



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT OCTOBER 2015

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES / ENHANCEMENTS

1. See Click Fix -- Report attached.

2. Parking Structure RFEI

The Parking Structure Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) was issued and advertised on August 3, 2015 with a closing date of September 25, 2015. The Town has received expressions of interest from seven different parties. A report will be presented to the Town Commission at the November 10, 2015 meeting.

3. Community Garden Lease Renewal

Per the agreement with the Town, Surfside Urban Gardeners has paid for their yearly rental of the Community Garden space in the amount of \$12.00 (\$1.00 per month). The non-profit has also supplied proof of their ongoing non-profit status. Presently the Town is awaiting proof of their renewed insurance. The President and Vice President remain Mr. Freddy Chiche and Ms. Dalia Blumstein respectively.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

4. Development Applications

- a) 8851 Harding Avenue – A site plan application for a 23 unit development has been submitted to the Town. Staff held a Development Review Meeting with the applicant in January. A resubmittal addressing staff comments has not been received.
- b) 8800 Collins Avenue – A site plan application for a 25 unit development has been submitted to the Town. Staff held a Development Review meeting with the applicant in March and June 2015 and a Development Impact Committee was held on July 22, 2015. Approximately 25 conditions were presented to the applicant and the project was reviewed and approved with conditions at the August 27, 2015 Planning and Zoning Board hearing.
- c) 9415 - 9421 Harding Avenue – A site plan application for a 145 square foot addition at the rear of the building abutting the alley has been submitted. Staff reviewed the application with the applicant and a Development Impact Committee meeting was held June 23, 2015. The applicant has indicated that they may no longer wish to proceed and has asked to stop any further reviews as this time.

- d) 9011 Collins Avenue – A site plan amendment application for the Surf Club has been received relating to elevation changes and interior breakdown of uses for the northwest building. The application is under review and a Development Review meeting has not been scheduled at this time.
- e) 9133 - 9149 Collins Avenue – A site plan application for the Surf Club II has been received and a Development Review meeting was held on September 4, 2015. The applicant received staff comments and will be required to resubmit revisions prior to scheduling of future meetings. The plans include restoring a 16 dwelling unit historic building (the Seaway Villas) and adding a 34 unit, 12 story building immediately north of the Surf Club I.

5. Alleyway Improvements

Staff has observed overflowing trash containers throughout the alleys in the business district and is considering providing multiple banks of dumpsters in enclosures for the businesses. However, there is limited space, which may be due to illegal additions or parking that was never permitted. In order to start the conversation with the business district on upgrades to the alleys with dumpster enclosures, Staff will send out a letter to the property owners notifying them that violations have been observed in the alley and if their property is in violation, they can pull permits within 30 days of the letter without penalty. After 60 days, the Town will do a sweep of the alley and determine outstanding violations and proceed with code enforcement mechanisms. This will be the first step to improving the conditions within the alleys.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Code Compliance

6. Code Compliance Cases Settled

Code compliance cases settled via settlement agreements after compliance was attained:

Since March of 2012 approximately \$186,787 has been collected (or settled with monthly payment plans) for Code Compliance violation related civil penalties, after mitigation or negotiated settlement.

The following is a summary by Fiscal Year:

FY 11/12: 8 cases settled for a total of \$16,875

FY 12/13: 9 cases settled for a total of \$15,750

FY 13/14: 6 cases settled for a total of \$67,293

FY 14/15: To date, 26 cases settled for a total of \$86,869, and a pending settlement for \$40,000.

Parks and Recreation

7. Silver Sneakers Program

The Parks and Recreation Department has started collaboration with Heathways Silver Sneakers Flex Program to present a Cardio and Strength exercise program for seniors. The program began October 6, 2015 and runs thru – May 27, 2016 at the Community Center.

8. National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

October 2015 is National Prevention Bullying Awareness Month. The Parks and Recreation Department along with Life Sports Fitness will be hosting weekly Anti Bullying events during our After School Program and this will culminate with a community event to be held at the Community Center on October 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

9. Grants - Parks and Recreation Department applied and received 3 grants:

1. The Placemaking Micro-Grant through the Miami Association of Realtors in the amount of \$1,200 for playgroup equipment
2. Matching Safety Grant through the League of Cities in the amount \$600 towards safety training for staff.
3. Matching Property Liability Grant in the amount of \$1,200 towards improvements to playground

Police Department

10. Public Safety Issues

High Holidays Detail: The Surfside Police Department will increase police presence with assigned details for high visibility during the High Holidays (September and October) in the areas of The Shul 9540 Collins Avenue, Young Israel 9592 Harding Avenue, Hechal Shalom Sephardic Congregation 310 95th Street and Magen David Sephardic Congregation 9348 Harding Avenue. The enhanced patrols will be concentrated before and after services when congregants from the surrounding area and neighboring communities are walking to and from these locations. In addition, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Police Departments will assign officers to the same area.

Enforcement of Unleashed Dogs: The Town of Surfside will be enforcing unleashed dog violations. According to section 10-28(c) of the Town Code, "All dogs shall be securely leashed when off their owners' property. An unleashed animal roaming at large shall be deemed a public nuisance, and its owner shall be in violation of this article. Any dog running at large shall be seized by any police officer of the Town or by agents of the County animal services and shall be impounded within the public dog pound as provided by county ordinance." The daily civil fine for a first offense is \$50 and a daily fine second/repeat offense is \$100.

11. Police Department Events

- The 14th Surfside Citizens Police Academy is in progress. The CPA is September 8 – November 17, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the police training room. The classes include Patrol Procedures, Fire Rescue, Aviation, K-9, Crime Scene, Marine Patrol, Driving Range, Homicide Investigation, Legal and the Court System, and the Firearms Range.
- Women's Self-Defense Classes will be held at the Community Center, Thursday nights throughout the month of October from 6:15 to 8:15 pm.
- Neighborhood Resource Officer Hernandez will represent the Surfside Police Department at the 8th Annual North Miami Beach Police Department Domestic Violence Walkathon on October 3rd beginning at 4:00pm at the Gwen Margolis Amphitheater.

- Chief Allen will assist the North Bay Village Town Manager in the interviews for the selection of a new Police Chief for North Bay Village on October 7, 8 and 9, 2015 in the Surfside Commission Chambers.
- Community Outreach Specialists from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will have a mobile DMV on October 15 from 9:30 am -2:30 pm in the training room.
- The Police Department will host a community blood drive on October 15 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.
- Miami Beach Police Chief Daniel Oates will honor Chief Allen at the Miami Beach Commission Meeting for special recognition on October 22, 2015 at MBPD.
- The monthly Bike with the Chief will be October 28, 2015 at Town Hall; Coffee with the Cops will be October 30, 2015 at Starbucks.
- Community Service Aide Danny Sanchez will oversee the Surfside/ Bal Harbour/ Bay Harbor Islands Police Explorer Program meeting on October 30 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center in Bay Harbor Islands.
- The Police Department will host Halloween Safety Night on October 31 at 92nd Street and Byron Avenue from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Surfside Police Officers will be distributing candy and glow sticks.

Projects Progress Updates

12. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts

IT has ordered a new battery backup for the server room at the Community Center. Additionally, IT is obtaining quotes for construction and installation of a conduit from Town Hall to the Community Center to enable the Community Center to connect directly to the Town network to improve speed. The upgrade for the Chamber room broadcast system will begin on October 1, 2015. Surveillance cameras are being installed in the Abbott parking lot.

13. Town-Owned Seawall Repair

The Contractor has completed seawall construction and rip-rap installation at all sites; Site #1 (Surfside Park on Bay Drive; south of 96th Street), Site #2 (the street end at 95th Street), Site #3 (Froude Ave), Site #4 (Biscaya Dr.) and Site #5 (the street end at Carlyle Avenue). The Contractor is now working to complete the Town and CGA prepared punch list and restoration activities.

All of the sites have been cleaned up and replanted. 96th Street Park has been fully re-sodded and will be ready for the upcoming soccer season.

14. Traffic Circle

The traffic circle on 95th and Byron has been reduced in size and new bulb outs have been installed on 95th in four locations. Two just north of the traffic circle on Byron and two further north midway

between 95th and 96th Street. This was approved by Commission as a calming device to slow traffic down through that area and to stop large trucks from turning there. Staff is monitoring. The Town Manager has ordered a landscape design for the circle.

Respectfully submitted:

Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager