



City of Lake Helen

Volusia County, Florida

Mayor Buddy Snowden
Vice Mayor Vernon J. Burton
Commissioner Tom Wilson
Commissioner Michael Woods
Commissioner Jim Connell

**City Commission
Public Meeting
Solicitation of Public Input into the
Safe Routes to School Grant Application
Lake Helen City Commission**

December 8, 2016 at 6:30pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Buddy Snowden called to order the December 8, 2016 Public Meeting Solicitation of Public Input into the Development of the Safe Routes to School Grant Application Lake Helen City Commission at 7:00pm.

Present:

Mayor Buddy Snowden	Vice Mayor Vernon Burton
Commissioner Tom Wilson	Commissioner Jim Connell
Commissioner Michael Woods	City Clerk Becky Witte
City Attorney Scott Simpson	City Administrator Jason Yarborough

Safe Routes to School Committee Members:

Linda Prettyman (Ivy Hawn Charter School)
Anna Ventura (Vice Principal Ivy Hawn Charter School)
Paul Struska, (Assistant Principal, Volusia Pines Elementary School)
Julie Gordon (Principal, Volusia Pines Elementary School)
Lake Helen Police Chief Michael A. Walker

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Buddy Snowden

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

LEGISLATIVE PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Mayor Vernon Burton

DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None

SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION: Introduction of the Safe Routes to School Grant Application given by City Administrator Jason Yarborough who introduced Commissioner Michael Woods who is spearheading the grant application.

Commissioner Michael Woods discussed the project and the plans of the Grant Application.

Paul Struska, (Assistant Principal, Volusia Pines Elementary School) discussed his support for the project and the safety of the students

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Linda Prettyman (Ivy Hawn Charter School) discussed the increased growth as well as the benefit of the potential of added parking options so that parents and students can walk to school. She also noted as a resident of Lake Helen she sees great potential for added biking and walking to both schools within the City.

Alan Cooke (Oak Tree Lane) inquired about drainage on Ohio Avenue.

Ann Robbins (Hobart Avenue) asked about matching funds and discussed assistance from Volusia County with funding.

Bart Gawlikowski (Garden Street) asked about property owner opposition.

Commissioner Tom Wilson commended Commissioner Woods for taking on the endeavor and his work toward the grant.

Commissioner Jim Connell asked about potential timeline as well as competition for the funds.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Buddy Snowden adjourned the December 8, 2016 Solicitation of Public Input into the Safe Routes to School Grant Application at 7:22pm.