



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT JANUARY 2016

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES / ENHANCEMENTS

1. See Click Fix -- Report attached.

Following the feedback from the Town Commission meeting on December 8, 2015, staff met to address reporting categories and routing procedures. The following categories were added to the platform:

Code Compliance (Violation): Dog Barking

Police: 1) Beach Patrol. 2) Parking Issues

Building Department: Construction Issues

Public Works: Dead Animal

The generic "Other (PW)" category was removed.

The following categories were already stipulated for Public Works:

Solid Waste Residential

Solid Waste Commercial

Street Lights

A refresher webinar for staff on managing the requests received is set for mid-January. However, the system continues to experience requests from the public being placed in unrelated categories and being sent to the wrong department e.g. traffic issues being sent to Public Works.

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.

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.

3. Alleyway Improvements

Staff has observed overflowing trash containers throughout the alleys in the business district. We will prepare a proposal that will include enclosures and financing alternatives for the consideration of the Town Commission at the March meeting. Presently, 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 has sent out letters to the property owners notifying them that violations have been observed in the alleys. If their property is in violation, they can come in and pull permits within 30 days of the letter without penalty. The Town has completed a sweep of the alley and determined outstanding violations to proceed with code compliance mechanisms. This will be the first step in improving the conditions within the alleys.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Code Compliance

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 11/12: 8 cases paid/settled for a total of \$16,875.00
FY 12/13: 9 cases paid/settled for a total of \$15,750.00
FY 13/14: 6 cases paid/settled for a total of \$67,293.00
FY 14/15: 26 cases paid/settled for a total of \$86,869.00
FY 15/16: 22 cases have submitted payments totaling \$25,660.00

Parks and Recreation

5. Programs

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Holiday Extravaganza Event (Snow on the Beach) on Sunday, December 13, 2015. The event brought in over 400 participants to the Community Center. The event featured snow, a visit from Santa Claus, dancing dreidel and additional activities to celebrate the holiday season.

The Parks and Recreation Department implemented a competitive soccer team in the age group 8 and under. This team has competed in the Sunny Isles competitive league and on December 5, 2015 the team competed in the championship game bringing home the second place trophy.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Winter Camp during the holiday break. The camp had over 35 campers registered for the program. Activities included swimming, field trips, arts and crafts and additional activities for the campers.

Police Department

6. Police Department Re-Accreditation Dates Changed to January 20, 21, and 22

The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) was established by charter on December 13, 1994 and incorporated on February 9, 1995. It is an independent, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation designated as the accrediting body for Florida law enforcement agencies, corrections agencies, pretrial, and Inspectors General Offices. The Commission's purpose is to establish a program for accreditation that can be achieved by all Florida law enforcement agencies.

The Accreditation Assessment Team of the CFA is an independent reviewing authority that determines if a law enforcement agency has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. To be accredited the agency must be in compliance with hundreds of standards established by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. These standards address all facets of the agency including administration, internal affairs operations, investigations, patrol, personnel, training, traffic, response to resistance, support services functions and more. Many of the over 260 current standards are critical to life, health and safety issues. The Certificate of Accreditation is awarded for a three year period.

The Surfside Police Department applied to participate in the CFA Accreditation process in 2009. The department passed the rigorous process and received initial accreditation status. Every three years CFA Accredited law enforcement agencies must again go through the accreditation process, called re-accreditation, to ensure that they are maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. The Surfside Police Department went through the re-accreditation process in 2012 and successfully passed.

On January 20, 21, and 22, 2016 the Surfside Police Department will begin its second re-accreditation process with The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. A team of assessors from the CFA will arrive at the Surfside Police Department to conduct the on-site inspection, interviews, and necessary file reviews as part of the department's re-accreditation process.

The Surfside Police Department has proudly attained and maintains accredited status demonstrating to the community that the agency is committed to the highest standards of professional law enforcement service.

7. Auto Crimes

During the holiday season, crime increases. Criminals are opportunists who look for easy targets. From November 23 to December 13, 2015, we have experienced six auto related crimes in Town. All have occurred during the evening hours on two separate days. Three were auto thefts in the residential neighborhoods and the car doors were left unlocked with the keys inside. Two were auto burglaries and the cars doors were left unlocked. The last was an attempted theft of a moped. SPD has made two arrests for two of the crimes and recovered the stolen vehicle in Miami. On December 15, a second stolen vehicle was recovered in Miami Gardens. Two Miami Gardens juveniles were identified through latent prints found inside the car. We are attempting to locate and interview them at this time.

8. Police Events

- The Holiday Toy Giveaway event was on December 18th in the Commission Chambers. Hundreds of toys were donated for the 70 children in attendance. The Miami-Dade Police Aviation Unit and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department participated. Town personnel assisted as Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves and gave out toys. Other staff helped with the registration, decorations and set up of the Commission Chambers and the training room. The event was a great success. Thank you to all who helped out.
- The monthly Bike with the Chief will be January 27, 2016 at Town Hall; Coffee with the Cops will be January 29, 2016 at Starbucks.

Town Clerk

9. 2016 Election Candidates' Forums

The Town of Surfside has partnered with the League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County to host two Candidates' Forums. The Mayoral Forum is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., and the Commissioners' Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Commission Chambers.

PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATES

10. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts

IT has submitted the PO for Chamber Room broadcast equipment upgrades. The ID Card template for Police IDs has been completed, and the next step is to take new pictures and order ID cards. The Scala will be upgraded in January. New cameras have been installed in Public Works.

IT will be coordinating a WebEx with SeeClickFix and Town Staff for the end of January. Surveillance Cameras for the parking lot are waiting for presentation to the Commission for approval. RecTrac has been upgraded. The battery backup in the Parks & Rec server room was replaced on December 4, 2015.

11. Beach Access

The beach access on 87th Terrace & Collins Avenue is being closed by the developers who purchased the Howard Johnson Hotel. The Town has come up with an alternative access for police and emergency vehicles, which will now be located on 88th Street and Collins Avenue. The Town started reconfiguring the area by removing trees and installing temporary road gravel. Upon completion of the Sand Replacement Project, Public Works moved forward with completing a more permanent entrance. The continued permanent construction began the week of January 4, 2016.

12. Sand Replacement Project Update

Completed December 23, 2015. The beach reopened on December 24, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

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