



Town of Surfside

**SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Surfside Community Center
9301 Collins Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Logan at 6:01 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan
Vice Chair Nicole Travis
Committee Member Marta Olchyk
Committee Member Janice Tatum
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, Commission Liaison

Also, present: Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Vice Mayor Tina Paul
Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

Chair Logan advised the Committee members that Vice Chair Travis would like to walk on an item regarding Viability to use Street Ends for recreational activities.

Vice Chair Travis gave an overview of the item she would like to add to the agenda in the event to use the street end parks for other recreational activities.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to walk on an item regarding Viability to use Street Ends for recreational activities to be heard after item 4, as item 4B, seconded by Committee MacBride. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- April 12, 2021 Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
- April 19, 2021 Regular Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to approve the April 12, 2021 Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes and the April 19, 2021 Regular Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. 96th Street Park Design Project Presentation #2 – Barry Miller (SAVINO&MILLER)

Chair Logan advised the Committee that this presentation is for a design and wants it to be clear as to the design and not kayak launch. She also advised the Committee to allow Savino and Miller to complete the presentation before any questions are asked.

Kelly Hitzing, Savino and Miller provided an update on the presentation and advised the goal is to come up with a scheme to present to the Town Commission for approval. She provided the common goals and designs. She also provided rendering of the different schemes. Scheme 3 provided a possible kayak launch. She stated that comments they received of loosing some square footage of open space. She stated that the space can still be used for events and seasonal program events. She spoke regarding playground design, and equipment. She spoke regarding the different options of raising the site. She went through the different schematic designs and the placement of the building in the park.

Kristelle Boulos, Savino and Miller provided a presentation on the schemes and the preferred scheme and provided the themes that the people were focused on. She also went through the different questions as it pertained to the different schemes.

William Lane, William Lane Architects, Architect for the project provided the schematic architecture of the design and the common goals. He provided an overview of the different scheme floor plans, designs and renderings.

Committee Member Tatum asked regarding the floor plan and kayak storage.

Barry Miller, Savino and Miller spoke regarding the restrooms for the children.

Committee Member MacBride asked if there have been any advances made over the type of material used for hard rubber services in playgrounds as it pertains to static.

Ms. Hitzing responded to Committee Member MacBride's question and does not know of advances on play surfaces.

Mr. Miller stated that many municipalities are going with wood fiber styles and it is more expensive. He stated that they have not gotten into the material.

Committee Member MacBride asked what is the need for a Parks and Recreation Department Office.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that the need is in order to run the park as well as if the kayak launch. He stated that they always want to find more storage.

Committee Member MacBride asked if they put shade sails on the playgrounds.

Ms. Hitzing stated they use shade trees instead.

Vice Chair Travis asked where they envision parking.

Ms. Hitzing stated in the entry and possible setting up a Citi Bike service and they will have bike racks in the park.

Vice Chair Travis asked what the fence height along the water would be.

Ms. Hitzing stated that where the field is they have to stay at a 10-foot height on East and West side and the rest of the site have a 4-foot fence height. They will make it safe for the children and they need to still determine the height.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding possible grant funding the Town used for the seawalls and how impactful it was for the design concept and is there a way to utilize the waterfront, more interaction with the water.

Committee Member Tatum asked of finding areas for more water interaction.

Ms. Hitzing addressed the comments made by the Committee members in creating more access to the water.

Vice Chair Travis asked regarding a picnic table in the area. She asked as to the extent of what a launch would look like in the scheme shown.

Ms. Hitzing spoke regarding having a flexible space for similar events. She spoke regarding a platform attached with a floating dock for the launch.

Chair Logan advised this is a scheme not an actual design that has been determined.

Committee Member Olchyk stated she is happy that the design has an option of two floors.

Chair Logan asked if they want the committee to rank the schemes and that will be their recommendation to the Commission.

Committee Member MacBride spoke regarding the need for the second floor for camp in the event of a storm, they have a space to protect the children.

The following individuals from the public spoke on the item:

Jeff Rose stated he likes scheme 3 and second story and possibly making it an active roof and roof deck and using solar panels or green roof. Throwing in additional concrete and rebar and when is groundbreaking. He also stated that 4-foot fence along the water is too low.

Chair Logan addressed the comments made by Mr. Rose on the groundbreaking.

Mr. Miller stated approximately six months. He spoke regarding the fence height and access roof.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided a time frame and they are still in the design phase. He spoke regarding the height of fence and they have received through the feedback on the fence.

Further discussion took place among the Committee and staff regarding the fence height.

George Kousoulas spoke regarding the site and should be between scheme 1 and 3, he believes scheme 3 allows you to be more compact. He asked the architects which one is the best one. He spoke regarding the rooftop and different uses as it pertains to the roof.

Joshua Epstein spoke regarding the schemes and stated that he likes the one-story building in scheme 1 better than the two-story buildings. He spoke regarding more water access and the children falling on rocks and it is a safety concern and believes the 4-foot fence is too low. He is not fan on the kayak storage. He prefers scheme 1.

Eliana Salzhauer spoke regarding the schemes and likes the two story one and prefers scheme 3 since it protects them from the elements. She stated that she

wanted to correct the comment made by a committee member regarding the kayak launch that we are not using the seawall for the kayak launch and that will allow them to keep the kayak launch private. The 4-foot fence is too low and safety is crucial and the children can hop over it. She feels that 10-foot-high fence is better. She agrees with Mr. Rose to have an active roof, solar panels or something that is eco-friendly. Her other concern is the flooding in that area and takes into the account the residents that live there and how traffic and flooding would affect them. She suggested a fence design of like waves and how much small is the field and will they still have soccer.

Mr. Hitzing addressed the comments made by Ms. Salzhauer regarding the water draining.

Vice Mayor Tina Paul spoke regarding an email she received from a resident regarding the play material and does not want mulch and please take that into consideration for the correct play material. She thought it was thoughtful to provide kayak storage and believes it too much storage and creates a liability. The idea is to keep it small, perhaps 6.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated they will still have soccer and trying to keep has much greenspace and they are not losing programable greenspace. He spoke regarding scheme 3 and the programmable space.

Committee Member Olchyk's choice is scheme 3.

Committee Member Tatum's choice is scheme 3.

Vice Chair Travis' choice is scheme 3.

Committee Member MacBride's choice is scheme 3.

Chair Logan's choice is scheme 3.

The meeting recessed at 7:11 p.m. for 5 minutes in order for Miller and Savino to leave the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

4b. Viability to use Street Ends for recreational activities – Vice Chair Nicole Travis

Vice Chair Travis provided a view of the possibility of using street ends for other recreational activities. She stated that there is confusion of using street ends for recreational activities and asked if there is an easement or zoning from developing them.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that certain ones, like 93rd and 94th are listed as municipal. Stated that they can possibly be used as a passive park, minimal impact, limited activities, normally they are not developed with restrooms or buildings.

Town Manager Hyatt stated there is one that has a pump. He stated that the FIND grant does not allow you to attach to the seawall.

Committee Member Tatum stated if you can build storage or a building on those street ends.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that you have residents that live on street ends.

Vice Chair Travis stated that the Town is not able to purchase land and stated they cannot use the street ends at all.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it is an administrative decision on whether the street ends can and will be used down the road.

Committee Member Tatum that street ends are not viable for a kayak launch.

Chair Logan stated that the Committee could make a recommendation as to what they can or cannot do on the street ends.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that a feasibility study may be needed and discussed a while back.

Vice Chair Travis stated why can't they do that.

Committee Member MacBride stated that people fished on those street ends.

Chair Logan stated that the signs went up due to COVID.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that the signs went up due to COVID and fishing was never allowed since 1960s.

Further discussion took place regarding the street ends and what is allowable and not allowable as well as the issues that are taking place currently at the street ends.

Code Enforcement Manager Santos-Alborna stated the code into the record that no fishing is allowed at the street ends.

Jeff Rose spoke regarding the street ends and fishing at the street ends and what people use it for.

Committee Member Olchyk left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that you are involving other departments and you cannot open up all the street ends and monitor them.

Chair Logan stated that if the code states no fishing does that mean no launching.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that they can get the question to Parks and Recreation Director Milian and they will get the response.

Eliana Salzhauer spoke regarding the kayak launch, storage of the kayaks and the street ends.

Vice Mayor Paul stated she spoke to the Town Attorney stated that the street ends are a passive park and if you want to place a kayak launch you need certain permits.

Chair Logan stated that they need to do research to see if can be done.

Chair Logan asked Vice Chair Travis to get a list of her questions submit it to Parks and Recreation Director Milian to have the Town Manager provide the answers to the questions on the park. The Committee could then make recommendations since the design of the park will take some time.

Vice Chair Travis agrees and would like to know if they have another option than 96th Street Park. She will formulate the questions and provide to Parks and Recreation Director Milian and have an agenda item over the summer.

Vice Chair Travis stated that she went to Commissioner Kesl's Office Hours and stated that the Town Manager had a presentation that might have some of this information in it.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that he is unaware of the presentation mentioned by Commissioner Kesl.

5. Public Comments – (2-minute time limit per speaker)

There were no public speakers.

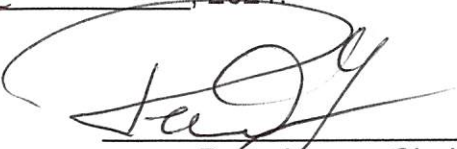
6. Next Meeting: June 21, 2021

Consensus was reached by the rest of the Committee members to have the next meeting on June 21, 2021. Committee Member Tatum will not be able to attend the June 21, 2021 meeting.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Tatum to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:37 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Olchyk absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 21 day of June, 2021.


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk