



Town of Surfside

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2014

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES/ENHANCEMENTS

1. Bus Service

A. Multi-jurisdictional Study – Bus Service Improvements and Operational Efficiencies

Discussions have now been completed with the Managers of Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands and Sunny Isles Beach. Each municipality has expressed its desire to participate in this multi-jurisdictional transportation analysis in order to provide a bus transportation system that is more responsive to its residents ridership needs by attempting to provide a coordinated schedule and routes; expand designation options (Mount Sinai; Aventura Mall, etc.); reduce costs by eliminating overlapping routes and number of vehicles; and provide linkages to the Miami-Dade transportation system.

Miami-Dade CITT has agreed to organize the coordination of the three bus circulators (Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor) in an attempt to identify a more efficient routing that would reduce the overall operating costs.

Each community will appoint a contact person to identify the stops that are necessary. Sunny Isles did not attend but will be asked to participate. Expected timeline for this effort is three (3) months, at which time a revised routing plan should be available for local review, ultimately leading to an interlocal agreement. Duncan Tavares will serve as the Town's representative. The Finance Director, Donald Nelson, attended the CITT Municipal Transportation Workshop on behalf of the Town on July 24, 2014.

A meeting was held on August 21, 2014 between MD CITT and the Surf-Bal-Bay representatives. MD CITT discussed the ridership statistics provided by each community and discussions continued on coordinating all of the schedules as well as possible connector locations. The next meeting earmarked for mid-September will formalize route options with the objective of bringing these before the respective communities in the Fall for feedback. A meeting was also held on August 22, 2014 with the TEDACS, Finance, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works Departments to discuss the recent CITT workshop, plans for a coordinated route and other aspects related to the shuttle such as the existing contract.

B. Storage of Town Bus

Following the discussion at the August 12 Commission meeting regarding the Town bus and the cost associated with storing the bus off-site (out of Surfside), Staff followed-up with the service provided and received additional/updated information.

In order to fully understand the issue, it is useful to review the current agreement with Limousines of South Florida, Inc. At the November 13, 2012 meeting, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 12-2125 which authorized the bus agreement. Resolution No. 12-2125 indicated that the Town Commission "would like to piggy-back" on the bid of Bay Harbor Islands, Florida by entering into an amended agreement with Limousines of South Florida, Inc. Resolution No. 12-2125 stated that "the Town Commission believes that is in the best interest of the Town to enter into the agreement attached as Exhibit A". Exhibit A included the specifications contained in the RFQ for the Bay Harbor bid and the actual agreement of Bay Harbor Islands with Limousines of South Florida, Inc. which the Town "piggy-backed" on.

The Bay Harbor Islands RFQ specifications stated that the "contractor shall provide own facilities for housing and maintenance of vehicles".

The Bay Harbor Islands agreement which is the basis for the Town's piggy-backing also states that the "contractor shall provide own facilities for housing and maintenance of vehicles".

Over the past year, an individual has inquired on two occasions as to why the bus makes roundtrips each day to Fort Lauderdale to store the bus rather than store it at Town Hall. This resident indicated that if the bus were stored at Town Hall, fuel costs would be substantially reduced.

When I received the resident's inquiry approximately 6-8 months ago, I asked the Public Works Director to follow-up with Limousines of South Florida, Inc. Their representative indicated to the Public Works Director that the bus could be housed at Town Hall but that the contract would need to be amended to provide additional compensation from the Town to Limousines of South Florida, Inc. This is due to having to perform daily servicing and regular maintenance on the bus at the Town Hall complex rather than at their storage facility where they provide maintenance for their fleet.

As a point of information, Limousines of South Florida, Inc. reports that all buses it provides to municipal clients are stored at their storage/maintenance facilities. From an operational, safety and maintenance perspective, it makes sense to have this procedure in place.

In the conversation with Limousines of South Florida Inc. following the August Commission meeting, it was learned that Limousines of South Florida, Inc. has since ceased storing the Surfside bus at its Fort Lauderdale storage facility and now stores our bus at their facility on NW 62nd Street in Miami. This reduces the commute by about 50% thus reducing the Town's fuel cost. This change occurred in May.

The agreement with Limousines of South Florida, Inc. can be terminated with 60 days notice to Limousines of South Florida, Inc. Currently, a study is being done which would possibly consolidate

bus services for Surf-Bal-Bay. It seems prudent to await the outcome of the Surf-Bal-Bay bus study which is being facilitated by CITT prior to taking action on the current agreement.

2. Joint Skate Park with City of Miami Beach

The proposal of a skate park located between 86th and 87th streets through a partnership between the Town of Surfside and Miami Beach was presented by Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department to the Miami Beach Commission on January 15, 2014. The Miami Beach Commission requested staff to prepare a comprehensive Master Plan for the considerable amount of land in the very extreme north area of Miami Beach owned by the City. The City Commissioners indicated that this area should be developed as part of an overall plan. Miami Beach staff reports that the recreational master planning process for the North Beach area is moving forward and a skate park is included in the project; however, the location will likely be several blocks to the south and incorporated near or in the development of a recreation complex at the Log Cabin site.

At the April 23 Miami Beach Commission meeting, follow-up discussion was held and the Commission did not support a skate park in this vicinity. Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Director John Rebar wrote following the April 23 meeting that, "at this time, Commission is not in support of a skate park anywhere along the west lots 79th through 87th. These lots are now part of a much larger North Beach revitalization plan. The direction is to not invest any capital funds on these lots until the long range vision has been determined". Discussions will continue to explore these options with Miami Beach representatives.

3. Citizen Survey

Identified as an item in the "Manager's Transition: Status Report and Work Plan", with \$5000 allocated in the approved FY 13/14 budget for this initiative, the TEDACS Director is in the process of contacting the following vendors for proposals:

- Barry University (conducted North Bay Village's survey)
- FIU Metropolitan Center (approached by the Town to conduct a survey in 2011)
- Kerr & Downs (conducted Miami Beach's survey)

This item is earmarked as a Town Commission discussion item at the October 14, 2014 meeting.

4. Film Ordinance

The TEDACS Director, Town Attorney's Office and Code Compliance Director met with Sandy Lighterman, Film and Commissioner (Miami-Dade), on August 14, 2014 to discuss a possible interlocal agreement with the Town. This is earmarked as a discussion item for the Town Commission at the October 14, 2014 meeting and is part of the Town Manager's Transition Plan.

5. Miami-Dade Design (Climate Resiliency, Sustainability and Mitigation) Charrette Group 2

Also identified in the Town Manager's Transition Plan, an initial meeting was spearheaded by the Tropical Audubon Society on June 21, 2014. At that meeting groups were formed according to location. Group 2 consisted of attendees from coastal communities including Mayor Dietch and the TEDACS Director. A laundry list of items to address was conceived with a commitment from the group to conduct a subsequent meeting. On August 26, 2014, members of Group 2 met at the Surfside Community Center. The group is committed to create a presentation on achievable initiatives and programs that can be used to educate the community. The next meeting, to be determined, is earmarked for early October.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TOURISM

6. Sidewalk Ordinance Implementation

Sidewalk Café permit applications were included with the LBTR/CU renewals which were sent to businesses in July. Businesses, which have sidewalk cafés, will be required to submit their application with LBTR/CU renewal or cease the sidewalk café. Reminders will be provided beginning September 15 for those who have not yet submitted an application. Code Compliance will issue Courtesy Notices beginning October 1, and provide 15 days for those businesses that have not submitted their applications. Civil Violation Notices to cease and desist will follow, including notice that sidewalk café furnishings and equipment will be removed by the Town.

7. Parking Structure Feasibility Study

The report entitled "Parking Solution: The Next Step" was presented to the Commission on April 1, 2014 and was an agenda item for the April 8 Commission meeting.

At the May meeting, the Commission approved the proposal of Lambert Advisory to assist in the process of evaluating the Public Private Partnership (P3) recommendation contained in the April 1, 2014 report for the Post Office site. The initial work to be undertaken includes necessary economic/market analysis to ultimately determine feasibility of a P3 and identification of strategic opportunities to ensure a successful P3. Preliminary report was received from Lambert Advisory and a meeting held in July to review. It is requested that the Commission set a date in September to meet with Eric Liff (Lambert Advisory) and staff to present the results of TASK I of the P3 contract with Lambert Advisory.

8. Five Year Tourism Strategic Plan

The new Tourist Board Members have been provided with the Plan as well as the Resort Tax Ordinance (including the recommended changes), FY 13/14 Budget documents etc. The Tourist Board will focus on the FY 14/15 budget as identified in the Five Year Tourism Strategic Plan over the next couple of months. A joint meeting of the Town Commission and Tourist Board is set for October 6, 2014 at 6 pm to discuss revising the Resort Tax Ordinance and to address the Board's governance,

authority and composition. An official tour of the Grand Beach Hotel Surfside was conducted on August 20, 2014 as part of an ongoing effort to forge synergy and a cooperative relationship between the Board and hotel.

Holiday Lights: Following the Tourist Board and Town Commission approvals for holiday lights to be installed in the Harding Avenue Business District, a logistics meeting was held with the vendor (Miami Christmas Lights), TEDACS Director, Public Works Director, Lukes Landscaping and the Police Chief on August 21, 2014. Once an install time period is identified, the Town Commission, community and business district will be notified. The lights are earmarked to be ready to light by November 21, 2014. The Public Works Department is working on securing a new nativity scene for the upcoming season.

Mobile App: The Tourist Board approved funding a mobile app at the August 11, 2014 meeting. This app will promote the Town's hotels, stores and restaurants. It will also be used to promote events such as Third Thursdays and has the capability of expanding into a communication tool to locate and pay for parking. The agreement will come before the Town Commission at the October 14, 2014 meeting for consent.

Sister Cities: This initiative, while approved by the previous Tourist Board, is set for discussion by the new Tourist Board at their November 3, 2014 meeting. The focus will be on educating the Board on this initiative and to determine a path forward.

Benches: Prior to the downtown streetscape project, sponsorship of downtown benches was explored as a means to secure seating in the downtown district. While there was interest from a number of businesses at the time, this initiative was put on hold due to the improvement project and the committee choice of benches that cost more than the previously discussed sponsorship amount. The Town Commission will address particulars of a bench sponsorship initiative at the October 14, 2014 meeting.

DVAC: The next DVAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

9. 95th Street End Project

The Public Works Director is working as the General Contractor for phase 2 of this project (bulkhead to the hard pack). Luke's Landscaping will be the main sub-contractor (clearing, bringing in fill material, top soil, trees and ground cover and concrete sidewalks and stairs). Town staff will install the shower and benches. Cost for the project to be provided by development proffers. This will be on the September Commission agenda for approval. (**Agenda Item**)

10. Seawall Project

Per the direction of the Commission, a report will be presented at the September Commission meeting recommending a plan to address seawall deficiencies within available resources.

11. Community Center Expansion: Second Floor Addition

During the December 17, 2012 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, the second floor of the Community Center was listed by the Committee as the top priority for the Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Plan. The FY 13/14 proposed budget contains \$100,000 funding from voluntary proffers to undertake conceptual planning and design of projects including the second story addition to the Community Center. This funding is subject to the Commission approving a Five Year Capital Parks and Recreation Plan. The Resolution adopting the Five Year Capital Parks and Recreation Plan was approved at the September 17 Commission meeting.

The Town Manager moderated a May 14, 2014 Community Discussion to kick-off this community project. The objective of the discussion was to arrive at consensus of the process to be utilized. It was suggested that the process should appropriately be led by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Tourist Board as their responsibilities are closely aligned with most aspects of the Community Center.

A joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation Committee and Tourist Board was held on May 19, 2014 to review the possibility of forming a joint community center expansion Committee. This concept was approved and the first official meeting of the Committee was held on June 9, 2014. This meeting was televised on Channel 77. Information was provided to the Committee on past proposal for a second floor to the Community Center. The Committee will review this information and start to formulate and provide a priority list of what should be included on the second floor.

The second scheduled meeting was held on July 7, 2014 in the Commission Chambers. At this time it was requested by the Committee to have a proposed budget amount and to start a priority list during the next scheduled meeting on August 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

These meetings will alternate between the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Committee and Tourist Board meetings monthly until the Fall. The goal is to have a recommendation for the Town Commission at that time.

Staff has completed a proposed construction budget and financing plan. Copies were provided to the Tourist Board and Parks and Recreation Committee at the August 21 meeting as requested.

At the August 21, 2014 meeting, the Committee voted to defer moving forward with a Community Center Expansion for two years due primarily to the concern of closing the facility for an extended amount of time after only 3-4 years of being open. A recommendation, including possibly conducting a structural engineering evaluation of the existing building more sooner than later, will be vetted at the next meeting set for September 15, 2014. A full (final) report from the Committee will be presented to the Town Commission at the October 14, 2014 meeting.

12. Biscaya Drainage

The drainage pipes have been delivered and are stored at the end of the cul-de-sac. Road rock and drainage rock are on site as well as the drainage structures. Installation of the drainage structures is moving forward. After installation of these four structures, pipe installation will begin.

13. Town Hall and Tennis Hut Improvements

Tennis Hut

The Tennis Hut is now completed and is mold free. The new walls, floors, impact windows, and air conditioner is a welcome upgrade to the building for all to enjoy.

Town Hall

Town Hall roof and chiller system projects have begun. DAC, Inc., the A/C company has ordered the chiller unit for the roof which takes 6 – 8 weeks to build and deliver. After some roof bracket installations for the chiller system are complete, the roof contractor, Unlimited Roofing Inc. will begin on the roof. Estimated start date is September 15 with a completion date of October 5. Once the roof and A/C project are completed, Decon Environmental will begin the mold remediation and repair of affected areas in Town Hall, anticipated to begin November 1 and projected completion by November 30.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

14. The Shul Project

The Shul application was heard at the February 27, 2014 Planning and Zoning Board meeting and the Town Commission will consider at a special quasi-judicial public hearing at a date to be determined. An independent traffic consultant has been retained to analyze the study submitted by the Shul as well as review existing conditions. Further, Staff, FPL and Shul representatives have met to address the undergrounding in the alley. FPL has expressed concerns regarding the undergrounding. Staff is working towards achieving the original objective of undergrounding utilities in the alley as mutually agreed to by the Shul and the Town; and as approved by Planning and Zoning on February 27.

A tentative hearing date for the SHUL application was September 11; however that did not materialize as the final order from the State on the Comp Plan Amendment appeal was not received by August 22. A new hearing date of October 28 has been proposed subject to the Town Commission's availability.

15. Massing and Zoning Discussion

At the May 15, 2013 meeting, the Town Commission directed the Town Manager to set up a Joint Workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board to discuss zoning issues. Those issues were clarified at

the July 25, 2013 Planning and Zoning Board meeting and the Manager announced that the public is encouraged to provide comments regarding the zoning code on a form provided on the website. Vice Mayor Karukin clarified his concerns in a July, 2013 meeting with the Town Attorney and Staff and these specific issues have been discussed at the August, 2013 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. The Planning and Zoning Board has asked Staff to look at side setbacks as a percentage of the lot width to increase the current setbacks, removing the side setback requirement, require parking below grade, requiring building lengths to be no greater than 150 with 30 feet of separation, explore breezeways and consider building platforms no greater than 30 or 40 feet in height without a break similar to the conditions at the Surf Club.

A presentation with follow-up discussion was made at the October, 2013 Planning and Zoning meeting. Staff prepared a rendering for the December 19, 2013 Planning and Zoning Board meeting demonstrating three options for building length modification. The renderings demonstrated that the building separations were not adequate for meeting the intent of the Board, therefore Staff prepared additional revisions to the renderings and language for the ordinance, which was presented at the May 29, 2014 Planning and Zoning Board meeting. The Town Commission was presented with an ordinance at the August 12 meeting for first reading and will be heard by the Commission on September 9, 2014 for second reading. (**Agenda Item**)

16. Historic Preservation

The staff of the Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board (Board) has identified 9 buildings along the west side of Collins Avenue as potentially historic structures. These include 9016, 9024, 9025, 9033, 9040, 9048, 9054, 9064 and 9340 Collins Avenue. The property owners were notified of the Board's interest in these buildings through a letter each property owner received notifying them that their property is now subject to a moratorium on all building permits until the Board held a public hearing to determine if the structure would be designated historic. The property owners contacted the Town asking for assistance in this matter. At that time, the Town contacted the Board's staff requesting a meeting to discuss the implications of this moratorium and inform them of the Town's ongoing plans, including the parking structure analysis and the discussion of development standards on the block between Collins and Harding. Based on our discussion with the Board's staff, we indicated that it would be appropriate to request a deferral of a decision by the Board. The Board meeting was held on June 18, 2014 and Town staff requested a six month deferral to provide for an opportunity to work with the Board's staff. An attorney for one of the affected property owners was also present and asked for a three month deferral. The Board granted a three month deferral of the decision to designate the properties historic. Also, a meeting was held with the Historic Preservation staff on August 5 and additional properties were identified by the County as Eligible for Designation (not yet initiated). Staff has scheduled a community/public meeting for a presentation by the County staff for September 10 at 6 pm.

A resolution will be on the September Commission agenda to urge the Historic Preservation Board to delay designating any property in Surfside for an additional six months.

The Building Official reports that Miami-Dade County's Office of Historic Preservation contacted the Building Department on July 24, 2014 requesting the review of plans for the following addresses:

- 9300 Collins Ave
- 9316 Collins Ave
- 9332 Collins Ave
- 9348 Collins Ave
- 9364 Collins Ave
- 9372 Collins Ave
- 9380 Collins Ave
- 9309-9317 Collins Ave

Property owner Bratt Holdings filed building demolition applications on August 1, 2014 for the following addresses, 9348 Collins, 9364 Collins and 9372 Collins. Property owner 9300 Collins Avenue Investment Group filed a building demolition application on August 8, 2014 for address 9300 Collins. Miami-Dade County's Office of Historic Preservation has not issued a moratorium on permits for these addresses and as such these applications will now precede any such abeyance on the permitting process. (**Agenda Item**)

17. Land Development Regulations – Block Between Harding and Collins Avenues

At the September 30, 2013, Joint Planning and Zoning and Town Commission meeting, there was a discussion about the block between Collins and Harding Avenues and the high interest in redevelopment of this corridor. In an effort to stay ahead of the new construction, there was interest from both boards to prepare criteria to help guide future development into the desired development pattern. Based on that, a budget item was included for an analysis and preparation of zoning criteria which includes the following:

Preparation of new zoning criteria and comparison of existing conditions

- A review of green book traffic engineering standards as well as Miami-Dade County and FDOT as it relates to mid-block accessibility, walkways, pedestrian activity
- Impacts to existing buildings and strategies for potential non-conformities such as if there is a modification to an existing building, under what circumstances would the entire development need to be brought up to the proposed code
- Consistency of new criteria with comprehensive plan, including the 1989 Comprehensive Plan, which provided for a study of this corridor
- Consistency of new criteria with other sections of the zoning code such as off-street parking, signs, accessory structures, conditional uses, landscaping
- Requirements for open space in terms of landscaping, public space
- Coordination with legal in terms of vested rights, reduced density or intensity resulting from new zoning criteria
- Design criteria for pedestrian walkways

At the June, 2014 Planning and Zoning meeting, the Board voted unanimously to establish this as a top priority and recommended that a program modification be included in the FY 14/15 budget

approving funding for this planning effort. Funds have been included in the proposed budget for this planning initiative. If approved in the FY15 budget, a work authorization will be provided to the Town Commission in October.

TOWN COMMISSION

18. Charter Review

The voters will be presented with seven (7) Charter amendments on the November 4, 2014 Election ballot: Qualifications for Office; Vacancy on Commission; Vacancy in Candidacy; Canvassing Board; Qualifying for Elected Office; Establishing Elected Officials' Staggered Terms and Increasing Town Commissioners' Terms from Two Years to Four Years; and Runoff Election. A Voter's Guide will be distributed before the November, 2014 General Election.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Building Department

19. FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The CAV is now closed and we are awaiting a follow-up visit from FEMA. The date of the follow-up visit has not been determined.

20. Community Rating System (CRS)

Heidi Liles of the Insurance Services Office has sent out an email to her communities that were planning for a CRS Audit in 2014, stating that these communities will need to be postponed until 2015. The community visit date has not been determined but may occur in November/December as previously reported.

21. Forty Year Building Certification for Collins, Harding, Abbott Avenues and Surfside Blvd.

The 40 Year Building Certification Program is progressing as follows:

Reported certifications: 121 in present case file
Completed certifications: 42
Time extensions granted: 3 and 1 additional time extension
Exempt from Certification: 3
Vacant commercial properties: 11
Sent to Code Enforcement for non-compliance: 8
150 day repair order: 2
On hold: 4

22. The Chateau Permit Documents

The Chateau permit documents have been reviewed and are pending submittal of structural calculations for the superstructure. The structural plan review is expected to be completed this fiscal year and the permit issued.

23. Eruv Pole Installation Project

The Miami Beach Eruv Council has proposed the installation of Eruv boundary markers along the seaward side of the walking path. Instead of the previously proposed poles along the Edge of Vegetation Line (EVL) it is now proposed to utilize the existing walking path poles and place the line along the top of these poles which will be threaded through eye bolts (lechi) in order to secure the line. Two new 12' to 13' high poles shall be installed at each beach access path (walk overs) in order to provide the required continuity as the line shall be secured to these poles. It was also proposed to connect the two beach access walk poles across the top in an undetermined decorative fashion. The Eruv Pole Installation Project is exempt from FDEP permitting under the Coastal Construction Control Line Program. The permitting effort will be coordinated through the Southeast District office of FDEP's Environmental Resources Permitting Compliance and Enforcement Division. (**Agenda Item**)

24. Document Scanning

Plans scanning will now be outsourced to Print Pro Shop, Inc., a vendor that has provided the Building Department with document reproduction services including the Town maps now displayed in the Commission Chambers. The scanning program will be wholly funded through an expired permit outreach effort by which contractors are notified of expired permits which must be renewed. The fees collected under this project should fully fund the scanning program drawing no funds from the Building Services Department's budget. The existing scanner, being a considerably underutilized asset, should be considered for sale and the funds added to the scanning program's account.

Code Compliance Department

25. Sight Triangle (Hedges) and Corner Visibility

At the June 19, 2014, Special Commission Meeting, the Commission: 1) directed the Administration and Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the sight triangle provisions reflecting a reduction in the sight triangle from 25 feet to 15 feet provided we do not go into private property; 2) provided policy direction to enforce planting restrictions and keep public easements and right-of-ways clear of hedges and shrubs; 3) consider relocation of certain stop signs and stop bars when possible in keeping with County and Police regulations; 4) paint curbs to keep vehicles from parking too close to the intersections; 5) establish a process to provide relief to those properties identified as "true hardship" cases. Administration and Town Attorney staff met with Miami-Dade County Attorney and Public Works Engineering staff to confirm scope of regulatory authority and applicable regulations and plan to bring forth an ordinance amendment, for first reading, along with a proposed policy for the Commission's consideration at the October meeting.

Finance

26. Billing Adjustment to Commercial Recycling Customers

There was a billing adjustment on the most recent Solid Waste bill for Recycling Services to the Commercial Recycling customers because of an undercharge in the recycling fee. There are sixty-three commercial condominium and apartment accounts that were billed a lower than normal bill for the recycling portion of their solid waste quarterly bill for the period of October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. The under billed amount is being proportionately collected this fiscal year and next fiscal year. The most recent billing included the annual recycling fee for the period October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. The four quarterly recycling bills beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 will include a separate fee for the remaining under billed portion of the recycling service. All of the sixty-three commercial recycling customers have been contacted by letter to inform them of the billing adjustment for recycling services. There are seven of the sixty-three commercial recycling customers that have not paid the first billing portion of the adjusted recycling fee as of this update. The Town will work with these seven customers if a payment plan is requested to avoid a financial hardship on the customer.

Parks and Recreation

27. Beach Management Agreement

Progress on a Town/Miami-Dade County Beach Management Agreement is dependent upon the County receiving specific authorization from FDEP permitting the County to assign certain management responsibilities to local municipalities. The County sent a letter to FDEP on March 17, 2014 requesting a determination that the County can assign maintenance/regulations to local governments. The County once again has received a denial from the State to move forward with this request. At this time the county is not able to move forward on a staff level with any type of agreement.

28. Pool Tot Lot Repairs - Community Center

The major repairs have been completed. At this time only \$15,000 of the retainer of \$22,000 has been spent. If any other repair items develop, the existing funds held back as a retainer will be used.

29. Tennis Programing

The Parks and Recreation Department will present options for operations including court rentals. The proposed budget did not include the funding request for the recreational software for the tennis facility. Due to budget constraints and the cost of the requested recreation software, other options will be explored. Once the building (tennis center) work is completed due in September, the Parks and Recreation Department will work with the Parks and Recreation Committee to review tennis court rentals and reservations.

30. Security Cameras at 96th Street Park

Parks and Recreation and the Police Department presented an option of placing security cameras in strategic areas at the park that will help identify/deter issues that arise at the park. Over the past 6 months, there has been a rash of cell phone thefts that cameras would have helped identify the person(s) involved. The cameras would also monitor patrons coming in and out of the park. The cost of the cameras is \$7,744. Cameras are installed and operational. Item completed.

31. After School Program

The Parks and Recreation Department worked with Life Sports Fitness to provide an after school program which began August 18. This program provides a structured after school program for students from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Transportation is provided from Bay Harbor K-8 to the Community Center. The after school program includes Sports and Fitness along with homework supervision and tutoring. This program is a revenue only program for the Town of Surfside and monthly revenue collected is based on the number of students enrolled in the after school program. This program was a priority of the Parks and Recreation Committee. After the second week of the program there are 28 kids registered in the program. It is possible that with the popularity of this program, the program will soon reach a maximum capacity of 40 participants.

32. Police Department

A. Women's Self Defense Class

The Surfside Police Department hosts ongoing Women's Self Defense Classes from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the police training room. The training shows how to resist and how to escape a sexual assault. The techniques are easy-to-learn and easy-to-use. The training also shows how to escape a standing assault and what to do if the attacker has you pinned on the ground. These techniques do not require strength, speed or coordination and are perfect for women of all ages and physical types. Classes are free of charge. Residents should contact Dina Goldstein, 305-861-4862 for dates of the classes.

B. Police Explorer Program

Surfside, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, and have implemented a new Police Explorer Program. Eight teenagers have signed up to be new Explorers. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the liaison for the program.

C. Survival Mindset

Surfside Police Department hosted Survival Mindset, a Personal Safety Seminar August 11. The class taught women how to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations and learn practical safety measures designed to keep them safe. Forty residents attended and the seminar was outstanding.

D. Emergency Preparedness Program – Condominiums

The Surfside Police Department is offering emergency preparedness seminars to condominium associations. Officer Dianna Hernandez is the contact.

E. Security Assessment

The Surfside Police Department is offering free residential and commercial security assessments for residents and business owners. Sgt. Jay Matelis is the contact.

F. Police Safety Patrol

On Friday afternoons and evenings, SPD participate in bicycle details with Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments for the safety of pedestrians traveling to and from the Shul and the three municipalities.

G. Citizens Police Academy

The 13th Citizens Police Academy began September 2 and runs every Tuesday from 6 pm - 9 pm through November. This is an opportunity for residents to get to know their police officers and learn about law enforcement.

H. Surfside Safe Space

Some cities have reported their residents becoming victims of fraud or robbery when meeting with customers or sellers to conduct online transactions. The Surfside Police will offer residents a safe place to conduct their transactions at the police station. The premise is to conduct business in a safe environment to deter crime.

G. Situational Awareness Seminar and High Holiday Security Seminar

Surfside Police Department participated in a Situational Awareness Seminar and High Holiday Security Seminar at the Shul on August 26.

I. January to June 2014 Uniform Crime Reports

There was an increase in total crimes for the first six months of 2014 compared to the first six months of 2013. Violent crime (aggravated assault, sexual battery, robbery, homicide) decreased for the first six months of 2014. There was also a decrease in the nonviolent crimes of burglary and auto theft. The increase in 2014 nonviolent crime was for larceny specifically shoplifting, thefts from hotel room, unlocked bicycle thefts, and unsecured property left in driveways and yards. Please help us keep Surfside safe and remember to secure your property, lock your bicycles, and report suspicious persons or vehicles.

**January to June
2014**

| | INDEX TOTAL CRIMES | % CH | VIOLENT CRIME | % CH | NONVIOLENT CRIME | % CH |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 2007 | 90 | -4.3 | 13 | -50 | 77 | 23.1 |
| 2008 | 72 | -20 | 13 | 0 | 59 | -23.4 |
| 2009 | 84 | 16.7 | 12 | -7.7 | 72 | 22 |
| 2010 | 92 | 9.5 | 8 | -33.3 | 84 | 16.7 |
| 2011 | 87 | -5.4 | 3 | -62.5 | 84 | 0 |
| 2012 | 82 | -5.7 | 8 | 166.7 | 74 | -11.9 |
| 2013 | 69 | - 15.9 | 5 | -37.5 | 64 | -13.5 |
| 2014 | 88 | 27.5 | 2 | -60 | 86 | 34.4 |

J. Bike with the Chief and Coffee with Cops Programs

The Bike with the Chief and Coffee with the Cops programs are monthly. Bike with the Chief is the last Wednesday of each month leaving Town Hall at 5:00 pm. Coffee with the Cops is the last Friday of each month at Starbucks at 10:00 am.

Current Topics

33. Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee

Special Meeting: September 11; 7 – 9 pm
Subject: Presentation of Committee's final report.

Respectfully submitted

by: _____
Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager