

**DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2010**  
**6:30 PM**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**16 Colomba Road**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Ann Batson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Gene Leighton, Chair Ann Batson, Vice Chair Ryan Rinaldo, and Marlee Grein (alternate member)

**Members Absent:** Robert Christian and Louis Morales (excused)

**Others Present:** Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson and Lieutenant Cliff Williams

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Meeting held November 17, 2009

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

**IV. Old Business**

- Update on Fire Tender

Mr. Williamson stated that the brand new tender came in just under budget at \$239,698; that it is a 2,500-gallon water tender that is also a pumper truck; and that the old one would be used as a back-up.

**V. New Business**

- Senate Bill 0484
- Senate Bill 0184
- House Bill 0023

Chair Batson said she asked Mr. Williamson to distribute copies of the three bills for the Committee members.

Lt. Williams discussed youth offenders with the Committee and the possible outcomes if the bill is passed. He said that the longer they stay in prison, the more it costs. He added that it is a matter of how much society is willing to pay to keep inmates in prison. He also discussed the pros and cons of early release.

Mr. Leighton spoke about the rising costs of keeping inmates in prison.

Chair Batson spoke about instances when juveniles commit heinous crimes and are charged as adults.

Lt. Williams explained that a life sentence is 25 years in Florida, and the inmates get out much sooner than the sentence initially dictates.

Chair Batson voiced concern that pedophiles and child molesters would be let out early.

Lt. Williams explained the domestic violence law as it applies to juveniles.

Chair Batson asked Mr. Rinaldo how the farmer's market has been going at the Gateway Center for the Arts on Saturdays. Mr. Rinaldo stated that \$14,000 has been raised thus far; that the State provides a matching grant; that it has been very successful; and that they charge a twelve dollar donation to the Art League for booth rental. Chair Batson said it seems like they are growing and getting more vendors.

Chair Batson asked Mr. Leighton and Ms. Grein about the advisory board workshop they attended that was sponsored by VCOG. Mr. Leighton said it was very educational. Ms. Grein stated that it was very interesting, and they discussed how to properly conduct meetings. Mr. Leighton noted that the State Legislature is exempt from the Sunshine Law.

#### **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 7:16 p.m.

**APPROVED March 16, 2010  
CITY OF DeBARY  
Public Safety Advisory Committee**

**Ann Batson, Chair**