

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Wednesday June 12th 2019, 5:00 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 5:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Lindsay Robin

Scott Schnappauf

Samantha Bolde

Liz Stikeman

Joe Mc Clamma - by phone

Staff

Sean Gibbons

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 04-10-19 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schnappauf moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2019, Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

No public present.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Safety/Network/Areas of Concern

Ms. Stikeman asked if Mr. Gibbons could include the link to the Lee County GIS and the website in the minutes so people will have the link and know where to go.

[Road Maintenance System Interactive Map \(LDOT\):](#)

[Florida Department of Transportation – District One Maintenance Offices:](#)

[Lee County Department of Transportation Contact Page:](#)

[City of Bonita Springs Public Works Department:](#)

B. City/BPSAC Webpage Update(s)

Mr. Gibbons reported that the City is in the process of making the web page ADA compliant, but reported that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board will have their own landing page.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Welcome New Committee Members

Mr. Gibbons introduced the new Board member, Ms. Liz Stikeman. Ms. Stikeman explained that she lives in Pelican Landing and is a member of BEST, a group of concerned citizens from Bonita Springs and Estero. Their focus is to tap into the community and represent cyclists and pedestrians. They would like to do a big walk/ride and start promoting the new master plan and Sun Trail. Right now, they represent Pelican Sound, Pelican Landing and Bonita Bay.

Mr. Gibbons stated new member, Mr. Steven Ivaniszyn, was not able to make this meeting so he will introduce him at the next meeting.

Mr. Gibbons quickly reviewed the Sunshine Law for the benefit of new members.

B. DOT BUILD Grant & Letter of Support

Mr. Gibbons shared a memorandum from Ms. Elly McKuen, Senior Project Manager, Public Works Department, City of Bonita Springs, regarding a grant she is writing to get money from the DOT BUILD grant (aka TIGER grant) for the Terry Street Complete Street Project. Ms. McKuen was asking for letters of support from the Boards and Committees as well as the community. Mr. Gibbons asked the Board to review the letter of support drafted by Ms. Robin. If the Board is okay with it, Mr. Gibbons will forward the letter of support. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Schnappauf moved to support the letter of support as amended, Ms. Stikeman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. Projects in the Works & Code Updates

Ms. Bolde reported on the Pennsylvania Road project stating that Councilman Gibson put Ms. Bolde on the agenda and they were able to speak about the recent fatalities on Pennsylvania Avenue. Council allocated \$45,000 from this year's budget to make Pennsylvania Avenue safer. Councilman Gibson told Ms. Bolde they are going to put stop signs on Wisconsin Street and Playa Del Rey Lane. Ms. Bolde reported that there has also been increased police presence.

Ms. Bolde mentioned that with increased development, safety will be an issue and she did not hear safety addressed. Mr. Gibbons replied that they will do traffic impact studies. Mr. Gibbons reported that some of this topic would be addressed at the LPA meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019.

D. MPO/BPCC Meeting Updates

Mr. Gibbons reported the next MPO meeting would be coming up on 6/25/19. Items for discussion include allocation of funding for different bike/pedestrian projects in the area. Mr. Gibbons reported that the City currently has seven projects approved and scheduled for funding. Mr. Gibbons gave a brief update on the projects and shared that the MPO is a big supporter of what the City is doing. Projects discussed included:

- The MPO is taking on US 41 and is looking into expanding the sidewalk from Bonita Bay Boulevard to Pelican Landing. It will be a shared use pathway.
- Bonita Beach Road all the way down to Bonita Bay Boulevard, 23 miles, continuing that pathway
- West Terry Street project Pine Avenue to Old 41 - ¼ mile
- East Terry, 3 Oak Parkway to Bonita Grande 1 ½ mile shared use path on south side
- Streetsboro project ½ mile shared use pathway on the north side
- Pine Street shared use pathways ¼ mile respectively each
- Pine Ave to Old 41 - ¼ mile of shared use pathways

Mr. Gibbons reported that the City has received good rankings on how things look and gave kudos to the Public Works department.

Mr. Gibbons reported on the Rails to Trails feasibility study from Bonita Beach Road to Alico Road.

Mr. Gibbons reported that there are some cool transportation projects going on in Fort Myers.

Ms. Stikeman asked if Mr. Gibbons had a link to the MPO. Mr. Gibbons will send Ms. Stikeman the link.

[Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\):
Recommend MPO Priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box Funds:
Review and Recommend MPA Priorities for Sun Trail Funds:](#)

E. Outreach & Education

Mr. Gibbons asked the Board to start thinking about events and opportunities where they could distribute information. Let Mr. Gibbons know if there is an opportunity where the Board could get involved.

Ms. Stikeman asked if there would be an event/ground breaking for the Terry Street project. Mr. Gibbons said it would be great, but he does not have a date yet.

Ms. Robin asked about the status of the budget. Mr. Gibbons stated they have \$2000 left in the budget. The Board discussed what they might use the funds for before the end of the fiscal year.

The Board discussed how to get the word out to the Community. Ms. Stikeman recommended something in the paper. Ms. Robin suggested Facebook and asked the Board to think of ideas for next meeting.

VII. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Ms. Robin reported that she has heard from Ms. Baker and she is doing very well.

Ms. Stikeman attended a presentation in Fort Myers regarding best in class ideas for redesigning urban areas. Ms. Stikeman stated these are the national standards that are now coming out in cities big and small. Ms. Stikeman will send Mr. Gibbons the presentation to share with the Board.

VIII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (~~July 10th, 2019~~ July 24, 2019)

Due to Board availability, the Board decided to meet on Wednesday July 24, 2019.

Mr. Schnappauf made a motion to move the next Board meeting from July 10 to July 24, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Liles hotel, Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stikeman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Schnappauf seconded; motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

The June 12, 2019 minutes approved at the July 24, 2019 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board meeting:

Ms. Stikeman made a motion to accept the minutes from June 12, 2019, Mr. Schnappauf seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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