

**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 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 June 16, 2009

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

**IV. Old Business**

- Update on West Volusia Community Traffic Safety Team

Mr. Williamson spoke briefly about the traffic fatality report. He informed everyone that the Safe Route to School event is planned for DeBary Elementary School on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He said that the Team plans to make goody bags for students walking and biking to school. The bags will be handed out to students in the morning, and the Team might need volunteers to assist with the distribution.

Chair Asson asked if there was discussion on the Summerhaven traffic light on Enterprise Road. Mr. Williamson answered that the light is on hold until development has occurred to warrant the installation of the traffic signal.

- Address Stenciling Project

Mr. Williamson stated that the volunteers from the church finished stenciling Terra Alta the previous Saturday; that they would take off the next couple of months due to the heat; and that he planned to resume the project in October.

**V. New Business**

- National Night Out

Mr. Williamson said that the City newsletter went to the post office earlier in the day, and he spoke briefly about the section regarding smoke alarms.

Mr. Williamson stated that Target is the national sponsor for National Night Out; that the volunteer fire department would be providing free hot dogs and drinks; that the Volusia County Sheriff's Department would have static displays, including the tanks; that Volusia County Emergency Management would be there; that the Citizens on Patrol would have displays, along with their remote control car; that there would be a local chiropractor providing free chair massages; that CERT would be doing a demonstration; that a man from Seminole County would be bringing a few of his non-venomous snakes to educate the public; and that numerous other organizations including United Way, Volusia County Recycling, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Health Department, DeBary Hall, Healthy Kids, West Volusia Humane Society, Garden Club, and Gateway Center for the Arts would be in attendance.

Ms. Grein informed the members that the COPs would be fingerprinting children at the event.

Mr. Williamson said that many flyers were sent out to advertise National Night Out, as well as posting it on the marquee in front of the fire station. He added that he invited Pat Hatfield from the Deland Beacon to take pictures for the newspaper.

Chair Asson spoke about the need to encourage more people to attend the Committee's meetings.

#### **VI. Public Participation**

Captain Osowski spoke about the retirement of K-9 Brit and the possibility of getting another dog for DeBary. He stated that the cost is between \$7,800 and \$8,500; that the Sheriff's Department would provide training and maintenance; that the City and the Sheriff do not have funding in their budgets to get another dog; that the dog is a very important tool for law enforcement; that the dog saves manpower and is very successful in apprehending suspects; and that he would welcome any suggestions the Committee might have to raise money for the purchase of a new K-9.

The Committee discussed various fundraising ideas, and Captain Osowski said he would keep the Committee updated on the situation.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Batson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Leighton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVED September 15, 2009  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**David Asson, Chair**