

LEE COUNTY  
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Wheaton, Chair, At Large  
Kelley Provo, District 3  
Jane Bowser, Secretary, At Large

T. Patrick Connor, District 2  
Damon Shelor, District 5  
Don Mayne, District 4

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Al Giacalone, Vice Chair, At Large, Affordable Housing

**STAFF**

Andy Getch, LCDCD  
Debbie Carpenter, Recording Secretary, LCDCD

**GUESTS**

Sue McMillin, Pine Ridge Road Resident  
James Norris, Heritage Point Resident  
Ron Gogoi, MPO

Angela Noack, guest  
Diana Giraldo, SA of SWFL

**Agenda Item #1, \*Call to Order, Introductions and Review of Agenda:** Mr. David Wheaton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked for introductions. **Ms. Jane Bowser made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Don Mayne seconded the motion. The motion was called and carried.**

**Agenda Item #2: \*Approval of the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Don Mayne made a motion to approve the November minutes as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Bowser. The motion was called and carried.**

**Agenda Item #3, Public Comments:**

Ms. Diana Giraldo said she recently attended a meeting in Bonita where that municipality gave their advisory board a fund to partner with other agencies and work with law enforcement on bicycle and pedestrian safety and distracted driving issues. Since Lee County will be working on budgets in the near future, she thought it would be a good opportunity for Lee County to also make this effort.

**Agenda Item #4a:**

Ms. Sue McMillin made a request for bike paths/sidewalks for areas along Pine Ridge Road from McGregor to Summerlin Road. She provided the committee with a written list of local businesses and residential communities, along with information about other roads and surrounding areas that contribute to the high volume of traffic on Pine Ridge, such as the Kelly Road Soccer Complex, Harlem Heights Community Park, the United Way, and a food pantry. The speed limit is 45, which she said is consistently exceeded. There is a hodgepodge of sidewalks and she went over the areas that had sidewalks and areas where there were none. She provided photos showing large commercial trucks which utilize the road, parking lots for various businesses including a tax collector's office and sheriff's substation, road conditions, shoulder widths and more. The road is considered a major collector, which warrants sidewalks on both sides. However Mr. Getch said that many of the business and communities have been there for a long time, dating back before

sidewalks were required. Some sidewalks in the area are a result of development, some from community block grants, and some, such as those in Harlem Heights, are a result of federal grants. Following a brief discussion, Ms. McMillin said she would like to see sidewalks on both sides, but if she had to choose, she would like to have sidewalks all along the east side. The request is to fill in the gaps all the way from McGregor to Summerlin Road. Committee members recalled that a portion of this area, from Kelly Road to Summerlin was already on the list.

Mr. Wheaton thanked Ms. McMillin for her presentation and said the project would be placed on next month's agenda for more discussion.

#### **Agenda Item #4b. CIP Prioritization (Andy Getch)**

Mr. Getch brought the committee's attention to the summary of road projects, *Transportation CIP priority revisions per BoCC Direction*, that showed projects currently in the CIP. Part of last month's discussion was how to not forget about projects going forward. The Commissioners generally establish road priorities by major capital improvement type projects, not bike retrofit or sidewalk requirements. Their list shows projects that are fully funded (in the CIP) shaded in gray and these stay on the list until they are actually completed. Using the Commissioner's summary as a guide, staff revised BPAC's list to show projects that are funded in the CIP or have been bumped (such as those from last year because of cost considerations) at the top of the list shown as *Projects in CIP FY 18/19-22/23* and *Projects Previously in CIP FY 17/18 – 21/22*. Two additional categories were added to show the year design and/or construction has been scheduled.

Mr. Getch referred to the Pine Ridge Road projects shown as #33 and #35 on the BPAC priority list, the subject of today's sidewalk request. These two projects are for prior requests for sidewalks along the west side of Pine Ridge Road. Of note is that these are the first in line for funding in that particular district. Mr. Pat Connor asked if there was an estimate as to when they would go on the CIP list, but Mr. Getch was unable to answer that question, deferring to Mr. Murphy who was not present.

#### **Agenda Item #5. \*Election of Officers**

There was a brief discussion about postponing elections until Mr. Giacalone could be present, but Mr. Giacalone had notified staff that he was willing to accept a nomination in absentia and Mr. Wagley had confirmed with the county attorney's office that elections could take place as long as there was a quorum. Following Mr. Getch's comment that the BPAC resolution did not require elections at a specific time, Mr. Damon Shelor made a motion to table the election of officers until next November, but there was no second.

**Ms. Bowser made a motion to nominate Mr. Mayne as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Connor. Called and carried. Mr. Mayne was elected as Chairman.**

**Ms. Bowser made a motion to nominate Mr. Giacalone for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Connor. Called and carried. Mr. Giacalone was elected as Vice Chairman.**

**Mr. Mayne appointed Ms. Bowser as secretary.**

#### **Agenda Item #6. MPO Update**

Mr. Ron Gogoi reviewed a slide presentation of Lee County MPO's Safety Performance Measures and Crash Data which included data up to and including 2017. Data was collected by FDOT and showed 5 year rolling averages comparing years 2009 to 2017. The data indicated that fatalities decreased in Florida and the United States during that time period. For the period from 2016 to 2017, Florida's bicyclist fatalities decreased by 8.6% and serious injuries decreased by 5%. There was a brief discussion about the calculation used to

determine the total VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) and the correlation between the daily VMT and injuries/fatalities in Lee County.

He also reviewed Lee County's Crash Reports based on preliminary data as of January 1, 2019 from Signal Four Analytics:

2018 Bike Injuries = 192  
2018 Bike Fatalities = 3  
2018 Pedestrian Injuries = 216  
2018 Pedestrian Fatalities = 21

These numbers may not be final because some serious injuries or fatalities may not be reflected, so a final tally may not be available until perhaps August or September. There was a discussion about how the injury data is collected and who collects it, police officers or EMT's. Even for a serious injury, police may not be called to the scene and therefore there was concern that this data could fall through the cracks. More discussion followed.

**Agenda Item #7, Member Comments:**

Mr. Wheaton announced that the Dangerous by Design report was due out in the next week or so and asked that a discussion be added to next month's agenda. Ms. Giraldo said a webinar was scheduled for Thursday, 1/24 and anyone wishing to view the report or sign up for the webinar could do so by going to [SmartGrowthAmerica.org](http://SmartGrowthAmerica.org). Mr. Getch said he would provide that link to the members.

**Agenda Item #8, Staff Comments:**

Mr. Getch suggested that the two items listed, Completed Bike/Ped Projects and the List of Completed Government Funded Projects, be postponed until Mr. Wagley could be present.

Mr. Getch reviewed the upcoming meeting agenda items and mentioned that the Long Range Transportation Plan item was on the list. The MPO is not yet developing the long range plan, but the County has been asked to look at the projects on the bicycle/pedestrian plan and consider which projects remain cost feasible, which are still viable and if there are any others that should be considered.

Mr. Connor said the signs are out for the bike path on Palomino and he was getting questions from the residents about it. Mr. Getch said Lee Werst was the project manager and his contact information was provided on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Wheaton adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

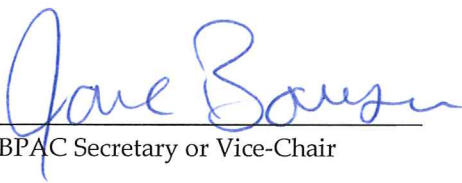
**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 3 to 5 p.m.**



BPAC Chairman

4-17-19

Date



BPAC Secretary or Vice-Chair

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Date