

**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**  
**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, Gene Leighton, Marlee Grein, Josephine Opisso and Alternate David Asson

**Others Present:** Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Captain Alan Osowski

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held December 18, 2007

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

**IV. Old Business**

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson informed everyone of a new project the Team is working on, which is a series of short videos for bicycle safety. He added that much of the Team meeting was spent discussing the fatality that occurred in Deland on 17-92.

Ms. Opisso updated the Committee on the proposed traffic light at Enterprise Road and Summerhaven Drive. She said that since the last meeting she had spoke with Mr. Kerr from Orange City regarding the light. She was told that the developer is willing to install the light once he sells enough of the lots to afford it, but the cost of the light due to the required style might be prohibitive. She explained that she was told that the City of DeBary requires a specific type of light. She noted that safety is more important than style.

Ms. Grein made a motion to recommend that staff accept the simpler cheaper light. Mr. Asson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Address Stenciling Project

Chair Garcia stated he spoke with the president of the Springview HOA regarding the project and would soon meet with Terra Alta. He added that he was working with a member of CERT whose company does stenciling work.

Mr. Williamson said he has twenty gallons of the paint and is still researching the stencil options.

There was discussion regarding the placement of the numbers and whether it should be on the right-of-way or on private property. Ms. Opisso asked if the City Council had given their permission for the Committee to do the project. Chair Garcia said that the Committee recommended it to Council, and they approved it in their budget. He agreed with Ms. Opisso and said that they should forward their plans to Council to obtain their blessing before moving forward with the implementation of the stenciling.

Ms. Grien asked if a Reverse 911 could be sent out soliciting feedback on the project. Mr. Williamson explained that the reason the item is on the agenda is for the Committee to work out the details. Ms. Opisso asked whose standard should she cite when speaking to the Summerhaven residents. Chair Garcia responded that it would be the input from the fire and police departments, as well as the Committee. Mr. Asson suggested that the project be placed in the newsletter so that the public is aware. Mr. Williamson said he would be willing to set up a public workshop and could put a blurb in the newsletter. Chair Garcia asked if they could also get feedback from Council. Mr. Williamson responded that he would send out individual emails to the Council members.

Mr. Leighton made a motion that the project is recommended to the City Council and Ms. Opisso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Opisso made a motion that the Committee recommend to Council that they change the bylaws of the Committee to reflect the addition of the alternate. Mr. Asson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leighton made a motion to appoint Ms. Opisso as the Vice Chair due to the resignation of Ms. Lane. Ms. Grein seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. New Business**

- Columbine Terrace

Mr. Williamson said that as a result of the recent accident, a traffic survey was completed. He added that Traffic Engineering installed a 3-way stop sign at Columbine Terrace and Marigold Lane.

Ms. Opisso asked if staff brought the information discussed at the prior meeting with the Assistant City Manager. Mr. Williamson answered that nothing in the ordinance addresses the parking, but there is information regarding a fire lane. Ms. Opisso suggested a NO PARKING sign outside the front doors of Town Hall. Mr. Leighton made a motion that Council address the issue, and Ms. Opisso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Asson voiced concern regarding curved drainage ditches on West Highbanks in front of St. John's Woods. Captain Osowski responded that he had not noticed a problem in the area, but anyone with a similar concern should notify Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez.

Chair Garcia said he received several emails regarding people running stop signs in the area of Jasmine and Wisteria Drive. Captain Osowski said he would send someone out to monitor.

Ms. Grein asked Captain Osowski the extent of the problem when someone parks on the wrong side of the street. Captain Osowski responded that the ordinance requires people to park in the same direction as they are headed, so they can be ticketed. He elaborated that there is not much of a difference between the two situations, and it is still a car in the road. There was discussion regarding the parking ordinance.

The Committee members agreed to revisit the parking issue at a future meeting.

Ms. Opisso asked if Chair Garcia could bring copies of his emails regarding public safety issues to the meetings. Ms. Opisso asked if they could get copies of the crime logs that the neighborhood watch captains receive from Mr. Williamson.

Captain Osowski recommended that the Committee use four-inch stencils for the driveway project; that they target Kings Lake to kick off the project; and that driveway aprons are usually in the right-of-way. He also suggested that they yellow stripe an area the width of the front doors outside Town Hall to prevent parking.

Chair Garcia thanked staff for the quick response in installing the streetlight on Agua Vista.

## **VI. Public Participation**

Bob Brown, 217 Acacia Road, spoke about a code enforcement issue involving a canvas carport he has owned for many years. Mr. Williamson noted that the Committee does not have any jurisdiction over the building department or code enforcement.

Fred Cardano, 25 Seminole Drive, said that he has had his canopy for six years and the code is very vague and should not apply to canopies.

John Likakis, 38 Seminole Drive, stated that at the last Council meeting, the Council instructed the City Attorney to investigate the matter and report back to them.

Elaine Swanson, 123 Pine Valley Court, thanked the Committee for addressing the parking issue in front of Town Hall.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Opisso seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**APPROVED February 19, 2008  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**Bob Garcia, Chair**