



**Town of Surfside**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**October 25, 2021 at 7:00 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 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, Commission Liaison

Also, present: Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director  
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

**2. Agenda and Order of Business**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- August 23, 2021 Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to approve the August 23, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**4. 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park Design Development – Parks and Recreation Committee Review and Design Team for Feedback.**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced Savino and Miller.

Kelly Hitzig, Savino and Miller provided an updated design review for the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park with the suggested comments on the site plan. She spoke regarding the placement of the bike racks. She went over the LEED requirements as well as the

mister and possibly placing them on the south side of the field. She also provided the suggestions made by the Town Commission, which preferred the Berliner and the Cracken. She spoke regarding possible alternate sea creature themes. She provided a PowerPoint presentation showing some of the different renderings.

Chair Logan commented on the location of the toddler section from the older children section and possibly having those a bit closer.

Chair Logan stated that possibly having two of the plank seats since they like swinging together for the older children.

Ms. Hitzig stated that they have a large footprint for the swings and she will look at having two plank seats on the swing and look at other options.

Committee Member MacBride asked if they are ADA compliant.

Ms. Hitzig addressed the comments made by Committee Member MacBride as to which ones are ADA compliant. She spoke regarding the location of the trees and which type of trees they are planning on placing.

Ms. Hitzig provided the different samples of colors and the general look will be blue, beige, seafoam, and gray. She also spoke regarding adding wood pieces for the dune slides and step logs. She also stated that they would be placing some sea turtles.

Chair Logan asked if the wood will not last if it would be better looking for an alternative.

Ms. Hitzig stated that they will be fine with the wood but not as the main structure. She provided a rendering of the equipment Commissioner Salzhauer stated that Denver had but that one structure costs as much as the entire project.

Committee Member Tatum provided suggestions on adding netting and poles to the design of the jellyfish.

Ms. Hitzig provided the rendering of the playhouse.

Committee Members stated they liked the original design better.

Ms. Hitzig provided the rendering by Kompan for the different pieces.

Committee Member MacBride likes the group balance beam/springer that Kompan has on their rendering.

Ms. Hitzig stated that the Berliner vendor has another company that has different equipment as well that they can look at. She also stated that the Kompan is 2/3 the price of the Berliner.

Committee members like the elements of Kompan but lacks the hiding spots.

Chair Logan asked if the samples of the materials they brought is from the companies.

Committee Member Olchyk asked regarding the company.

Ms. Hitzig stated that both companies are German.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian asked if both companies follow the US requirements.

Ms. Hitzig stated yes, they do follow US guidelines. She continued her presentation with the exercise equipment from both companies.

Committee Member Olchyk asked regarding the safety requirements and testing of the equipment.

Barry Miller, Savino and Miller, stated that they follow all safety requirements and addressed Committee Member Olchyk's question.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian likes the exercise equipment that is similar to the monkey bars. He also stated that majority do not want mulch.

Committee Member Tatum stated that the hang-up with the mulch is that people do not want their toddlers crawling on the mulch.

Mr. Miller addressed the concerns from the Committee regarding the mulch.

Chair Logan asked how close to the basketball court will the mulch be since she is afraid that they will throw the mulch to the basketball court.

Ms. Hitzig stated that there will be planters that will avoid that from taking place.

Committee Member Olchyk asked how long will it take to do this project.

Mr. Miller stated that it would take a total of 18 months to complete the project and provided an overview of the process.

Ms. Hitzig provided information and samples of the pathway and playground as well as the game tables.

Mr. Miller spoke regarding the coquina shell and stated that it is all around the Miami Beach Conventions Center north side of the building.

Committee Member MacBride asked what the cleaning process will be for the sidewalk material.

Mr. Miller stated that it is cleaned with light pressure cleaning.

Chair Logan asked if they will have two different budget proposals and she suggested having them provide the cost of the best and second best to the Commission.

Mr. Miller stated that they will add alternates to the specifications.

Ms. Hitzig stated that the goal tonight is to pick one vendor.

Chair Logan stated that Commissioner Salzhauer is focused with the Berliner and believes that they have to provide the alternates and they might have to provide the suggestion and options of both the equipment.

Committee Member Tatum asked if they have an amount for both different vendors.

Ms. Hitzig stated that it is \$395,000 compared to \$250,000 and if you go with the equipment that Commissioner Salzhauer wants, it would replace the jellyfish and the cost would be approximately \$500,000.

Chair Logan suggested to still provide the two quotes for the equipment with both vendors.

Mr. Miller stated that you can always take a piece of the equipment and get what you love first and then taking out an equipment can bring down the price.

Vice Chair Travis asked how much the mister would cost and can you get some more money if you eliminate the mister and re-budget it towards the playground equipment.

Ms. Hitzig stated that it would only replace a small springer, it is not that much of a cost difference.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Savino and Miller regarding ways to reduce the cost in order to obtain the desired equipment. Discussion also took place regarding the cost between both the Berliner and Kompan and possibly work on the price. The Committee Members prefer the Berliner.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the disparity of the cost and he also knows that the Commission prefers the Berliner.

The following individual from the public spoke:

Jeff Rose spoke regarding the equipment and if there is the possibility of add-ons of equipment in the event a new commission comes in and desires something different.

Chair Logan stated that she would go with the Berliner and then the Commission can decide when they have the cost presented to them.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding how the project with the Community Center went with the different things they wanted at that time.

Chair Logan asked Ms. Hitzig regarding the lighting.

Ms. Hitzig stated she did not bring the information today but they are working on the lighting.

Ms. Hitzig will still obtain the cost information from both vendors to provide to the Commission. She also provided samples of what they are looking at using for the kayak launch.

A motion was made by Committee Member Travis to recommend to the Town Commission to move forward with Berliner for the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park Project, seconded by Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Committee Member Olchyk left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## **5. Parks and Recreation Fall Programming Reservations**

Vice Chair Travis advised the Committee that this will be her last meeting since she will be moving out of the State and she will be resigning from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the fall programming reservations. He stated that the reservations have been working well and they adjusted their tennis courts to a modified reservation which has worked. He spoke regarding the upcoming Halloween Spooktacular event.

Chair Logan asked if the reservations would have worked for movie night.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated yes and spoke regarding the pool reservations and pool deck lighting. He stated that they never had a capacity issue with the pool. He stated that they do the reservations in order to control the number of individuals.

Chair Logan stated that she likes the way the reservations are working and controlling the number of people.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke about the issues in the past and the Halloween events have always been a very popular event and they have tried to curtail to only the residents. He stated that the reservations will help condense it. He spoke regarding the number of reservations they have so far.

Vice Chair Travis stated that the thing to be careful of is someone locking in a spot and then not showing up.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made regarding the no shows and the process they have in place with those issues and the running wait list they have.

## **6. Higher Education Scholarship Status**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they did not receive any applicants although it was advertised. He spoke regarding the initiative and does not believe that Miami Beach High School did a very good job advertising the scholarship. He stated that the best way is word of mouth. He just wanted to advise the Committee that they will be advertising it again in January and for them to get the word out.

## **7. Public Comments - (2-minute time limit per speaker)**

The following individual from the public spoke:

Jeff Rose spoke regarding the park being closed for 18 months and believes the street ends are underutilized and have a passive park until the park is done.

Chair Logan stated that the issue with the street ends is that it has been up to the Commission.

Committee Member Tatum asked if they could move the old equipment in the meantime to be used while the park is being built.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that will not be feasible.

Chair Logan asked if there is a way to keep the field for soccer while the park is being built.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated he could look for a place but will not be close and he is working on it.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding different options of programs and possible locations.

**8. Next Meeting: November 15, 2021**

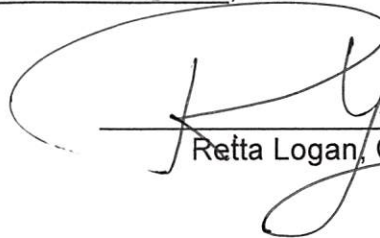
Consensus was reached by the Committee members to have the next meeting on November 15, 2021 and Vice Chair Travis will not be in attendance since she will be resigning from the Committee.

**9. Adjournment**


A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:27 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Olchyk absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 15 day of November, 2021.

  
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Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

  
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Evelyn Herbello  
Deputy Town Clerk