

**MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by PSC Member Fleming.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mike Childs, Ron Fleming, John Goggin (on telephone), Tom Gressman (arrived late), Heidi Jungwirth and Jim Knickle.

Excused: Ed Scott

Staff: Public Works Director Chelsea O'Riley

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2019, and November 5, 2019

August 20, 2019, minutes have not been approved.

MOTION: PSC Member Jungwirth moved to approve October 9, 2019, and November 5, 2019 minutes; second by PSC Member Knickle.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

V. MICROMOBILITY DISCUSSION

Director O'Riley stated that the issue was sent to them for a recommendation. Chair Goggin discussed the hazards of two-wheel scooters.

MOTION: PSC Member Fleming moved to recommend to Council that the PSC opposed electric scooters; second by PSC Member Jungwirth.

VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Director O'Riley will email an article to members concerning legislation surrounding electric bikes.

VI. SHELTERS UPDATE

Director O'Riley reported that Brasco did not offer electronic signs and she had not heard from Lamar. She contacted another company who would team up with Brasco to get a pilot shelter up at School and Bay Road. She noted that she received the 60% design of the sidewalks and she will forward the design to PSC members. She preferred to install the shelter and sidewalks at the same time. Chair Goggin questioned whether they received feedback from the County on recommended shelters. Director O'Riley replied negatively but stated she would follow up with LeeTran. Council decided that the Town would pay for one shelter which has been allocated in the budget.

VII. LIGHTING STUDY UPDATE

Director O'Riley reported that she received a final recommendation and the Town would be charged for future information. She noted that she had a meeting scheduled with Eric from Florida Power & Light (FPL) and Council Member Butcher to further discuss various lighting options. She met with another lighting company and the representative will meet with Fish & Wildlife Conservation (FWC) at the end of the month to attempt to reach a lighting compromise. She indicated that Council would discuss the issue at their next M&P session. PSC Member Childs commented that they would have to stick with FPL lights because lights from private companies would not work. Director O'Riley indicated it would probably be difficult and expensive to get a private company to replace lights after a disaster. PSC Member Childs questioned staggering groups of white and amber lights to determine which they preferred.

Chair Goggin questioned whether the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) report was final. Director O'Riley replied negatively. Chair Goggin questioned which light fixtures were being proposed in the final report, whether there was scientific evidence that the proposed fixtures had a negative impact, whether the lights were compliant with turtle guidelines, whether turtle disorientations were directly related to faulty lights and would the proposed lights recommended by the MPO prevent future disorientations. He questioned whether the Town would receive a citation from the FWC if they installed the recommended lights from the MPO, whether amber lights provided the same visibility as white LED lights, and the 10-year cost of amber lights versus the installation, maintenance and cost of LED lights. He agreed that private companies would not provide the same response time as FPL after a disaster. He discussed the cost to the Town.

VIII. BRANDING UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Director O'Riley stated interviews were being held for the Public Information/Social Media position. She indicated that she would forward the RMA contract to members for the branding objective. Chair Goggin discussed marketing campaigns and branding.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

X. MEMBER ITEMS

PSC Member Childs – no items.

PSC Member Knickle – no items.

PSC Member Jungwirth stated that the trolley at Seafarer's blocked traffic for 10 minutes while passengers boarded. She noted that vehicles could not go around the trolley. Director O'Riley responded that the trolley would eventually have a dedicated pull off. PSC Member Jungwirth stated that a trolley pulled into the Times Square stop and a tram pulled up behind it blocking traffic. She questioned whether they could fit two trams or two trolleys at the Crescent Park stop. Director O'Riley indicated that LeeTran was aware of the situation. PSC Member Childs questioned keeping the Times Square stop. Discussion was held regarding building stops large enough to accommodate pedestrians and vehicles. Director O'Riley stated that the intent was to build a pull off southbound at Crescent Beach Park and northbound at Seafarer's. Chair Goggin provided background information. He questioned the outcome of the meetings with engineers. Director O'Riley will follow up with the Town Manager. PSC Members agreed that they needed answers regarding their recommendations.

Chair Goggin questioned the status of the fire and police reports. PSC Member Fleming stated that he would provide data from the fire department at the next meeting. Director O'Riley reported that Chief Love would provide a report, but she had not heard from the Sheriff's office. Chair Goggin discussed the lack of response from the Sheriff's office. He suggested that the information be passed on to Council to assist with negotiating costs with the Sheriff's office next year.

PSC Member Jungwirth questioned the status of sidewalk striping for bicycles and wondered whether they should pursue the topic. She noted the "Bike Lane Ends" sign at Red Coconut was too small for bicyclists to see. Director O'Riley suggested that they submit a Request for Action form to Lee County, which was available online. Chair Goggin noted that the small signs were previously addressed and the sidewalk markings were agreed to at the joint Council/PSC meeting last May. PSC Member Jungwirth brought up bright paint for bike lanes. Chair Goggin noted that Council Member Shamp stated that painted bike lanes were not a priority. He questioned whether they wanted to conduct research concerning alternatives. PSC Member Jungwirth agreed.

PSC Member Gressman hoped that the new bike lanes would contain appropriate directional markings. He described the large pipes in the outfalls at Laguna Shores. He stated that the pipes would end up with standing water and mosquitos.

PSC Member Fleming indicated that vehicles could not get around the trams and trolleys.

Director O'Riley stated that the Times Square presentation in their packet was not complete. She remarked that the Times Square, Bayfront Park and Bay Oaks plans were scheduled for Council's review and approval in February. She indicated that she no longer oversaw parking enforcement and stormwater was under the Utility department. She stated that she received the 90% design for Crescent St. and she will forward it to members. She discussed construction in Phases 1 and 2.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Add base of bridge plans, bike path transition and visibility and Phases 1 and 2.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: PSC Member Gressman moved to adjourn; second by PSC Member Knickle.

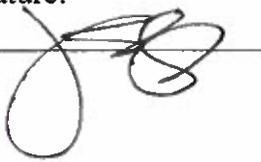
VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Adopted 2-18-20 with/without changes. Motion by GOGGIN
(DATE)

Vote: _____ Signature: _____

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GOGGIN', written over a horizontal line.