

**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 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, and Marlee Grein

**Members Absent:** Vice-Chair Josephine Opisso (excused) and David Asson (excused)

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held September 16, 2008

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

**IV. Old Business**

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson stated the Team's main issue at their meeting was Biketoberfest and the "Look Twice, Save a Life" campaign. He added that many of the signs were placed in the right-of-way, and they are working on removing them.

- Address Stenciling Project

Mr. Williamson said that they would be starting the project in Meadowlea on the River; that he spoke with the president of their Homeowner's Association; that they are waiting on their boards' approval to start the project there; that the Board met the previous evening and he would call them the next day to make sure the board approved it; that they would still knock on each resident's door as a courtesy; and that they are private roads, so that is the reason why he went to the association first.

Mr. Williamson recommended that some of the fraternal organizations in the City might help. Ms. Grein suggested the Little League.

Chair Garcia asked if there was enough money left in the budget to purchase everything. Mr. Williamson answered that everything has been purchased, and they are set to begin on the project.

## **V. New Business**

Chair Garcia thanked Vice Chair Opisso for handling the meeting last month.

Mr. Williamson said he made the grammatical corrections suggested at the last meeting to the by-laws.

Chair Garcia thanked Captain Osowski for the report and asked about the burglar alarms. Captain Osowski informed the Committee that burglar alarms have been divided out by residential and commercial due to the new computer system in April of 2008. He stated that his deputies patrol all the streets but spend most of their time in the problem areas. He added that a lot of time is spent on Valencia Road, Dirksen Drive, DeBary Drive, Palm Drive, Amigos Road, Matanzas Road, and Floridana Drive. Mr. Leighton asked about East Highbanks. Captain Osowski responded that his office has been very active in that area since Tropical Storm Fay.

Chair Garcia thanked Captain Osowski for the public information seminars, especially the one on gangs. Captain Osowski said that they try to increase the community awareness meetings every year, and it is a good sign that they have not seen any major gang activity in the City.

Ms. Grien voiced concern regarding the speeding in the City and said that the City gets about \$4.00 per ticket written in the City, and maybe the City could raise revenue through more tickets. Captain Osowski responded that they do not have ticket quotas and do not anticipate ever having them; that the philosophy of citations is that they are a means to modify behavior, and they are not a money-making enterprise; that the deputies cannot write a speeding ticket for anything up to five miles per hour over the limit; that most deputies use a ten-mile per hour differential; that there is a new laser radar that shines a beam on the car, and gives an accurate reading; that he is hoping to use that new equipment in the City very soon; and that most of the money from tickets goes to the State.

Chair Garcia said he addressed the Council at their regular meeting to provide an update on the Committee's projects in 2008. He briefly described the topics he outlined for the Council and thanked staff for the quick response they have given him in the past year.

Chair Garcia relinquished the Chair to discuss the DeBary Little League due to his status as a Little League board member. He informed the Committee that he attended a meeting the previous evening, and the Little League had a list of safety concerns. He read aloud the list of concerns to the Committee. Mr. Williamson said he would forward the list to Parks and Recreation Director John Fletcher and the City Manager.

## **VI. Public Participation**

Mayor Coleman said that at one time, the Little League used to run the equipment at the parks, but that was discontinued several years ago.

Mayor Coleman said he thought the yellow color with the sparkles would show up really well on the driveways, and it would be a very good project.

Mayor Coleman said he continually hears comments regarding the good condition of the DeBary parks. Chair Garcia informed everyone that they want to start holding state tournaments in DeBary, and it could bring in a lot of revenue to the City.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Grein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**APPROVED November 18, 2008  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**Josephine Opisso, Vice-Chair**