



**Town of Surfside  
Special Town Commission Meeting  
June 3, 2010  
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl  
Surfside, FL 33154

**MINUTES**

**1. Opening**

**A. Call to Order** Mayor Daniel Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll with the following in attendance:  
Commissioner Michael Karukin, Commissioner Edward Kopelman, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Vice Mayor Joe Graubart and Mayor Daniel Dietch.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Daniel Dietch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Public Comments**

Mayor Dietch invited public comment. Anthony Blate asked Commission to explain how they came to this point and about the loss of a \$500,000 grant.

Dorie Lurie spoke in favor of the library.

Richard Iacobacci spoke about previous bond referendums and suggested consideration of another bond issue to build the second story on the Community Center under construction to provide space for the Town Library.

Jessie Flax suggested that some high school students might be interested in volunteering for service at the library.

Peter Neville spoke in favor of the library.

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Commissioner Edward Kopelman offered to donate \$1,000 on behalf he and his wife toward the summer library program.

**E. Proposed Surfside Temporary Library Service**

Town Manager, Gary Word proposed opening the existing library on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from June 7 through September 6, 2010. The library will be opened for reading, will have computers, wi-fi, photocopying and viewing of videos with a personal viewing device.

Vice Mayor Joe Graubart requested that the Town Manager contact Miami Beach High School before the end of school within the next few days to solicit volunteers for library service.

Town Manager, Gary Word explained that depending upon who will be hired for the part time library position, will dictate books will be checked out of the library as this practice will take the expertise of experienced library personnel.

Polly Kopelman spoke in favor of the library and asked for consideration of some fund raising projects to continue library services.

Commissioner Edward Kopelman suggested that this is a way to measure library usage and interest. Town Manager, Gary Word explained that type of usage and quantity will be tracked for future information.

Peter Neville stated he has offered through an email to the Town Commission to donate 100 signed copies of his first novel to be sold for \$10 each to raise money for the library.

Town Manager, Gary Word explained that in order for the program to go forward there needs to be two people in the library at all times, the employee and one volunteer. If there are not enough volunteers, then the library would be closed.

Mayor Daniel Dietch summarized that the plan is for temporary, limited library service that will support take out privileges if possible with the use of budgeted funds for library services, that the Town Commission will accept Commissioner Kopelman's generous donation for this purpose and that staff will continue with the Miami Dade County library card reimbursement system and will collect information this summer regarding library usage and staff will reach out to public schools to entice volunteers to assist.

Commissioner Edward Kopelman made a motion to go forward with the temporary limited library service as summarized by Mayor Dietch. The motion received a second from Commissioner Marta Olchyk. Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll and all were in favor.

**2. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Accepted this 13 day of July, 2010.



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Debra E. Eastman, MMC

Town Clerk