

## Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021, 5:00 pm

City of Bonita Springs

Liles Hotel 27300 Old 41 Road Upstairs Conference Room

### AGENDA

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

#### **Present**

Lindsay Robin

Timothy Dempsey

Joe McClamma

Scott Schnappauf

#### **Staff**

Sean Gibbons

Mike Gibson

#### **Guests**

Trish Leonard

Scott Walters

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Bike Ped Month Event Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

A. Special Guests: Ms. Trish Leonard & Mr. Dr. Scott Walters

Ms. Leonard introduced herself stating she has served on several committees for the City and owns her own business, TLC Marketing. Ms. Leonard spoke about a friend who was in a tragic bicycle accident in Alva and because of her friend, she came up with the idea to have a Bike Safety Day. Ms. Leonard called Councilman Gibson who suggested she attend the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Leonard introduced Dr. Walters.

Dr. Walters stated he has been an avid bicyclist and started racing bikes at the age of 12. Dr. Walters raced with the US National Team which resides in Belgium. When Dr. Walters came back to the states, he raced professionally. Dr. Walters, who is now retired from racing, stated that during time, all his teammates had been hit by a car at least once. Dr. Walters has a passion for making sure that children, and adults, are safe and believes that education on how to be a defensive cyclist as well as how to handle a bicycle is important. Dr. Walters wanted to see what he could do to give back to the community and educate people on safety and what the laws are.

Ms. Leonard has spoken to the following organizations regarding the event:

- The Lee County Sheriff's office would like to be involved.
- The Boy Scouts would sell hot dogs.
- Ms. Leonard is working with a bike shop in Naples as well as Council Gibson's shop who both said they would help.
- Ms. Leonard has reached out to the Blue Zone.

- They will have bike safety talks and helmet fittings.
- McDonalds will give out coupons for children who attend and complete the bike safety talks and once the Sheriff's office has signed-off.
- They will have a rodeo, which children can attend once they listen to the talks.
- Ms. Leonard asked if they could use the skate park area.

Ms. Leonard reported that in terms of media, they are going to have the notice in both English and Spanish. They are working with the local schools. Ms. Leonard thinks it would be good for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board to have a table. TLC will handle the press release.

Ms. Leonard stated they are open for suggestions.

Ms. Leonard asked about getting helmets for children at cost. Mr. Gibbons suggested reaching out to the Blue zone.

Mr. Gibbons stated he, Ms. Robin and Councilman Gibson are certified to fit helmets.

Ms. Leonard wants to get the Board's blessing so they can start promoting for the community.

***Mr. Schnappauf made a motion to support the Bonita Springs Bike Safety Day on Saturday, May 22, 2021, Ms. Robin seconded; all in favor motion carried unanimously.***

The Committee and Ms. Leonard discussed locations for the event.

The Committee discussed putting up the bicycle/pedestrian banner.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Safety/Network/Areas of Concern

[Road Maintenance System Interactive Map \(LDOT\):](#)  
[Florida Department of Transportation:](#)  
[Lee County Department of Transportation Contact Page:](#)  
[City of Bonita Springs Public Works Department:](#)

Mr. Gibbons asked new member, Mr. Dempsey, to introduce himself. Mr. Dempsey explained that he is originally from Vermont, has been a cyclist for 45 years of his life and he has been a competitive cyclist. In Vermont he was involved in hosting a large mountain bike festival. Mr. Dempsey noted that he is a regular cyclist, and he enjoys the road. Mr. Dempsey would like to start a trail association, maybe get the Boy Scouts involved, like he did when he was in Vermont. Mr. Gibson said they could garner some support for it, bring it to Council.

Mr. Gibbons will keep this topic on the agenda so they can keep discussing.

Mr. Gibbons introduced himself and his function as the staff liaison and his role with the City. Ms. Robin introduced herself and background explaining that she is an urban planner for Stantec. Mr. Schnappauf introduced himself stating he moved to Bonita in 1983 and is soon to be retired from the school district.

Mr. McClamma introduced himself stating he is an Engineering Inspector for Collier County Growth Management.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

C. Outreach, Education & Events

Mr. Gibbons suggested they may want to look at the code explaining that there have been code updates and map changes they may want to start looking at it. Mr. Gibbons stated it is not anything critical or major, but he does not want them to fall behind and suggests taking a look at strengthening some of the code verbiage.

Mr. Dempsey asked if they could leverage the local media as a resource for outreach to reach as many people as they can regarding safety using all media including TV, radio, and social media. Mr. Gibbons replied that the MPO uses the media. Mr. Gibbons explained that the MPO is looking at trying to provide additional connection points and making sure the facilities are mapped out appropriately.

VII. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

None

VIII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (May 12th, 2021)

Next meeting confirmed for May 12, 2021.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Robin made a motion to adjourn, Scott Schnappauf, meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

*Nadine Chiaramonte (05-19-2021)*

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

Minutes were approved at the July 14, 2021 Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Meeting:

***Mr. Schnappauf moved to approve the April 28 and May 21 meeting minutes; Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

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