

LEE COUNTY  
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Wheaton, Chair, At Large	Jane Bowser, Secretary, At Large
Nora Demers, At Large	T. Patrick Connor, District 2
Steve Jansen, Walkable Community, At Large	Damon Shelor, District 5
Eric Spivey, Vice Chair, Bike Industry Representative, at Large	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jeremie Chastain, District 1  
Jessica Marcolini, District 3

**STAFF**

David Wagley, LC DCD	Brett Reed, Lee DOT
Debbie Carpenter, LC DCD	Jillian Scholler, Lee DOT
Clarissa Diaz, LeeTran	Tom Marquardt, Lee DOT

**GUESTS**

Jodi Walborn, Blue Zones

**Agenda Item #1, \*Call to Order, Introductions and Review of Agenda:** Mr. David Wheaton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m in the Community Development/Public Works building, 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, First Floor Conference Room 1B. Introductions were made. A review of the agenda followed. **A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Jane Bowser, seconded by Mr. Eric Spivey. Mr. Wheaton called the motion; the agenda was approved as written.**

**Agenda Item #2: \*Approval of the April 20, 2022 meeting minutes.**

Mr. Wheaton called for a review of the April minutes.

**Ms. Bowser made a motion to approve the April minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Damon Shelor. Mr. Wheaton called the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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

None.

**Agenda Item #4(a) Ida Ave. N from Lee Blvd. to 16<sup>th</sup> St. W Sidewalk Request**

The presenter requested that this item be moved to the August agenda.

**Agenda Item #5(a): Roberts Rules of Order**

Mr. David Halverson, Lee County Assistant County Attorney, did a brief presentation about Roberts Rules of Order. Roberts Rules was first published in 1876 and is currently in its 12<sup>th</sup> edition. He provided a handout summarizing the basics of the rules including the guiding principles, how to accomplish what you want to do in meetings, how to make or amend motions, postpone a motion until some later time, or change an action voted on at an earlier meeting. A quick reference guide was also provided.

**Agenda Item #5(b): BPAC Prioritization System Revision Update**

Mr. David Wagley said that Mr. Farhan Butt spoke at the last meeting about changes he envisioned for the point scoring system, but he was unable to attend today. Mr. Wagley reviewed the changes being proposed. He said

the current system would remain unchanged but called Sieve #1. The new changes, Sieve #2 were designed for two reasons: first to look at transportation equity – how well does the project serve zero car ownership households, people living below the poverty line and people with transit access. The second element would be a severity index of bicyclists and pedestrian injuries; looking at areas where there is a high fatality or serious injuries rate. Sieve #2 would provide an opportunity to add more weight / points for those areas. He went on to explain how the process would work. Another factor in the new criteria is the option for committee members to add points (Sieve #2) to specific projects with special circumstances, not considered for other reasons.

Mr. Pat Connor asked about the impetus for these changes. Mr. Wagley said that the current system is based on sound planning principles but this is a way to give these things more weight - with respect to injuries and fatalities, saving lives; and providing a fair opportunity for the transportation disadvantaged to access work, shopping and fun. Mr Wagley said staff is looking at grant opportunities and some of these things are part of the grants. He also said that he intended to show how it may affect the scoring process.

**Agenda Item #5(c): MPO Update - none**

**Agenda Item #6: Member Comments**

Mr. Spivey thought there would be a tremendous amount of benefit from the proposed changes.

Mr. Shelor mentioned an article on the most economical places in the country to live. Five or six were in Florida, half in unincorporated areas.

Mr. Jansen asked if there had been any discussion about adding bike lockers at bus stops. Ms. Clarissa Diaz, LeeTran had no insight at present, but agreed to look into it. Mr. Jansen asked if BPAC could make a recommendation to the commissioners to encourage the MPO to have FDOT institute a program to fill in short sections of sidewalk along state roads. Mr. Wagley thought the BPCC committee might be a better place to express that idea.

Mr. Wheaton mentioned the change in the timing of the light at Daniels and Fiddlesticks. He said it was amazing the difference a few seconds made and it was noticeable.

Mr. Wagley introduced Ms. Jillian Scholler, a county traffic engineer. Ms. Scholler thanked Mr. Wheaton for his comment saying that was something she handles - traffic control devices, signals and markings, as well as safety concerns (crashes happening in certain areas). She also consults on large projects.

**Agenda Item #7: Staff Comments**

None

**Agenda Item #8: Other Government Entity Comments**

None

**Agenda Item #9: Upcoming meeting items**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The meeting will be held at 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901, in First Floor Conference Room 1B.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment**

Mr. Wheaton adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

G. David Wheaton  
BPAC Chairman

8/17/22  
Date

Jane Baeyn  
BPAC Secretary or Vice-Chair

8-17-22  
Date