

# Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Monday, May 21, 2018, 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 4:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members

Sarah Baker

Scott Schnappauf

Lindsay Robin

Samantha Bolde

Liaison and Advisory Members

Sean Gibbons, Community Development

Mike Gibson, Councilman

Public

Luis Garrido

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 04-16-18 Meeting Minutes

Page 3, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet change Mr. Schnappauf to Mr. Gibson, last sentence was Mr. Schnappauf.

***Mr. Schnappauf moved to approve the minutes as above, Ms. Robin seconded; motion carried unanimously.***

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Budget & Potential Project(s) to Fund

Mr. Gibbons reported the Board has \$2,000 left in their budget. Mr. Gibson stated they have plenty of swag (bike lights, stickers). The Board had discussed purchasing a bicycle/pedestrian counter, which Mr. Gibbons priced it out and found out it would cost more than \$2,000. Mr. Gibbons said they could utilize the Blue Zone Counter and suggested the Board use the money for something that would have a powerful impact. Mr. Gibbons would like to put the idea forward that they allocate the \$2,000 to Public

Works for better facilities for Terry Street to make it safer until the Alta project gets finished. Mr. Gibbons said it would be a cool project and meaningful.

The Board discussed meaningful projects for the \$2,000.

- Mr. Schnappauf suggested pedestrian crossing flags and they would be inexpensive to purchase. Mr. Gibbons checked with Public Works who had concerns over potential liability, who would monitor and who would take care of them.
- Mr. Schnappauf suggested giving them to children to put in their backpacks.
- Ms. Baker thinks allocating the \$2,000 to Public Works is a good option if the Board can capitalized on the awareness aspect and getting their message out.

Mr. Garrido shared his concern that nothing has been done for the children who are crossing West Terry. Children are trying to cross and people are cursing at them. There have been two accidents with electric poles knocked down completely on West Terry within the last year. Children are walking to school in ditches on people's lawns or on the side of the road with heavy backpacks. There are no sidewalks or crosswalks.

The Board discussed making people aware of children crossing and to have the police do spot enforcement if needed. Councilman Gibson stated Public Works is already working on the crosswalks that will be ADA compliant.

Mr. Garrido also voiced his concern that they did not receive information about the workshops. Councilman Gibson noted, as a City, they need a better way to let people know what's going on.

The Board discussed allocating the remaining budget of \$2,000 to Public Works. Mr. Schnappauf had reservations that they're giving the \$2,000 to public works to do something, but they don't know for what or where.

After discussion, the Board decided to allocate \$1,500 to Public Works to help with safety projects along Terry Street and the remaining \$500 to be used for signs for homeowners along Terry Street to caution drivers that there are children crossing. The Board members discussed going door to door to pass out the signs.

***Mr. Schnappauf made a motion to allocate \$1,500 of the remaining \$2,000 to Public Works to help with the safety projects along Terry Street focusing on Crosswalks and for the remaining \$500 to be used to price out the cost to get signs made to hand out***

*to homeowners adjacent to the road to indicate there will be children crossing for public awareness, Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Gibbons will check on any liability issues regarding the signs. Mr. Gibbons was thinking of “for sale” type style of signs so people could place them in their yards. The Board discussed different verbiage for the signs, such as “drive slow, children crossing”.

B. Proposed New Meeting Dates/Times

Mr. Gibson stated that the Board discussed changing the date and time of the meetings going forward and asked the Board to look at their schedules to see what would work on everyone’s calendars. The Board decided to move the meeting to the second Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

C. How about some snacks

Anyone who would like to bring snacks, feel free. No obligation.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Citizen Engagement - Survey

Mr. Gibbons gave hats off to Mr. Schnappauf, who investigated and compiled a list of survey questions. Mr. Gibbons went through the questions provided by Mr. Schnappauf. Mr. Gibbons asked the Board to let him know if they wanted to add any additional questions. Mr. Gibbons advised keeping the survey to 8 to 10 questions.

Next step would be to put the survey together in a formal fashion. In addition to English, the survey would be translated into Spanish, Creole, maybe German, whatever is appropriate for our area. Mr. Schnappauf would like to see this as a regular project once a year so the Board can see how they’re progressing and suggested Bike month. Ms. Baker advised making sure the tool is exactly what they want. Mr. Gibbons will format the survey and the Board can discuss again next meeting.

B. Safety/Network/Areas of Concern

Mr. Gibbons reminded the Board, if they are out and about and see an area of concern, please jot it down including what they think the solution should be, and communicate that to Councilman Gibson and Mr. Gibbons who will forward to the City/County/State depending on jurisdiction.

VI. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Ms. Baker thanked the snack providers.

VII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (Monday, June 18th, 2018)

***Next meeting confirmed for Monday, June 18, 2018.***

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***Meeting adjourned 5:11 p.m.***

Respectively submitted,



Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

***Approved at the August 20, 2018 meeting.***

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