

**Public Meeting of the
Street Light Advisory Committee
Official Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL.

Present

Bob Bornstein
Anna Brockway
David Schmitt
Paul Sheldon
Chuck Homolka
Kathy McGrath

Staff

Matt Feeney

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Mr. Homolka asked that the spelling of his name be corrected.

Ms. McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction above, all in favor; motion approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public present.

V. OLD BUSINESS: Feedback from Committee members:

Mr. Feeney suggested Committee members take a look at the area on Bonita Grande, and US 41 in Estero, where the LED lights have been installed. (These areas should be viewed at night)

Mr. Feeney explained the backstory for the LED lighting for the benefit of the new member, Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Feeney explained that through a new rating structure, FPL offered a savings to the City through a block rate where they can reduce the rate citywide and replace the 3,000 lights this City administers. Mr. Feeney explained that the LED lights have a built in capability to communicate back to FPL before the light fails, so they can proactively replace it. However, some folks have strong views both for and against the LED lights. Mr. Feeney asked the street light committee to look at examples

of LED lights and advise where they would recommend conversion. FPL is recommending LED lighting on Bonita Grande Drive.

Mr. Schmitt explained that it is really for roadway lighting, not to make it daylight.

Ms. McGrath is in favor of this, but in the event Council might get complaints from their constituents, they need to know not to compare what they are seeing in Estero with what they will have on Bonita Grande.

Mr. Feeney thinks that Council will want to understand it and know that the Street Light Committee is looking into it.

Discussion ensued regarding appropriate street lighting, the dark skies ordinance and that the City of Bonita Springs is a dark skies City.

Mr. Schmitt asked the Committee if they wanted to make a motion or recommendation. He would feel comfortable identifying a test street to see if people are happy with it. The Committee discussed the following streets:

- Pennsylvania or Highland Woods
- Arroyal to Wisconsin.
- Rosemary Drive

Mr. Feeney stated there are children going to school and people going to work. If they did Rosemary from Old 41, it would be eight lights. It is an area where people have already expressed concerns.

Anna Brockway will check into converting the lights on Rosemary and report back next meeting.

Ms. McGrath said to convert four of the lights instead of eight so people can see the difference in the lighting. Ms. Brockway will check to see if they can do that.

Mr. Schmitt said the Committee would discuss this topic further at next meeting.

Mr. Feeney asked if anyone checked out Bonita Grande and if so, do they have any pros or cons. Ms. McGrath checked them out and thought they looked good.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

Mr. Feeney reported that Logan Boulevard is still under construction and, right now, they are only considering lighting the round a bout.

VII. MEMBER ITEMS:

No member items discussed.

VIII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING:

The Committee will wait to see if any new business comes up and if Ms. Brockway has anything to report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,


Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:
STREET LIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Date: August 15, 2019

AUTHENTICATED:


David Schmitt

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