

Regular Workshop – January 20, 2015
Agenda Item 9

Agenda Item: Recommendation for Appointment of Longboat Key Police Officer Ray Bergeron to Sarasota County Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee

Presenter: Town Manager

Summary: The Sarasota County Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee (BPTAC) has a vacancy for a representative from the Town of Longboat Key to be appointed by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners. Officer Ray Bergeron has indicated his interest and willingness to serve the 3-year term on this Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners Advisory Committee.

The Town Manager has met with Officer Bergeron and is recommending the Commission support his appointment by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

Attachments: 1-9-15 Memo, Manager to Commission;
12-30-14 E-Mail, SC Transportation Staff to Clerk;
1-6-15 E-Mail, Manager to Commission;
Sarasota County Resolution 2009-017, Providing for Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Pending discussion, forward a recommendation for Officer Ray Bergeron to be appointed to the BPTAC by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: January 09, 2015

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Dave Bullock, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Appointment of Longboat Key Police Officer Ray Bergeron to Sarasota County Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee

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The Town Manager has met with Officer Bergeron and is recommending the Commission support his appointment by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

In the event the Commission elects to support Officer Bergeron's appointment, he will complete the required Advisory Council Application to accompany the Mayor's letter of support. Officer Bergeron will attend the January 20, 2015 Regular Workshop Meeting to address any questions the Commission may have.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

From: [Dave Bullock](#)
To: [Commission](#)
Cc: [Pete Cumming](#); [Juan Florensa](#); [Anne Ross](#); [Frank Rubino](#); [Raymond Bergeron](#); [Trish Granger](#)
Subject: Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trails Advisory Committee
Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 4:34:22 PM

Sarasota County has a position on its Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trails Advisory Committee for each city. This committee works with County transportation staff to review plans, develop ideas, coordinate with cities, and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners about bicycle, pedestrian, and trail issues. In the past the Town has not been very active on this committee. In the future however this committee may play a role in use of funds from the new mobility fee the County is considering. Since LBK stands to benefit from this fee, if implemented, this committee becomes more important. Most cities have placed a staff person on the committee to assure good coordination between cities and the County.

We have an active bicyclist within the Police Department who would like to serve on the committee. Officer Ray Bergeron has a history of being active in bicycle education and safety in his previous position and currently rides bikes as part of his patrol here on LBK and for personal recreation. Officer Bergeron is knowledgeable in this area and interested in participating on this committee. I have spoken with him about his interest and experience and would like to appoint him to the committee to represent LBK. I will ask the Town Commission to confirm the appointment at your February meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. Please do not hit "reply all" in response to this email.

From: [John Sharp](#)
To: [Trish Granger](#)
Subject: Town of Longboat Key Seat on a Sarasota County Advisory Board.
Date: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 4:15:55 PM
Attachments: [Advisory Council Print Application.pdf](#)
[County Email Policy and Acknowledgement Form.pdf](#)

Hello Ms. Granger

My name is John Sharp and I work for Sarasota County Government in the Transportation Planning Division. We have an advisory board to the County Commission that has a seat for a Town of Longboat Key Representative. It is the Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC). The BPTAC is a 16 member committee that reviews plans, develops ideas and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners about bicycle, pedestrian, and trail issues. Can you help me get this filled?

Request:

For the Town of Longboat Key to provide one representative to serve on the Sarasota County Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trails Advisory Committee (BPTAC) for a three year term. A city employee would be best, but a city resident would suffice, either way this person should bicycle or trail hike in Sarasota County (on LBK is fine). Often the government representative must speak to the policies and procedures of their agency and assist in passing along information for coordination issues. For example, the City of Sarasota supplied a police officer from their crime prevention unit who is knowledgeable of bicycle enforcement issues, education initiatives, and able to coordinate the BPTAC projects between the City and County entities (Sheriff, School Board, etc.)

Requirements:

Attend BPTAC meetings four times a year, they occur quarterly on the third Tuesday of March(17th), June(16th), September(15th) and December(15th). They begin at 5:30 PM and often run until 8 PM. The locations vary but the committee tries to alternate between north and south Sarasota County. The next meeting is at the County Administration Building (1660 Ringling Boulevard) first floor training room. At the end of each meeting the council members decide on the next meeting location. There is a requirement of each representative to attend 65% of the scheduled meetings.

Sometimes the members are asked to visit sites like Nathan Benderson Park, portions of the Legacy Trail or volunteer at bicycle events, but those are very few.

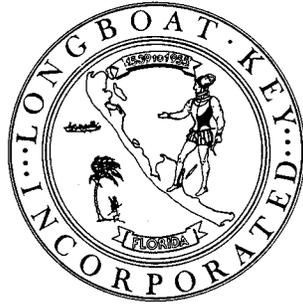
Here is a link to the Sarasota County BPTAC Website.

<https://scginternet.scgov.net/AdvisoryBoards/Pages/BPTAC.aspx>

If you have any questions on any of the above information or something I forgot to cover, please let me know and I will get the information for you. I have attached the application and County email acknowledgement form for the applicant.

John Sharp

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