



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 2016

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES / ENHANCEMENTS

1. See Click Fix -- Report attached.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

2. Development Applications

A. 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. The plans were resubmitted on March 18. The second Development Review meeting will be held on April 18, 2016.

B. 9011 Collins Avenue – A site plan amendment application for the northwest building at the Surf Club has been received. A Development Review meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

C. 9011 Collins Avenue – A site plan amendment application to add one pool and modify the landscaping at the rear of the Surf Club site has been received. A Development Impact Committee meeting was held on February 11, 2016. The Planning and Zoning Board is expected to hear this application in April.

D. 9300 Collins Avenue – A site plan application for 68 townhouse units, replacing 101 multifamily units, has been submitted. A Development Review meeting was held on March 10, 2016.

E. 8851 Harding Avenue – a site plan application for 23 units was submitted in 2014. A Development Review meeting was held in January 2015. No resubmittal has been received to date.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Code Compliance

3. Commercial Property Maintenance Standards Workshop

The Town of Surfside held a Commercial Property Maintenance Standards Workshop on January 28, 2016. Commercial property owners, their lessees and Town staff members were in attendance.

Informational letters were mailed to each Harding Avenue property owner to advise them that the Town will begin strict enforcement activities in the business district beginning the week of March 15, 2016.

On March 22, 2016, the Code Compliance Unit and a Surfside Police Department Neighborhood Resource Officer conducted a Harding Avenue Alleyways commercial property inspection. The Officers noted and photographed many code violations, and issued code violation notices to the property owners and to their tenants.

4. Payments on Code Compliance Cases

Unresolved Code Compliance cases accrue fines until the code violation is resolved. After the violation is abated, then the property owners are notified to remit the fine amount due. In many cases, the fine amount is either paid, settled via a settlement agreement, or referred to the Town's Special Master for a hearing and ruling on the fine amount due.

The following is a summary by Fiscal Year:

FY 15/16: 65 cases have submitted payments totaling \$78,530 (thru March 20, 2016)
FY 14/15: 26 cases paid/settled for a total of \$86,869
FY 13/14: 6 cases paid/settled for a total of \$67,293
FY 12/13: 9 cases paid/settled for a total of \$15,750
FY 11/12: 8 cases paid/settled for a total of \$16,875

Parks and Recreation

5. Programs

- The Town of Surfside 12th Annual Spring Egg Hunt was held on March 19, 2016 at 96th Street Park. The event had over 325 participants; activities included face painting, egg hunt, DJ and a parent egg hunt.
- The Third Annual Spring Adventure Camp was held at the Community Center during school spring break March 21 - March 25. This program had 45 participants this year and over \$6,000 in revenue was collected.
- The Boy's Under 8 Soccer Team placed second during the NEMS soccer tournament held in March at St. Patrick's Park.
- The Parks and Recreation Department staff participated in the Miami Dade County Bike to Work Day (Bike 305) held on March 4, 2016 in Coral Gables.
- The Town of Surfside will be a host site for the annual Bayanza Shoreline Clean-Up. The date will be Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 9:00 am – noon at the Community Center.

Police Department

6. March Significant Arrests

Grand Theft Arrest (1) – March 7, 2016: subject was arrested and charged with three counts of grand theft and one count of fraudulent use of credit card in connection with the three separate crimes.

Residential Burglary Arrest (1) – March 11, 2016: with the assistance of Miami Beach Crime Scene, Detectives were able to identify, locate and arrest the subject. The subject was charged with two counts of burglary (1) occupied (1) unoccupied and two counts of grand theft.

7. Traffic/Parking Improvement Recommendation Meeting

The Town of Surfside will host a Traffic/Parking Improvement Recommendation meeting for residents on Tuesday April 19, 2016, at 5:00 pm at Surfside Town Hall, 9293 Harding Avenue, in the Commission Chambers.

The meeting will include a presentation on the current traffic mitigation systems, traffic calming devices and enhanced loading zones. Recommendations will also be discussed about modified traffic patterns between Collins Avenue and Harding Avenue and expanding the use of on-street parking. The goal of the meeting is to present considerations for these topics and allow for needed feedback from the public.

8. Town of Surfside Loading Zones

In an effort to enhance the flow of vehicular traffic on Harding Avenue and increase the availability of loading zones for businesses. The following locations will be loading zones between the hours of 6am–10am, Monday through Friday:

- 9500 block of Harding Avenue on the west-side in front of the CVS store (4 parking spaces)
- 9400 block of Harding Avenue on the west-side in front of the Publix Supermarket (4 parking spaces)
- 300 block of 95th Street on the south-side adjacent to the parking lot (3 parking spaces)

These spaces will allow sufficient parking for large trucks that need to unload or load items and place these vehicles outside of the residential areas of Surfside. The new loading zones are operational as of March 5. The aforementioned additional loading zones supplement the existing permanent loading zones that are located in the business district at the following locations:

- 200 block of 95th Street on the south-side (1 parking space)
- 300 block of 95th Street on the south-side (extended area)
- 300 block of 95th Street on the north-side (extended area)

The additional loading zones coupled with the existing loading zones are expected to reduce double parking occurrences on Harding Avenue in the business district and therefore enhance traffic flow and reduce traffic crashes. Surfside Police Officers and Parking Enforcement Officers will monitor these areas for compliance.

9. Surfside Police Enforces Seat Belt Law

The Surfside Police Department participated in a statewide Click It or Ticket campaign March 1-14 as law enforcement agencies statewide dedicated resources to enforce seat belt laws and encourage people to wear their seat belts. A total of 242 citations in connection with the campaign were issued by Surfside officers in the two week period. An additional 98 citations were issued for

violations ranging from speeding to driving with suspended license. Officers also made 24 arrests for DUI, Warrants and Narcotics on the traffic stops during this campaign.

10. Commercial Security Assessment of Young Israel Synagogue

On March 15, 2016, Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez conducted a commercial security assessment of the Young Israel Synagogue.

11. Traffic Calming

Traffic calming speed bumps have been installed in two areas on Byron Avenue between 93rd and 95th and on Bay Drive between 93rd and 95th. These calming devices are designed to slow cars down creating a safer experience for those residents who walk or bike.

12. 2015 Leo Awards Winners

Officer Craig Lovellette and Communications Operator Peter Filiberto won LEO awards at the annual Miami-Dade County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Gala on March 19, 2016. They tracked, and located by cell phone a suicide victim and called for emergency assistance to save his life.

13. Police Events

- Parks and Recreation will be hosting an Earth Day Event on April 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Community Service Aide or Parking Enforcement Officer will cross volunteers (200-300 volunteers expected) at 93 and Collins to community Center. An on duty officer will be assigned to the Polaris on the beach during the event. Parking will not be enforced at the 94th Street lot, Town Hall lot or Community Center lot during event.
- The Surfside Police Department will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on April 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The monthly Bike with the Chief will be April 27, 2016 at Town Hall at 5:00 p.m; Coffee with the Cops will be April 29, 2016 at Starbucks at 10:00 a.m.
- The Surfside Police Department is hosting a National Take Back Initiative on April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The National Take Back Initiative is an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted and unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement for destruction. A collection box will be located in front of dispatch.

Public Works

14. Parking Lot Restructure

Public Works has begun construction on the southwest parking lot. Paving is expected to take place the first week of April with completion by April 15.

15. Hazardous Waste Day

Public Works has scheduled their annual Hazardous Waste pickup day, which is May 14, 2016 at Town Hall. Residents can bring their hazardous waste to Town Hall between the hours of 9 am – 12 pm that day for proper disposal of their waste. Public Works holds this annual event in an effort to allow for a safe way for residents to dispose of their unwanted, sometimes unsafe chemical products. In addition, it has an environmental effect as well by not having these products going to the landfill if thrown into the daily collection, which is not allowed. Information is posted in the Gazette, Channel 77 and Town website.

Town Attorney

16. Historic Preservation Task Force

Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation meeting

- On March 3, 2016, the Town Manager and Town Attorney's Office attended the Miami-Dade Mayor's Advisory "Work Group" on the Historic Preservation Ordinance
- The Work Group voted to send a letter to Mayor Gimenez with a set of suggested revisions and recommendations on Miami-Dade County's Historic Preservation Ordinance
- The recommendations include:
 - allowing municipalities the ability to remove themselves from County jurisdiction at any time provided the municipalities demonstrate the minimum criteria for administering their own preservation program
 - providing a way for the County to take back jurisdiction of the municipality's historic preservation program in the event they cannot continue to do it on their own

17. Parcel 119 at NW 47th Avenue

- The Town owns the 25' strip (Parcel 119) at NW 47th Avenue
- FDOT is seeking the property for right of way purposes
- The Town may elect to (1) voluntarily convey the parcel to FDOT (via quit claim deed) for no consideration; or (2) request an appraisal from FDOT and sell the parcel for fair market value

18. 9340 Collins Gallery of Surfside History

- The Miami-Dade County Office of Historic Preservation has required the development at 9340 Collins Avenue to provide a publically accessible gallery and interpretative exhibit space, either within the 9340 building or at another suitable, publically accessible space like the Town Hall or Community Center.
- As of this date, the Town Attorney's office has not received a detailed scope of the exhibit proposal. The Town Attorney is initially receptive to the concept with a number of caveats. The Town of Surfside must be provided with a plan that describes the cost, time, need for space and scope of the project.

- The Town of Surfside Town Commission must approve the plan to relocate the exhibit to the Town Hall or the Community Center.

PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATES

19. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts

IT is currently managing the Audio/Video subcontractor and the upgrade is moving ahead on schedule. The radio upgrade for the Police Department has been completed and training is scheduled. IT is working with Dell on obtaining pricing for new Police and Tall Hall computers. IT is working with the newly elected Commissioners to provide them with iPhones and iPads. The replacement aircards for the Police Department have been obtained and distributed to the Officers. IT is working with Finance to purchase updated versions of Microsoft Exchange. IT is working with the Police Department to provide data from COPLINK to LinX. IT will be completing general housekeeping in the server room during April.

Respectfully submitted:

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