

DeBary Public Safety Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 15, 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: Louis Morales (excused)

Others Present: Safety Coordinator Alan Williamson

III. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting held March 16, 2010

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

IV. Old Business

Chair Batson asked Mr. Williamson if the address stenciling project had concluded. Mr. Williamson answered that they would resume the address stenciling in the fall months when the weather is cooler.

Chair Batson asked if there was an update on the proposed texting while driving legislation. Mr. Williamson responded that he had not heard anything regarding the proposed texting law.

V. New Business

- Discussion of Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Mr. Williamson said that in advance of hurricane season, the City has been cleaning out ditches and storm drains. He noted that the West Side Emergency Flood Management System is almost complete, and they have been testing the System. He explained the location of the borrow pit, the capacity of the West Side System, and the plans for a flooding event. He outlined the plans for debris removal and which roads would be opened first.

Mr. Williamson informed the members that there are another thirty students currently going through the CERT program. Vice Chair Rinaldo asked about the first responder class. Mr. Williamson answered that he is currently working with an instructor on planning the class; that he has a list of thirty interested people; that they are working out details with the college; and that funding is available through the CERT grant.

Mr. Williamson briefly spoke about the renovations that have been done to the fire station.

- Pedestrian Safety

Mr. Williamson stated that he included this item because another child was hit recently on Highbanks Road.

There was discussion regarding the benefits of holding a bicycle and/or pedestrian safety event. Mr. Williamson stated that the Volusia County MPO has a successful pedestrian safety program geared towards elementary school students, but unfortunately, it is not addressed to middle and high school students.

Mr. Williamson said he would contact Stephen Harris with the Volusia County MPO to find out what has been successful so that the City could utilize those same methods to spread safety awareness to the community.

Chair Batson suggested contacting the churches to ask their pastors or ministers to mention pedestrian safety awareness in their services.

Chair Batson asked if they could give away bike reflectors to encourage participation at a safety event and asked how much they cost. Mr. Williamson said he would have to get pricing on the reflectors. He suggested including bicycle and pedestrian safety information in National Night Out, as it is coming up soon in August.

Chair Batson discussed speeding on Highbanks Road. There was Committee discussion regarding speed enforcement.

Vice Chair Rinaldo asked if something could be placed in the newsletter regarding pedestrian safety awareness.

VI. Public Participation

George Coleman, 286 Deleon Road, said he was very impressed with the fire station renovations. He also spoke about children exiting from school buses and said he thought that bus drivers are supposed to wait until the children cross the street. He said there is also a problem with speeding on Colomba Road.

VII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Rinaldo moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Leighton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED July 20, 2010
CITY OF DeBARY
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Ann Batson, Chair