



**Town of Surfside
Beach Furniture Town Hall Meeting
NOTES**

April 24, 2018

6 p.m.

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor
Surfside, FL 33154

Commissioner Paul, Commissioner Karukin and Commissioner Cohen were present at this Town Hall meeting.

1. Opening

Town Manager Olmedillo gave a brief presentation regarding Beach Furniture to all stakeholders. After the presentation, the public commented as follows:

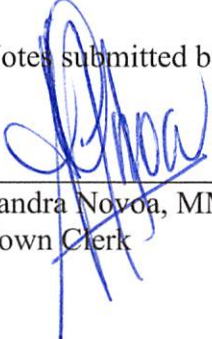
George Kousoulas	What does a Beach Management Plan allow you to do? What does the State say? What are you allowed to do? How far can you go? And how far can you not go? Can you prohibit someone from setting up 4 properties down?
Marsha Maya	They pay taxes to have the luxury and taking away and not allowing chairs stored on the beach will hurt them. She spoke about the possibility of installing jetties on the beach to maintain the sand. She asked to keep the chairs on the beach
Jeffrey Platt	He spoke about the ordinance being back for changes every two months and that it is poorly written. He stated that buildings should keep chairs in their backyard and not to allow a business to sell chairs.
Victor May	He spoke about a study he posted on a website. He spoke about beach erosion and seaweed.
Nora Zyne	She had questions about where the chairs will go. If it was going to be privatize and how much was the charge going to be and how far on the beach will the set up will be.
Joe Sein	Delivered/Filed petition to the Town Clerk
Joel Simmonds	He stated that it was not a practical solution to stop the pre-setting and supports the regulations that are in place now
Arthur Holman	He is aware of resident's feelings and requested that the administration stop changing the administrative policy. He is willing to be a part of a process to come up with a Beach Management Plan. He also suggested listen to the Tourist Board and what they are doing with the beach to market the Town.

Jerry Rodriguez	He spoke about how people would maneuver chairs during the day while people are lying if pre-setting is not allowed. He spoke about acceptable storage (height and color). He stated that elderly people are using the beach chairs now because they are provided and set up for them and they don't have to carry them.
Meir Cosiol	Solimar Condominium - He spoke about limiting the pre-setting. Allow the hotel to set up more chairs. He would like for overnight storage to be allowed in order to store two stacks of chairs and 1 box for the cushions.
Deborah Duvdevani	Spoke and asked for clarification on the presetting. She questioned if she would be banned from the Grand Beach Hotel because of comments she has heard of the beach being private property.
Michael Kashtan	Four Seasons Hotel – He commented that the current policy does not work. He spoke regarding the ordinance that was passed by the Town Commission last year regarding beach furniture. They try to work with everyone and comply.
Jeff Villa	Four Seasons Hotel – Stated that the hotel take this very serious and really tries to comply with what they need to.
Pamela Mishkin	Spoke regarding percent per unit. She does not think overnight storage is safe. She spoke regarding waves and turtle concerns.
Marty Morse	Spoke regarding outside visitors leaving beer bottles on the beach and the possibility of setting up beach chairs behind the Community Center. He also spoke about being neighborly since it is a public beach.
Norma Parron	Spoke regarding a pole that flattened the sand. The hotel service leaves trash out and should be enforced to pick up their trash. She does not believe there should be organized beach chairs behind her building.
Marianne Meischeid	She questioned if the ordinances are based legally from Tallahassee. Hotels on the East side of Collins were purchased for the ocean and a big concern is the location and the right to have beach chairs in front of their property. She feels that whatever ordinance is adopted needs to be enforced.

Town Manager Olmedillo thanked the speakers and stated that the gathered comments will be presented to the Town Commission who adopts and/or amends ordinances and to provide staff with direction.

The Town hall meeting concluded at 7:10 p.m.

Notes submitted by:



 Sandra Novoa, MMC
 Town Clerk

Presented to the Town Commission on June 12, 2018