

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Monday August 20th 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 at 4:20 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Sarah Baker

Samantha Bolde

Lindsay Robin

Staff & Council

Sean Gibbons

Mike Gibson

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 5-21-18 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bolde made a motion to approve the May 21, 2018, meeting minutes, Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Budget & Potential Project(s) to Fund

Mr. Gibbons reported that the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board donated a substantial share of their funding to Public Works department for crosswalks on Terry Street. A total of six crosswalks have been installed on Terry Street. Ms. Baker asked if they have heard any feedback from the citizens. Mr. Gibson said they got a thank you email from Mrs. Gambino.

Mr. Gibbons spoke to Public works and Legal regarding temporary signage on Terry Street and the Board will not be able to do the temporary signage because it's a violation of City's sign code.

Mr. Gibbons reported the Board has some money to work with, but the window is closing quickly. Ms. Baker asked the Board if they had any thoughts. Ms. Baker asked if there were any other projects in public works they could help out with. Mr. Gibbons said he is not sure what projects Public Works may have, but said any funds transferred would be put to good use.

Ms. Bolde asked if it might make sense for the Board to do something at an upcoming event. Ms. Baker said they talked in the past of doing something with the Sheriff's office.

B. Proposed New Meeting Dates/Times

The Board discussed moving the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board to the second Wednesday of the month with a 4:45 to 5:00 start time.

Ms. Robin made a motion to move the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board to the second Wednesday of the month starting at 5 p.m., Ms. Baker seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. Lee County MPO BPACC Updates

Mr. Gibbons reported on the County MPO funding priorities. They have five items on the list for Bonita Springs:

- West Terry from Pine Street to Old 41, for a distance of about a quarter mile with a budget of \$85,000 to \$100,000.
- Terry Street to Imperial to Bonita Grande for about 1.5 miles for \$1.7 Million
- Bonita Drive from Old 41 to Streetsboro about ½ mile \$400,000
- Old 41 to Terry to Pine to Cochran 4.2 miles \$101,000
- Pauling from Pine to Old 41 about .10 of a mile for \$200,000

Mr. Gibbons reported the following for the State funding mechanisms:

- Bonita Beach Road from Old 41 to 41 1.4 miles is on the list to get funded as well.

Mr. Gibbons reported that Mr. Feeney, Director of Public Works, gave a fantastic presentation on the Terry Street Vision at the last DPAC meeting. Mr. Gibbons stated there are amazing bike/ped things happening throughout the area.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Citizen Engagement – Survey

Mr. Gibbons shared Mr. Schnappauf's suggested survey questions and asked the Board to take a look to see if they had any changes. The survey consists of 10 questions.

The Board reviewed and discussed the survey and gave Mr. Gibbons their suggested revisions.

The Board discussed posting the survey online and hand out paper copies. Distribution suggestions included:

- Survey Monkey
- City Website
- Next Door
- Facebook

MPO Contacts
Blue Zones

Ms. Baker recommended having QR Codes (emblem people can scan to access the survey) on the paper copies.

Mr. Gibson asked if the Board wanted the survey to be distributed only in Bonita. The Board thought it would be useful for people who go through Bonita. If they give their zip code on the survey, the Board will know where in Bonita they live.

Mr. Gibbons will bring a revised copy to the next meeting and research how to get it on Survey Monkey.

Ms. Bolde asked if it should only be offered to adults. The Board spoke about reaching out to schools to see if they would be interested in having the students do the survey. The Board discussed possible incentives for students to complete the survey (stickers or bike reflectors).

B. Safety/Network/Areas of Concern

The Board discussed partnering with the School Resource Officers for a bike safety day in the schools.

Mr. Gibbons reported a representative from All Children's spoke at the MPO meeting about rider training for kindergarten children.

Ms. Baker recommended Safe Kids who are involved with safe routes to school.

VI. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

The Committee discussed how to use the remaining funds.

Ms. Baker stated that Safe Kids recommends reflective stickers that can be used on bikes, helmets, backpacks and suggested the reflective stickers could be used as incentives for the survey. The Board discussed reflective stickers and liked the idea. It would go well with the bike lights and work to promote the survey.

Ms. Baker made a motion to approve the use of the remaining \$500 to purchase reflective stickers, Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to the motion:

Ms. Baker made a motion to approve the use of the remaining \$500 to purchase reflective stickers, if the stickers are less than \$500, the remainder of the funds left over will be donated to the Public Works Department to go towards a bicycle/pedestrian project. Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (Monday, Sept. 17th 2018) or (Wednesday Sept. 12th 2018)

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, September 17, 2018, at 4 p.m. The new schedule for the second Wednesday of the month to start at 5 p.m. will begin in October.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Baker made a motion to adjourn at 5:11 p.m., Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Nadine Chiamonte

Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

Minutes approved at the October 10, 2018 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting:
Ms. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2018, seconded by Ms. Bolde; motion passed unanimously.

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