

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 26, 2009
6:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
16 Colomba Road

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair David Asson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Gene Leighton, Chair David Asson, Ann Batson, Ryan Rinaldo, and Marlee Grein

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Captain Alan Osowski

III. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held March 17, 2009

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

IV. Old Business

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson stated that the topic of discussion was the proposed new law, which would make seatbelt violations a primary offense. He added that although police officers must now pull a person over for committing some other offense prior to issuing a seatbelt citation, if the new law is passed, a police officer could pull a driver over for not wearing his or her seatbelt.

- Address Stenciling Project

Mr. Williamson informed the Committee that they had to cancel Terra Alta because the Church had other commitments, but they plan on completing it in June.

V. New Business

- Don Neyer Presentation on Fire Services

Mr. Neyer gave the Committee a brief overview of the evolution of fire services in DeBary from the time when it was served solely by volunteers to the present day. He introduced Marc Kovacs, fellow member of the Volunteer Firemen's Association, to the members.

Mr. Kovacs said that he had given a presentation to the City Council in March asking them to consider construction of a new fire station due to the poor condition of the building. He outlined the needed repairs. He noted that if winds exceed fifty miles per hour during a storm, the fire

station must be evacuated. He stated that there are new grants available through the federal stimulus packet for the construction of new fire stations. He estimated a cost of \$2 million for a new station.

Mr. Neyer explained the method by which Volusia County distributes the funds raised by impact fees. Mr. Kovacs noted that DeBary has been waiting a long time for new equipment and a station.

Ms. Grein discussed the need for a second station in DeBary. Mr. Neyer explained several options for the possible placement of a second station.

Mr. Leighton asked Mr. Kovacs to discuss the startup costs if DeBary were to have its own fire department.

Mr. Kovacs discussed the idea of DeBary partnering with Orange City for fire services.

Ms. Grein suggested the old city hall property as a site for a new fire station. Mr. Kovacs answered that it is an option, but he is not sure if the property is large enough.

Mr. Kovacs spoke about the holes in the roof of the station. Mr. Neyer said he brought it to the attention of Ms. Courson in February; that the building official obtained two roof replacement bids within a week; and that the County has still not made any repairs. Mr. Kovacs added that the County could not tell him what is in the budget for building maintenance.

Mr. Williamson thanked Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Neyer for making the presentation.

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Grein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**APPROVED June 16, 2009
CITY OF DeBARY
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

David Asson, Chair