



13240 Griffin Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting January 26, 2009

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Tamara Sendewicz called the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members Present

Chairperson: Tamara Sendewicz

Vice Chairman: Joe D'Elia

Member: Jamie Groth- arrived late

Member: Margaret Fineburg

Staff Members:

Bill Knight: Director of Operations

Elle Harris: Safety Officer

Cindy Hamlin: Admin Assistant

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2008

MOTION TO: Approve Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2008

MADE BY: Tamara

SECONDE D BY: Joe D'Elia

DISCUSSION: none

RESULT: motion passed unanimously

3. Report on Committee Status

Tamara began by sharing with the entire committee that the Board of Supervisor's has decided to recast the committee, letters of interest are to be submitted to Bill Knight by February 12th, 2009. The Board will then interview any interested members at their meeting on February 19, 2009. Joe asked if he had to resubmit a letter and be reassigned. Cindy Hamlin went out of the meeting room and asked Bill if he could come and clarify a question on the recasting of the committee. Bill joined the meeting briefly to help clarify the Board's request. Bill stated that the Board of Supervisor's request to recast the committee was for a fresh start. Bill continued to share that the Traffic Committee has made some huge accomplishments. Joe stated that the main concern of the committee is for the safety for all of Gateway. Bill said the committee was to give suggestions for safety on the agreement, sharing that the resolution passed is the charge for the committee; the resolution will be their guide. Bill shared with the committee that the district leans on recommendations on safety issues from the committee. Bill apologized for the confusion to the committee and concluded by saying the committee has been very successful.

4 .No Turn in front of Gateway Charter High School

Tamara explained how having signage at this location is a safety issue. The committee was trying to get a No U Turn sign installed, Tamara mentioned at this point anything will help, and the next step should be to get the County to approve something, once that occurs then they can take it to the Board of Supervisor's for approval. Elle shared that she will get the contact information for the county and call them for the committee. The committee agreed they should speak with Bill first before moving forward. Tamara said the school has Traffic barrels set up now to help control traffic issues. Tamara stated she will send an email to Bill and move forward after she receives his response.

5. Committee Member Requests

Joe introduced a gentleman from the audience named Scott Kearney from Cypress Cay stating that this gentleman is interested in joining the committee.



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Joe then mentioned at the four way stop at Westlinks and Commerce Dr. there are four stop signs but that there should be a sign stating it is a four way stop. Elle agreed and reassured Joe that she will address that issue.

The committee discussed the accident that occurred with a deputy in an unmarked car, he hit a wet spot in the road and hit a tree off of Gateway Blvd. Tamara said that the deputy was not hurt. Elle shared that if ever any member has any questions please email her and she will do what she can to help. Elle concluded by saying that the Sheriff's detail times are going to be staggered, she has requested them to be here at different times and when school is being let out. Joe asked if the homeowners could be made aware when the detail is here. Joe said residents had called him the night before and complained about a home that was playing loud music; Joe called the Sheriff's Dept. and when he was on the phone with them the person told him that they could not tell him if a deputy was on detail in Gateway that evening, Elle said she will make a phone call and make sure the Sheriff's Dept knows to tell the residents of Gateway when they call in if there is a deputy on property.

6. Set Next Meeting

Next meeting date is scheduled for February 25, 2009 at 5 pm.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.