

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Monday February 21, 2019, 5:00 pm

City of Bonita Springs

Liles Hotel 27300 Old 41 Road Upstairs Conference Room

AGENDA

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 5:28 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2019

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Scott Schnappauf

Sarah Baker

Joseph McClamma

Samantha Bolde

Lindsay Robin

Staff

Sean Gibbons

Mike Gibson

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 11-14-18 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schnappauf made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Bolde seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Citizen Engagement Survey

Mr. Gibbons reported that the free program in Survey Monkey only allows 10 questions. Mr. Gibbons stated the survey is more than ten questions, but it displays as ten questions.

Mr. Gibbons informed the Board about the new City website stating that there will be a landing page for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board. Mr. Gibbons said the Committee would be able to post the survey, public service announcement, etc.

B. Safety/Network/Areas of Concern

Committee members asked about the timeline for the multi-use pathway. Mr. Gibbons and Councilman Gibson thought about eighteen months until this start taking shape.

C. Reporting Issues (FDOT, LDOT, BSPW)

Mr. Gibbons talked to public works regarding reporting street issues. Public Works does not have an online form. Citizens are directed to call the Public Works number to report issues for City maintained roads. Then Public Works creates a ticket to investigate the issue. If they live in a gated community, they would call their HOA.

The County (LDOT) and State (FDOT) both have online reporting and GIS that are very user friendly. Mr. Gibbons explained that it depends on the road, it could be City, County or State maintained.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LEE MPO/BPCC Update

Mr. Gibbons reported that there were big items from the last MPO meeting. Mr. Gibbons reported that they were going to put a pathway on the eastern portions of State Road 80, but they had funding issues and had to delay that project.

Bonita Springs has five project areas that have been approved on the TA & SU Box Funding priorities: Bonita Drive, West Terry Street, East Terry Street Cochran St. / Pine Ave. and Pauling Street.

Mr. Gibbons discussed the recent 2019 SGA Dangerous by Design Report which again highlighted the Greater Fort Myers Area as one of most dangerous in the nation for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr. Gibbons noted that distracted driving enforcement was a big focus.

Ms. Baker discussed exploring a Distracting Driving Campaign and asked for ideas:

- Tip cards passed out at car dealerships
- Pledge card for school children so they could talk to their parents
- Ms. Bolde recommended Jay Anderson who gives safety talks.

- Ms. Bolde will contact him to see if he knows of an opportunity where the Board could partner with another organization.

Mr. Gibbons reported that they got very good feedback and praise from BikeWalkLee in their response to the Dangerous by Design Report, noting that Bonita Springs and Cape Coral were both recognized for their continued efforts in improving their transportation network for all modalities.

Sun Trails map update:

Mr. Gibbons reported the Estero/San Carlos loop would remain on the Sun Trails map.

Ms. Baker reported that she has been to two Sun Trails meetings on the Sun Trails project. There is a group called Bonita Estero Safe Travelways (BEST) and they are championing the Sun Trails project. Ms. Baker would like the Board to stay in touch with this process. Ms. Baker stated that Deputy Mayor O'Flinn stated they would like Bonita Springs and Estero to work together. Ms. Baker asked for volunteers from the Board to keep in touch with the Sun Trail people and with Deputy Mayor O'Flinn making sure he has someone to contact. The commitment is sporadic at this point.

Mr. Gibbons reported that the John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail expansion was approved by the BPC.

Mr. Gibbons said to let him know if anyone would like to attend the next MPO meeting.

B. Projects in the Works & Code Updates

Mr. Gibbons reported on the following legislative items coming up in the State House/Senate:

- Increasing criminal penalties resulting from motor vehicle accidents
- There are new structural requirements for new facilities being built stating new projects must go through the DPA for approval.
- Distracted Driving Traffic Offensives
- Electric bicycles and motorized scooters will need to be insured.
- Autonomous vehicle information and detection.

VI. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Ms. Baker reported that she has been in contact with Diana Giraldo of BikeWalkLee and Deputy Mayor O'Flinn is interested in improving safety at Bonita Springs Elementary. Ms. Giraldo was going to send Ms. Baker a PowerPoint presentation of things they have done before. Ms. Baker said she would forward to Mr. Gibbons who can forward to the Board. She was interested in partnering with the BPSAC and FGCU on some kind of project. Ms. Baker was going to invite Ms. Giraldo to a meeting to share her ideas with the Committee.

Ms. Baker announced she is moving to Orlando to attend the University of Central Florida, College of Medicine. Ms. Baker stated her classes begin in August and she plans to relocate to Orlando in June. Ms. Baker stated that the Chair position on the Board would be open. The Board applauded Ms. Baker and wished her well on her new endeavor.

Mr. Schnappauf announced his semi-retirement. The Board applauded Mr. Schnappauf and wished him well at this new milestone.

VII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (March 13, 2019)

The next meeting was confirmed for March 13, 2019.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bolde made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Schnappauf and Ms. Robin seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

Minutes approved at the 3/13/19 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting:

Ms. Baker asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Robin so moved, Ms Baker seconded; motion approved unanimously.

If a person decides to appeal a decision made by the Council in any matter considered at this meeting/hearing, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, to include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.