

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board
Monday, February 27, 2017, 4:00 pm
City of Bonita Springs
Liles Hotel 27300 Old 41 Road Upstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Meeting called to order 4:20p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members

Sarah Baker, Chairwoman

Lindsay Robin (Rodriguez)

Scott Schnappauf

Guests

Janet Martin

Ryan Scofield

Joseph McClamma

Liaison and Advisory Members

Sean Gibbons, Community Development

Absent:

Richard Pepe

Darren Robertshaw

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 12/19/16 Meeting Minutes

Chairwoman Baker made a motion to approve the December 19, 2016 minutes, Board member Lindsay Robin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

B. 01/20/17

Changes:

On Page 3 right above new business, change paragraph:

“Board member Scott Schnappauf spoke to Bobby at the Wonder Gardens and they are onboard.
Mr. Schnappauf would like the Wonder Gardens to have more of a regular presence. ”

To:

“Board member Scott Schnappauf spoke to Corporal Bobby Hunter from the Lee County Sheriff’s
and they are onboard.” And, add the addendum: “Mr. Schnappauf also spoke to a representative
from the Wonder Gardens.”

Chairwoman Baker made a motion to approve the December 19, 2016 minutes, Board member Lindsay Robin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Bike Rack Installation

Mr. Sean Gibbons, Staff Liaison, reported that the bike rack was installed at River Park last week. The color is bright so you can see it from the road, it's very noticeable. Mr. Gibbons recommended having a photo op with the board as soon as possible.

Chairwoman Baker liked the idea of photo op at River Park so people get to know the park. Board member Scott Schnappauf recommended putting a picture of the bike rack on the City Facebook page along with the Art Fest pictures, like a soft opening.

Board member, Lindsay Robin Rodriguez, recommended asking area businesses to sponsor a bike rack. They do this in Sarasota where, as an example, a dentist office would donate a bike rack and it would be in the shape of a tooth. It is art for the downtown and really cool. Ms. Martin stated businesses will pay for the functional art. Ms. Baker said you could recognize the business by putting a plaque or certificate on the rack. It's a great opportunity for redeveloping the downtown area as well. Ms. Baker asked Sean to check with the City Attorney's on how to get this going.

Mr. Scofield described riding his bike to Immokalee and there were bike racks everywhere. A lot of folks get around using bicycles. If you provide a secure rack, it will encourage people to ride their bikes.

B. Historic Bike Ride & Events

Committee member, Scott Schnappauf, reported that last time we met, Old 41 did not look like it does today. It looks much worse. If it looks like this, we really can't have a bike ride. I don't know if we want to take a look at that and revisit that again. We did have some exciting discussion regarding changing the format and having a scavenger hunt. Mr. Schnappauf reached out to a couple companies who would do scavenger hunts and it would cost \$7000. He spoke to a couple of women at work who have done scavenger hunts, and they said they are not difficult to do. There is a program call "Goose Chase" where you can create your own scavenger hunt. Chairman Baker asked how it works. Mr. Schnappauf explained the participant would download the app "Goose Chase" on their smart phone to participate. Organizers create a task for each location, for example if one location was the Wonder Gardens, take a group picture on the steps of the attraction and submit it right from your phone. There would be 4 participants per team. Using the app, participants can see how their team is doing, how other teams are doing and how many teams have gotten through, at any time. The app costs about \$400. Board member asked if you can use it again, or is it just for one event. Mr. Schnappauf answered the \$400 is just for one event.

Chairwoman Baker said we could have it paper based. Most people can take a picture. Some people may have a problem downloading the app if they're not used to using an app. We could have a person there at each station and it would be like a passport. Have

the Sheriff at the roundabout to have a safety talk about the roundabout. Chairwoman Baker stated we had raffle prizes last year. The Committee had no problem gathering raffle prizes for the winners. The committee discussed ideas for the scavenger hunt:

- Use a historic map, call it “Legends of Bonita Springs”
- Include questions like “when was this building erected and who lived here?”
- The committee wants participants to physically go to the location, not google it.
- Suggested time would be 9 to 11 a.m.
- Have light snacks
- Tentative date is Saturday, May 20, 2017

Chairwoman Baker confirmed with the committee that they still want to do the scavenger hunt and are leaning towards low-tech. The committee concurred yes for the scavenger hunt and keeping the event low-tech. Chairman Baker stated the committee would move forward with the scavenger hunt with a tentative date of May 20, 2017.

Chairwoman Baker asked committee members to do some homework before the next meeting:

- Identify logistics, interest points, potential stops, clues and questions
- Identify about eleven stops
 - Everglades Wonder Garden is onboard, Mr. Schnappauf will work with them.
 - Bonita Springs Historical Society is onboard
 - Mr. Schnappauf will reach out to Corporal Bobby Hunter at the Sheriff’s office to talk about roundabout safety and education
- Think of area businesses and email Sean Gibbons.
 - This would encourage participants to go into the business and raise more awareness of businesses in the Bonita Springs area.
 - Committee members discussed the florist shop and Shangri-La
- Let Sean Gibbons know which business you will be contacting
 - Include contact information
 - Let Sean know if those business can contribute raffle prizes
 - Mr. Schnappauf has a neighbor who has a contact at Shangri-La. Last year they were onboard.
 - The stops do not have to be historic
- Incorporate the City – someone can talk about what’s going on.

The Board discussed charging for the event and perhaps getting the Bonita Historical society involved as the fiscal agent. The Board decided to table this until next year.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Joint Council Meeting – SUNTrail Opportunities

Mr. Sean Gibbons relayed that tomorrow there will be a joint Estero/Bonita Springs council meeting. They will be talking about some SUNTrail options. Dale Allan from the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation will be there to give a presentation as well as Don Scott from the MPO. The idea is to start getting our ducks in a row for potentially considering the Seminole Gulf Railroad and what it would take to make that a multi-use corridor. Also on the table for discussion is the bicoastal trail and getting our own down here. It would run all the way from Venice to Marco. We are trying to get buy-in from TBRTA to give us an extra bump up in Tallahassee. There are a lot of moving parts and but we're very optimistic. Estero is also very interested. Mr. Gibbons encouraged the Board to attend if they would be available. Mr. Gibbons stated the Board was more than welcome to attend and there will be time for public comment. Mr. Gibbons said, things are happening.

Mr. Ryan Scofield said that (Winkler Canal Pathway) just got shot down in Fort Myers. People didn't want it going through their backyards. People think it's going to lower property values. Mr. Joe McClamma said there is one down in Naples, it's about 3 miles long. I think it's called the Greenway. The people there say they love it.

Janet Martin stated that some people still think that the Gulf Seminole Railroad may still be used as a commuter train.

Chairman Baker said Awesome, get that and the BPC meeting on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. New Memberships

Mr. Sean Gibbons introduced Mr. Joe McClamma and Mr. Ryan Scofield. Messrs. McClamma and Scofield were interested in the Board, its goals and initiatives. Chairwoman Baker explained that the Board is involved in an assortment of initiatives including policy, infrastructure, events, public service announcements, public information and awareness. The Board has gone out and fit people for helmets and bike lights and is currently working on bike rack installations. The Board distributes "3 Feet Please" stickers to the public as well as City vehicles. Mr. Gibbons is working through the Blue Zone, a project of NCH, to have 3000 informational pamphlets printed at no cost to the Board. Chairwoman Baker explained that the committee is a result of Ms. Janet Martin's efforts and the Board misses her. The Board is getting a lot of momentum and Ms. Baker sees a very bright future for the Board.

Mr. McClamma stated he is very passionate about cycling. He walks and jogs in the community. He is interested in making sure that the risk of injuries is minimized for people participating in these activities. Mr. McClamma stated he believes this may be the best committee to address these issues.

Chairwoman Baker encouraged Messrs. McClamma and Scofield to fill out applications. Ms. Baker explained the Sunshine Law for the benefit of the guests and potential new members. Ms. Baker reinforced that board members cannot discuss board issues outside of a meeting. All questions outside of a meeting must be funneled through Mr. Gibbons.

VI. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS

Chairwoman Baker asked Mr. Gibbons to follow-up on the T-Shirts, it is believed that there is still a box of T-Shirts stored somewhere. Mr. Gibbons will follow-up.

Mr. McClamma asked if we had the "3 Feet Please" stickers on all the city vehicles. Mr. Gibbons responded the most City vehicles have the stickers, the vehicles that don't have the stickers yet will get the stickers put on when they go in for maintenance. Chairman Baker stated it's one of the Board's initiatives.

VII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (March 20, 2017)

Next meeting confirmed for March 20, 2017

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Nadine Chiaramonte, Receptionist/Office Assistant

Minutes approved at the April 17, 2017 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting.

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