



# BOCA WEST

## MASTER ASSOCIATION

### **SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, August 16, 2021**

**1:00 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

In attendance via video conference: Elaine Wittlin, Chairperson, Steve Berlin, Nancy Fried, Susan Gefsky, Carol Goldberg, Murray Perelman, Shep Remis, Ron Roth and Mitchell Taback. Ronnie Pollard and Allan Feldman were absent. Brad Baecht, Executive Director, and Chief Joe Lastella were also present.

Guest: Alan Glazer, Akoya.

Mrs. Wittlin called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and established a quorum. The May 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.

#### **Chairperson's Comments**

Mrs. Wittlin thanked everyone for taking the time to attend this meeting during the summer season. She called this meeting to discuss two important issues prior to in-season which are pedestrian safety and the increase in COVID cases.

#### **Security Report**

Chief Lastella reviewed the Security Report.

Chief Lastella reported on the number of vehicles passing through the gates. Mr. Baecht reported on the Glades gate entrance project and how it is being designed to provide operational efficiency especially during in-season.

Mr. Baecht reported on the new stop signs that are being installed. The interior and exterior of the gatehouses will be painted in September and will be ready for the season.

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### **Pending Business**

Mrs. Wittlin reported on the concern for the safety of pedestrians using the roads instead of the cart paths. Some of the actions Security has taken were to distribute citations and send eblasts. Another very important concern is how to deal with golf cart/pedestrian safety. The Committee discussed the issue and shared ideas.

- Mr. Roth reported on Florida rules for bicycle safety. Bicycles must have a rear red light and a front white light from sunset to sunrise.
- Mr. Perelman suggested to have the golf carts travel on the roads and have temporary signage posted during high season (ie, Thanksgiving).
- Mrs. Goldberg suggested to change the locations of the golf cart cross over areas to alleviate the problem of golf carts on sidewalks.
- Mrs. Fried suggested to make the cart paths wider in higher traffic areas.
- Mr. Taback suggested sending repetitive eblasts.

Mr. Baecht reported that he has been working, along with Mr. Turner, to determine which cart paths in selected areas can be widened by two to three feet on either side. There are certain areas that cannot be widened due to utilities. If the selected areas are approved, widening will have to be done in phases and cannot be done during in season.

Mrs. Wittlin reported on the increase of COVID cases. Mr. Baecht advised that the COVID protocols have been re-instituted at the BWMA offices.

Chief Lastella suggested lowering the speed limit coming in from Yamato heading towards Sabal Lake. Traffic is speeding which makes it dangerous for Sabal Lake homeowners to enter and exit their village. Mrs. Wittlin agreed to move forward with lowering the speed limit.

### **Other**

Mrs. Wittlin reported that she was asked by the Club if it was possible to install exercise/stretching stations along Boca West Dr. She advised the Club that it was not safe due to the golf courses and cars travelling at high speeds. She suggested another area located away from the streets.

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**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 18, 2021 at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elaine Wittlin  
Chair and Vice-President

10/18/2021

Date