Grein suggested that the Homeowner's Association send a letter to the homeowners on Pine Valley Court regarding the speed limit. Captain Osowski said that a letter should be sent to all the residents in the area to put everyone on notice that the speed limits have been lowered to 25 m.p.h. He added that residents should call the Sheriff's Department whenever they see someone speeding to keep track of when it is occurring, and he will have a deputy there to try and catch them.

Elaine Swanson, 123 Pine Valley Court, voiced the same concern as Mr. Wilson. She said that on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> the babysitter at 124 Pine Valley Court was speeding down the road almost hitting Mr. Wilson, and a deputy did respond and spoke to the babysitter. Ms. Opisso made a motion the incident be placed in the minutes. Mr. Leighton seconded. Ms. Opisso asked

if there was a report of the call. Captain Osowski answered that there is a report recorded by the deputy that responded to the call. Chairman Garcia asked for a copy of the Sheriff's report of the incident. Chairman Garcia asked for a vote on Ms. Opisso's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Swanson stated she was worried about the number of vehicles parked at Town Hall at the previous City Council meeting, due to the amount of people that attended. She suggested that no parking signs should be installed outside the front doors to allow for emergency vehicle access. She also said that there should be an evacuation plan posted in the building. Chairman Garcia stated the Committee should recommend to staff that an evacuation plan be posted in Town Hall. Vice Chair Lane made a motion and Ms. Grein seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. Old Business**

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Chairman Garcia stated that the proposed light on Enterprise Road at Summerhaven Drive was discussed; that the Team advised him to meet with Jim Kerr, Orange City Planner, because it is considered Orange City; and that he did meet with Mr. Kerr to discuss the need for the light. Chairman Garcia asked Ms. Opisso to attend the next Team meeting with him in December to discuss the matter and added that anyone from the Committee could attend the Team meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Opisso said that Richard Prine had previously told her the light would be installed in six months.

Chairman Garcia said that the Team also discussed the speed limit on 17-92 from Saxon to Dirksen. He stated that it changes from 45 to 40 to 50 miles per hour in that stretch.

- Driveway Stenciling

Chairman Garcia said that Alan Williamson suggested that they find a way for the paint to be donated instead of buying it. He added that the Committee would be able to get the yellow paint for free from the landfill.

Ms. Grein recommended that the manufactured and mobile home parks are completed first, and then they could set up the city in zones; that the City should send out postcards to all residents informing them of the project, and that if they do not want their driveway stenciled, they need to call Mr. Williamson to register the address; and that the Committee should check with the homeowners' associations prior to starting the project.

Chairman Garcia discussed the different organizations that have offered their assistance with the project. He also noted that the donated paint is surplus reflective road paint.

Ms. Swanson said she had spoken with a few firefighters, and they suggested a black background with white lettering. She added that they also stressed the importance of numbering on the mailboxes. Chairman Garcia suggested that Ms. Swanson head up a subcommittee to research the project. Ms. Swanson declined due to her schedule, but said she would forward the information she receives from the firefighters to Chairman Garcia.

Chairman Garcia informed the Committee that they are in the process of planning a mock training in early spring.

Ms. Opisso asked how to proceed when a citizen brings a request to the Committee. Chairman Garcia said he would rather have the person come before the Committee. Mr. Leighton said that he did not believe someone would appear in person, and the Committee member might need to bring it up to the Committee during a meeting. The members agreed that individuals should be encouraged to appear in person but if not, it is up to the Committee members' judgment whether or not to bring it up to the Committee.

## **VI. New Business**

- Speed Reduction on 17-92 at Spring Vista

Chairman Garcia said that he had discussed this earlier in the meeting when he was providing the update for the West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team.

- Traffic Signal on 17-92 and Colomba

Chairman Garcia stated that he had brought it up to the Team, and was told that the City had requested that it be removed. He said that they might consider a light in the future now that the new city hall is being built.

Ms. Grein discussed the fact that most drivers will drive five miles over the speed limit, and traffic officials should take that into account when setting a speed limit.

- Street Light at Bus Stop on Agua Vista

Chairman Garcia noted that there was an accident there recently; that there is a school bus stop at 232 Agua Vista; and that it is very dark, and he is concerned.

Mr. Gonzalez said that if it is a bus stop, city staff would ensure that a light is installed. He advised the Committee that if they are made aware of a location needing a light, they should get an address and notify staff.

- New Water Lines for Fire Hydrants

Chairman Garcia said he would have Alan Ferguson reschedule and report to the Committee either next month or the following month.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Opisso seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**APPROVED December 18, 2007  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee  
Bob Garcia, Chair**