

Notice of Public Meeting of the Technology Advisory Board
Official Agenda
April 19, 2021 @ 5:30 pm
Bonita Grand Fire Station
27701 Bonita Grande Drive
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

| | <u>TIME</u> | <u>INFO</u> | <u>DISCUSSION</u> | <u>ACTION</u> |
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| I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER | 5:30 | | | Action |

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

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| II. ROLL CALL | 5:35 | | | Action |
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Present

Tim Deaton

Jim Kauffman

John Poldoian

Susan Bickel

Mr. Marchesani joined briefly by phone around 6:20 p.m.

Staff

Addison Smelko

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| III. PUBLIC COMMENT | 5:40 | | | |
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No public present.

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| IV. REVIEW MINUTES OF 10/26/20 | 5:45 | | | Action |
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Mr. Poldoian noted that Mr. Marchesani made an excellent suggestion at the last meeting that the Board should come up with a list of topics that they would like to submit to Council for consideration regarding electronic vehicles (EVs). Mr. Poldoian asked if this should be included in the minutes. Mr. Poldoian submitted a list of topics for the Board's consideration.

After discussion, the Board decided to accept the minutes as submitted and Mr. Kauffman asked for a motion.

Ms. Bickel made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Mr. Deaton seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

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| V. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS | 6:00 | | | |
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Mr. Poldoian observed that they have not had a member of Council present for the last six meetings and suggested inviting Mr. Gibson back as the staff liaison. Ms. Bickel concurred. Mr. Kauffman asked Mr. Smelko to convey this request to Ms. Taylor.

Mr. Kauffman spoke about increasing needs, specifically regarding EVs, and how government can encourage their adoption to the extent that it would benefit the City.

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| VI. STAFF INFO & UPDATES | 6:10 | | Discussion | |
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Mr. Smelko reported that City Hall is just about finished, and they will start moving staff back in July.

Mr. Smelko asked the Board if they thought that Room 118 might be too small and does not allow for social distancing. The Board agreed and will consider alternate locations.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

6:20

Discussion

Mr. Poldoian presented his list of topics for EVs for the Board's consideration. Mr. Kauffman suggested making a case on one page for Council's review outlining what a municipality could do to encourage charging stations for electric vehicles. The Board brainstormed ideas such as possible tax credits and other benefits.

Mr. Kauffman asked Mr. Poldoian to condense the list with an action statement and a bullet list. Mr. Deaton would like to see it broken down to address ideas that would be no cost to the City, for example tax credits for the private sector. The Board discussed the benefits of electric vehicles, and how this industry will be growing.

Ms. Bickel suggested putting the locations of EV charging stations on the City website. The Board discussed concerns of potential advertising of locations. Mr. Marchesani joined the meeting, stating that the City cannot advertise, but there are organizations that could do that, maybe an environmental group. Mr. Kauffman stated there are maps and APPs for electric vehicle owners on where to find charging stations.

Mr. Poldoian will consolidate and turn his list into a recommendation to Council and asked the Board to send any suggestions to Ms. Vallante who can forward to Mr. Poldoian for inclusion.

Mr. Kauffman noted it is in the public interest to encourage the establishment of charging stations and ask the City to determine incentives.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6:25

Discussion

- Ms. Bickel stated that the Board had discussed the crosswalk at Doc's restaurant located across the street from Bonita Beach Park about a year ago. Ms. Bickel reminded the Board that they discussed that this is a pinch point for traffic which has gotten exaggerated this season with traffic stopping for miles at that location. Ms. Bickel thinks they need to consider putting a timer on that light so there is a wait time so traffic can pass. Mr. Kauffman asked that the minutes reflect that the Board would like to see this issue addressed.

The Technology Advisory Board recommends to City Council that the crosswalk located at Doc's and across the street from Bonita Beach Park be equipped with a timer with a delay to allow traffic to move.

Mr. Marchesani made a comment about the traffic circles on Terry Street stating that people have not been trained how to navigate the circle. This could be done simply in the form of a pamphlet or on the website.

- Technology Resources for Community amid COVID-19

The Board determined that this has been addressed in the Community.

- Electric Vehicles
Discussed above in New Business.

X: NEXT MEETING

Discussion

The Board confirmed **May 17, 2021** for the next meeting. Mr. Kauffman asked if the meeting would be held at Bonita Grande fire station, Mr. Smelko replied yes.

XI: ADJOURNMENT

Action

Ms. Bickel made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Deaton seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte, 05/18/2021

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date: 6/21/21

AUTHENTICATED:


Jim Kauffman, Chairman

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