

**City of DeBary**  
**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 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, Vice-Chair Josephine Opisso and David Asson

**Members Absent:** Marlee Grein (excused)

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held February 19, 2008

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

**IV. Old Business**

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that the Team discussed the Children at Play signs, and there was consensus not to use the signs for developmentally challenged children. He added that he spoke with the School Board, and they suggested "Slow, Child with Special Needs", or similar verbiage for the sign. Chair Garcia noted that anyone wanting one of the signs would need a letter from a doctor, and the matter would be referred to City Council.

Chair Garcia updated the members on the proposed traffic light at Summerhaven Drive and Enterprise Road. Ms. Opisso asked if the conflict was resolved concerning the mast arm versus the cheaper traffic light. Mr. Williamson responded that it is up to the developer which light he or she wants to use. Ms. Opisso clarified that it is not a question of the type; that the developer is waiting on the increase in traffic to warrant or justify the light; and that it is a matter of economics.

- Address Stenciling Project

David Rose, 130 Cedar Springs Circle, said he took pictures of three different driveways around the City for the Committee. He said that the price for the four-inch stencils would be \$37.28 for

a brass fifteen-piece single number set; that the shipping cost would be from four to ten dollars; and that it would take about a week for delivery from order time.

Mr. Leighton noted that there are some driveways in DeBary with dirt only and asked Captain Osowski where he would prefer the placement of the numbers. Captain Osowski answered that they prefer the mailbox or house, so they do not have to look down. He added that they might paint them on the street in the case of dirt driveways.

Chair Garcia asked if the stencils are interlocking numbers. Mr. Rose responded that they are; that they should paint them up and down, rather than across using the painter's tape; that they do lay down flat on the ground; and that he would come over to Chair Garcia's house to paint on his driveway as a sample.

Mr. Williamson recommended that they skip any houses that do not have a driveway; that they set up in teams, with the first team knocking on doors informing people and handing out letters; that residents should sign a waiver as property owner giving permission for the painting; that residents should write their address number and street name on the waiver form; that they might accept donations for CERT; that teams members would wear bright green CERT vests with identification; and that he would first go to the home owner associations to inform them of the program.

Mr. Leighton said he did not like the idea of a donation. Ms. Opisso said she would have to think about the idea. Chair Garcia noted that information on the program would be in the newsletter.

Elaine Swanson, 123 Pine Valley Court, asked if the Committee consulted with Volusia County Fire Services on the project. Chair Garcia said that he received an informal reply that anything they do should be universal in placement.

Chair Garcia said they would send an invitation to fire services for the next meeting, and then move forward with the project.

## **V. New Business**

- Revision of Committee By-Laws

Ms. Opisso asked for an explanation on how the creation of the alternate fits into the by-laws. Mr. Williamson stated that the hierarchy is city code and ordinance followed by Committee by-laws.

Chair Garcia recommended a change to Article I Purpose and Intent to insert "provide recommendations on issues, concerns, projects, strategies, goals, and objectives on public safety to the City Council", between "conducts meetings" and "otherwise carries out its duties as designated by the DeBary City Council". Mr. Asson moved to approve the additional verbiage, and Ms. Opisso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Garcia stated he would like to add a sentence to Section 3 Terms of Service. The sentence was that all regular members of the Committee shall serve for a two-year period. Ms. Opisso moved to approve, and Mr. Asson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Garcia noted that Article II Membership should be amended to add the one (1) alternate position. Motion made by Mr. Asson and seconded by Ms. Opisso. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Garcia pointed out that they do not have an elected secretary as outlined in the by-laws. There was discussion regarding duties and possible deletions to the section. Mr. Williamson suggested that they delete the duties except for the secretary assuming the powers of the chair and vice-chair in their absence.

Ms. Swanson explained how the secretary functioned while she was employed with the City.

Captain Osowski suggested they leave the verbiage in the document in case they have a future member that wished to transcribe the minutes, and that they could add a sentence about having a staff member type the minutes and agendas if the Committee wishes.

Ms. Opisso moved to table the discussion until they have thought about it further. Mr. Asson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Opisso informed the members that there had been a discussion of speed limit signs in Summerhaven at the last homeowner's meeting, and noted that there are only eight in the subdivision. Captain Osowski said he would perform an informal survey of the speed limit signs.

Ms. Asson said that he had noticed a dead tree with a huge limb hanging over the sidewalk at the corner of Orchid and Highbanks.

Mr. Williamson asked the members to review the item in their packet prior to the next meeting regarding overnight street parking to make sure that is what they want to forward to Council.

Mr. Williamson reminded everyone of the gang activity presentation on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

## **VI. Public Participation**

Mayor Coleman said he spoke to the developer regarding the Summerhaven traffic light, and the big business has not come as he expected to generate traffic. He briefly spoke about the safety of the mast arm traffic lights. Ms. Opisso said that when she has discussed the light with Jim Kerr of Orange City, he has never mentioned anything about safety.

Mayor Coleman said he did not know if it would be appropriate to ask for CERT donations on the stenciling project.

Council Member Marks updated the Committee on the last WAV meeting, and he said that WAV has discussed removing water from the St. Johns River.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Opisso seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**APPROVED April 15, 2008  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**Bob Garcia, Chair**