

Town of Surfside

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES July 18, 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 Christopher Cook Committee Member Marta Olchyk

Absent: Vice Chair Frank MacBride, Jr.

Committee Member Becky Manuel

Also, present: Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Jeff Rose

Town Manager Andrew Hyatt

Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

2. Agenda and Order of Business

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee that on Thursday the PEAR After School Program was dissolved and they would no longer be able to provide those services to the Town. The are looking at other programs. He stated that he went to Aventura YMCA to see how their program and services are and if they can provide services to the Town.

Committee Member Cook asked if the program was full.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they usually have 45 children and they need 4 to 5 instructors.

Committee Member Olchyk asked what happened that they can no longer provide the services.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it was a staffing issue. He stated that they are having trouble finding staff and paying the staff the salary requested and their insurance went up 400%.

Committee Member Cook asked if the after-school program is being dissolved all together.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they will reach out to other municipalities and see what can be done and explain the process.

Chair Logan asked if he will give the Committee an update at the next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he will provide an update at the next meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- May 16, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to approve the May 16, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Cook. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote with Vice Chair MacBride and Committee Member Manuel absent.

4. 96th Street Park Update

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He advised the Committee regarding the evaluation process and stated that they will interview the top 3 candidates August 7 and August 11 where they will give a presentation. He gave the submittal deadlines and provided an overview. He stated that ground breaking for the project could be as early as September. He stated that they made plans on advertising the soccer program to be held at the City of Miami at Normandy Park.

5. July 4th Event Recap

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided a recap of the event and thanked Chair Logan for her assistance at the event. He stated it was a great event and the fireworks went off without a problem. He also thanked the Police Department and Public Works Department for all their assistance.

6. Budget Items Upcoming

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the upcoming budget items. He advised the budget items that have been approved and one of those is the Hawthorne Tot Lot. He spoke regarding that project and the playground resurfacing,

shade structure and replacement of apparatuses. He also spoke regarding putting fitness equipment and having an equipment space close to the children.

Committee Member Cook asked if it is inside or outside the tot lot area.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they will be outside and explained the history of what was requested.

Chair Logan asked how long will the project take.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it should take about 10-12 weeks and installation will take an additional 6 weeks.

Chair Logan asked if this park will be down at the same time as 96th Street Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that both might be closed at the same time.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding the time frame of the project, the specifics of the project and what facilities will be open.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the tennis center two story building and possible pickle ball court. He stated that they are working with the engineers and architects and the funds were approved.

Committee Member Cook asked if the tennis center would still be in the same location.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it will be in the same location and the tennis center will remain open while the construction of the two-story building takes place.

Committee Member Olchyk spoke regarding an individual that donated funds for that tennis center and asked if all the funds donated were used for the project.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that the funds were used for the project. He stated that the work on the court had already been done and provided an overview of the past work on the court.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian discussed the beach chairs behind the Community Center and if they have them, they will have to meet code and the funds were already approved in the budget.

Committee Member Olchyk asked how many people would be able to use the chairs.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated as of now they will be set up for 55 people but only for residents.

Committee Member Cook asked how will they make sure that they are residents.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it will be a company handling the chairs and it will be their responsibility to check and make sure they are residents.

Committee Member Olchyk brought up an issue she experienced with a staff member at the front desk at the Community Center. She suggested that the staff should receive customer service training.

Committee Member Cook stated he also had an experience with a staff member that was not pleasurable during his daughter's birthday party.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he will look into the problem and advised the Committee the issues and problems he is experiencing with staffing and obtaining and retaining staff members.

7. Fall Programming

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the Fall programming. He spoke regarding the soccer program at Normandy.

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

There were no public speakers.

9. Next Meeting Date: August 15, 2022 Meeting moved to August 22, 2022

Consensus was reached to move the August 15, 2022 meeting to August 22, 2022.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:41 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Cook. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote with Vice Chair MacBride and Committee Member Manuel absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this ZZ day of <u>Nucust</u>, 2022.

Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

Evelyn Herbello Deputy Town Clerk