



## Town of Surfside

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

#### MINUTES

January 24, 2022 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 7:00 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan  
Committee Member Janice Tatum  
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.  
Committee Member Marta Olchyk  
Committee Member Lara Frank (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, Commission Liaison

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

#### 2. Agenda and Order of Business

#### 3. Appointment of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Chair Logan to appoint Committee Member MacBride as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, seconded by Committee Member Frank. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes:

- November 15, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair MacBride to approve the November 15, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

## **5. 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park Update**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project and advised the Committee that he will keep this item on the agenda in order to keep the Committee Members up to date on the progress of the project. He spoke regarding the permitting process and RFP process. He stated they will get the draft by Friday. He spoke regarding the LEED certification meeting he attended. He stated that mid-February is the time frame they are looking at in putting out the RFP.

Chair Logan stated that it would then take about 60 days after that.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comment made by Chair Logan and the obstacles during the summer months but they will start as soon as they are able to.

## **6. Rescheduling Family Fun Day (March 13, 2022)**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee Members that the Family Fun Day was being rescheduled and stated the reason for the rescheduling. He stated that they ran into some issues in the last couple of weeks with the vendors. He stated that he met with the Tourism Bureau and they also were having issues with their vendors. He stated that food is the most important part of this event but needed to have full commitment from the vendors. He stated that hopefully moving it to March, they will have good weather and have the food vendors available. He also stated that staffing was also an issue.

Vice Chair MacBride stated it would be better since the children will be excited for Spring Break.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian also gave an update on the upcoming 5K race. He stated that special events are very program oriented and they program months in advance and his concern was the food vendors.

## **7. Winter Camp Recap**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave a recap of the Winter Camp that took place. He stated that they had a lot of issues in December due to COVID but they were able to work with PEAR which helped them with the camp in the past and they assisted tremendously.

## **8. Winter Wonderland Recap**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave a recap of the Winter Wonderland event that took place. He stated that they had 478 people that attended which was a good showing and a steady flow. He stated that they received a lot of positive feedback.

Chair Logan stated it was the hottest Winter Wonderland ever. She asked how the number compared to pre-COVID.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that pre-COVID was 500.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that it was surprising that so many people attended.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the Halloween event and the reservation system they started which worked very well and is considering making the reservation process permanent.

## **9. Spring and Summer Camp Update**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update of the upcoming Summer Camp. He stated that last year they used PEAR and stated that if they did not have PEAR in place, especially after the collapse, it would have been difficult to staff. He stated that they were able to help with staffing. He stated that they were a huge benefit to have them here and will use them for Spring Camp and possibly for Summer as well.

Committee Member Frank asked if the Town has a budget to have more staffing.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they do have a pay study out there that they are waiting to have completed and they are also in the process of creating a union but until that process is complete, they are in a holding pattern.

Chair Logan commented on the staffing issues all around and the issue with the increase of pay.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that there is always a shortage on lifeguards due to the skills and course they need to take to be certified. He stated that they will be starting a junior lifeguard program as well. He spoke regarding the course and certification process for lifeguards.

Committee Member Frank spoke regarding the aquatics and whatever can be done to help that area.

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

The following individual from the public spoke:

Jeff Rose spoke regarding starting the new park in the Summer, that way you only loose one fall season instead of two. He stated that for the Family Fund Day to have

some kosher food. He spoke regarding opening up the street ends since the parks will be closed.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they do have a Kosher corner.

Chair Logan asked if there are other parks that will allow us to use their facilities during the time the park is closed.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they are looking at Haulover but they are not zoned for athletic activities. He stated they might also have a possibility of others, but they are limited and they are looking to see what can be done.

#### **11. Next Meeting: February 28, 2022 – Change of Date Due to President’s Day Holiday**

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello asked the Committee that due to the President’s Day holiday, the meeting needed to be changed from February 21, 2022 to February 28, 2022.

Consensus was reached by the Committee Members to have the meeting on February 28, 2022.

Vice Chair MacBride asked Parks and Recreation Director Milian if he needed anything for the Community Center before this Commission leaves.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they will be putting in for new air conditioning units and minor painting. He stated the major things have been taken care of.

Vice Chair MacBride asked regarding additional equipment for the park and if the snack bar is coming back and when his contract is up.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that his contract comes up next year.

Committee Member Tatum commented on his prices being too expensive and suggested for them to be more affordable.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Committee Member Tatum.

Committee Member Olchyk asked why all the classes are on the same schedule, starting and ending at the same time. She asked if the Senior Programs are going to take place.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they try to keep everything uniformed as possible. He stated that the Senior Programs are going to take place

and there was a survey that was done. He stated that they gave out a survey to see what the seniors wanted.

Chair Logan asked how big the bus is for the senior program trips.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comment made by Chair Logan.

Committee Member Frank asked regarding the bike racks.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they did order the bike racks and they will hold 8-10 bikes and will have a fish design.

Committee Member Frank asked regarding the concession stand and the contract. She mentioned that she understands that kosher food is more expensive and asked if the Committee is able to weigh in on which vendor is chosen for the concession stand.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that there is an RFP process and that RFP goes out and the Committee does have an input.

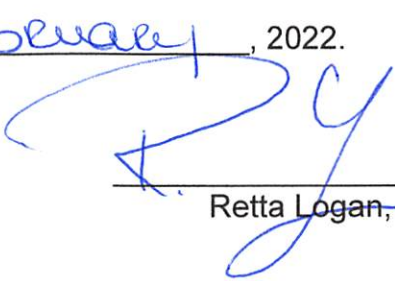
Discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding the process of the RFP for the concession stand and if there is a possibility of running it inhouse.

## 12. Adjournment

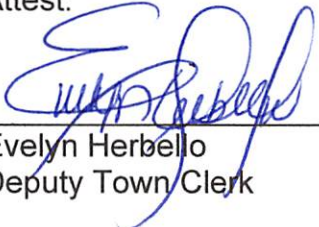
A motion was made by Vice Chair MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:41 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 28 day of February, 2022.

  
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Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

  
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Evelyn Herbello  
Deputy Town Clerk