

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Technology Advisory Board**  
**Official Minutes**  
**Monday, March 18, 2019, 5:30 P.M. Room 118**  
**City Hall 9101 Bonita Beach Rd. Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

		<u>TIME</u>	<u>INFO</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	MEETING CALL TO ORDER	5:30			X
	Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.				
II.	ROLL CALL	5:35			X
	<u>Present</u> John Poldoian Tim Deaton James Kaufman Vince Marchesani Patrick Anderson Susan Bickel		<u>Staff</u> Addison Smelko		
III.	PUBLIC COMMENT	5:40			
	No public comment.				
IV.	MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019	5:45			X
	<i>Mr. Marchesani moved to accept the minutes of February 11, 2019, Mr. Poldoian seconded; motion passed unanimously.</i>				
V.	COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS	6:50			
	No Council items.				
VI.	STAFF INFO & UPDATES	7:00		X	

Mr. Smelko reported that they would be conducting a public workshop on the new website on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to test the site and give feedback.

Questions/Comments from the Board:

- Is there a soft opening planned? Is the website open right now?
  - Answer: the new website is not open yet
- Is there public access?
  - Answer: not yet
- Will there be a short period were it would be open for public feedback.
  - Answer: Mr. Smelko said there would be a time for feedback, but he is not sure when that feedback will be.

- When can we get access?
  - Mr. Smelko will need to talk to Ms. Taylor
- Board member suggested password protecting the site thereby limiting access. It might be beneficial to try it live from their desks. It will make a difference whether someone is running it wireless or local. Board member recommended a soft opening/trial. That would increase the audience for feedback.
  - It would give access to users using other devices.
- Do they needed to bring their own device?
  - Mr. Smelko stated that there would be computers set up.
  - Mr. Smelko said if they bring their own devices, he could give them access to the guest network.
- The very idea of a website is remote access and they would get more feedback if potential users were allowed to access remotely and give feedback remotely.
- If people are working from their home, it might be difficult to troubleshoot.
- The users are the experts.
- Suggestion, go through a roll out, Q&A, how it was developed.
- Do not disconnect the old system until the new system is flawless.
- Set up a trial domain for the new site.

Mr. Smelko will find out if the Technology Advisory Board could get access to the site before it goes live.

- Identifiable users group to get the broadest possible source of feedback.
  - Examples included student user groups.
  - Residents
  - Tourists
  - Businesses, let the Chamber know what's going on
  - Fairly broad context of potential users
  - Think of ways to manage the access
  - Have a user group at the library one afternoon
- Consider a comprehensive field test in a controllable way.
  - Staff will be more comfortable in the knowledge that is has been used and tested by identifiable groups who will be using it.
  - It may slow down the schedule, but if they want to do it right they would get a broader input in a manageable way.
- The Board asked if the City could use help reviewing the feedback.
  - Suggestion, dedicated email address for comments/feedback.
- Create a questionnaire with specific questions they would like identified from specific groups. Have a time-period for feedback and get it done in a month.
- Comment, a good website is vital; you cannot underestimate the importance of the site.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

7:15

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Mr. Poldoian shared a handout regarding the pedestrian crossing problems. There are two problems, a safety problem and traffic control problem. Mr. Poldoian identified three locations where he has noticed a concern, Bonita Beach Road and Hickory Blvd, Hickory Blvd. and Estero Parkway and East Terry Street and Old 41. Most pedestrians are aware that when they come up to the intersection and press that button, the light turns yellow. Immediately they dart across, which causes problems. There is no delay at all with the light.

Mr. Poldoian suggested the crossing lights should be delayed to que up pedestrians with perhaps a sign that reads, "wait for the light".

Mr. Marchesani agreed stating he understands circles and the principle of the roundabout or circle is traffic flow. It is the wrong place for pedestrian crossing, the purpose of the circle is traffic flow.

Mr. Anderson agrees that the circle on Terry Street is dangerous. Mr. Marchesani stated people do not know how to negotiate the circle.

Mr. Deaton said it is not unusual having people working on the lights. You cannot see the lights on both sides of that sign. Many times the people who push that button cannot see that the light has started. On the northeast of town, the circle is slightly larger, but the pedestrian crossing is 50 yards from the circle. That seems to work well. Mr. Deaton agrees there needs to be some sort of delay.

Mr. Poldoian said the intersection of Terry and Old 41; they really need to push back the crosswalk.

Mr. Kaufman said we could ask staff to bring this to the correct person and get feedback by the next meeting. We are a Committee/Board of city council and it is up to us to give feedback when we feel it is useful. They might bounce this to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board and they may have a better solution.

Ms. Bickel stated if the lights are not visible to the pedestrian; change the lights so they are visible.

Mr. Poldoin recommended audio/voice prompt at the button.

Mr. Kaufman said it is the sense of the group that we get some reaction, some response from the City that are charged with the responsibility. The group would like a response. Mr. Smelko will speak to Ms. Taylor and see what they can do.

Mr. Kaufman asked Mr. Smelko to see if Councilman Gibson could listen to the recording of this meeting where the lights are discussed and get his feedback.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

7:30

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Mr. Anderson brought up the topic of deficiencies of the broadcast signal. Mr. Anderson stated he has a 60-mile antennae and the only station he can pick up is CW and NBC. The signals for CBS and ABC are very weak. Mr. Poldoin has a 40-dollar antennae and he researched on the internet where the broadcast field is. Now, he gets about 20 stations. Eight are Spanish-speaking stations. It is possible it is the direction that the antennae is pointed. He has not figured out how to get PBS.

Mr. Marchesani stated he was not at the last meeting where the issue of the tower and the emergency calls being bounced. Mr. Kaufman reported that Verizon is the only carrier that is taking it seriously and he has been in constant touch with them. They have a permit for an 180-foot site on the broadcast tower. They will be putting in fiber to the tower sometime in June.

That will supplement the signal from that tower looking at our 4 – 5 communities on Bonita Beach Road. Mr. Kaufman stated that is not enough to do the trick and Verizon knows they need a second site. They are negotiating with Bonita National after an earlier aborted attempt. ~~They are making good progress putting 140-foot site in Bonita National that looks good. It is going to look like an antenna from Tuscany, in the same architectural style of the common area facilities. They will have good coverage in East Bonita when the second site is done.~~

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IX: NEXT MEETING

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*Next meeting confirmed for Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Room 118, City Hall.*

X: ADJOURNMENT

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*Mr. Kaufman asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Poldoian so moved; Mr. Anderson seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Nadine Chiamonte*  
Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date: 7/15/19  
AUTHENTICATED:

*Jim Kauffman*  
Jim Kauffman, Chairman

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