



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT MARCH 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.

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 March.

D. 9300 Collins Avenue – A site plan application for 68 townhouse units, replacing 101 multifamily units, has been submitted. A Development Review meeting is scheduled for 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.

The Town Manager showed the attendees photos that were taken by him on December 1, 2015 during an inspection of the East Harding Avenue businesses that abut the alleyway. The photos illustrated the current condition of the rear of the buildings adjacent to the alleyway, as well as cars that were improperly parked in or near the alley right-of-way. The Town Manager explained the effect that the

depicted code violations have on the Town and the business on Harding Avenue, and the responsibility of property owners and their lessees of adhering to the Town's property maintenance standards. A question and answer session was also held.

Following the Workshop, the Code Compliance Director mailed out an informational letter 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.

#### **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: 59 cases have submitted payments totaling \$76,630

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 Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Surfside 5K run February 21. The event had 155 runners participate in the event held on the beach walking path and hard pack. The event featured food, DJ, and awards ceremony.
- The Miami Dolphins held its annual Cancer Challenge Ride on February 20, 2016. The ride began at the University of Miami continued through Miami-Dade County and ended at Sun Life Stadium. The Challenge Ride began in 2010 and has raised over \$11.5 million. The Town of Surfside 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park was a host site to provide a water station for the ride challenge. The park hosted approximately 500 participants throughout the ride on that day. This is the first year the Town of Surfside was a designated water station. We hope to continue the relationship for future Miami Dolphins Cancer Challenge events.
- The Community Center Pool and Water Tot Lot Spring maintenance was completed February 24 and the pool opened to the public on February 25, 2016 as scheduled.
- The Town of Surfside 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 19, 2016 at 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Splash into Spring will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.

- This will be the third year of the Spring Adventure Camp held at the Community Center during school spring break March 21 - March 25. This program has had over 45 participants per year and the same number is projected this Spring.

## **Police Department**

### **6. Police Department Re-Accreditation**

The Surfside Police Department is an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Agencies (CFA), Inc. The Surfside Police Department under the leadership of Chief David Allen successfully achieved initial CFA Accreditation in 2009, and Re-Accreditation in 2012. The Surfside Police Department underwent its second Re-Accreditation assessment on January 20 - 21, 2016 that covered the 2012-2015 time frame. The on-site assessment was conducted by three CFA assessors and the Surfside Police Department was successful in the assessment and the CFA Team made a recommendation for Re-Accreditation status. The Re-Accreditation assessment is a rigorous process to ensure that law enforcement agencies are maintaining the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and are utilizing best practices in conformance with established standards and the law. The recommendation of the CFA Assessment Team was presented to the full commission of the CFA on February 24, 2016 in Saint Augustine, Florida and the full CFA Commission voted unanimously to approve the Re-Accreditation of the Surfside Police Department for another three year period.

The Surfside Police Department is proud to be an accredited law enforcement agency through CFA and demonstrating to the community that the agency is committed to the highest standards of professional law enforcement service.

### **7. Police Civilian of the Year**

Danny Sanchez was named the 2015 Police Civilian of the Year. Daniel is the Surfside Police Department's only Community Service Aide (CSA). His position of Community Service Aide has many responsibilities including writing reports, issuing citations, investigating traffic crashes, parking enforcement, traffic details, beach patrols, and responding to non-criminal calls and other patrol functions. CSA Sanchez is also the Police Department's quartermaster and assistant fleet manager. He volunteers to assist with many of the Surfside Police Department crime prevention and community activities such as the Citizens Police Academy, Police Teen Summer Camp Program, Dog Safety Expo, and the women's self-defense classes. In addition, he oversees the Intracoastal (Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Island) Police Explorer Program. He recently graduated over 40 cadets from the Miami-Dade Schools Police Explorers Academy at the Miami-Dade College School of Justice as an advisor. Danny was also recognized with four separate Police Civilian of the Month Awards in 2015 and is a finalist for the prestigious Miami-Dade LEO Support Services Award. He also assisted the accreditation manager in the Police Department's re-accreditation assessment in December.

### **8. Police Department Personnel Changes**

Effective March 14, 2016, Surfside Parking Enforcement Officer Angel Melendez will begin his law enforcement career as a new police officer with the Aventura Police Department. Angel worked as a lifeguard for the Parks and Recreation Department before becoming a Parking Enforcement Officer

for the Police Department. Angel attended the police academy last year on his own time while working full time for SPD. His last day of work with the Town of Surfside is March 13, 2016. Angel has been an excellent employee and will be missed by all of us.

## **9. 2015 Leo Awards Finalists**

Officer Craig Lovellette, Communications Operator Peter Filiberto, Community Service Aide Daniel Sanchez and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein have been selected as finalists for the prestigious 2015 Miami-Dade County LEO Awards. The winners will be chosen at the awards ceremony on March 19, 2016 at Jungle Island.

## **10. Police Events**

- The Police Department received a DAVID Audit Site inspection from the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on March 1. The audit ensured that Surfside Police Department is in compliance with all regulations and practices of the Department of Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- Destination Fashion is an event taking place at the Bal Harbour Shops on March 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Officer Don McGavern and Officer Edward Carrasquillo will work the event in conjunction with the Bal Harbour Police Department.
- The monthly Bike with the Chief will be March 30, 2016 at Town Hall; Coffee with the Cops will be March 25, 2016 at Starbucks.

## **Public Works**

### **11. 88<sup>th</sup> Street End / Beach Access**

Public Works has completed the work on 88<sup>th</sup> Street end making it open to the hard pack for emergency vehicles and Public Works crews. A paver sidewalk was put in on the north side, new trees and shrubs were planted, and a new shower was installed on the north side by the hard pack. All work and material to complete this project was funded by the Surf Club with supervision by Public Works.

Work is complete on the 88th Street extension to the hard pack. Signs have been installed to let people know that the newly opened road is for emergency vehicles and Public Works vehicles. This is not a through street to the beach.

### **12. Dumpsters**

Public Works has begun distributing the poly dumpsters starting with the restaurants, then moving into the multi-family. The old and deteriorated dumpsters are being scrapped. The remaining useable dumpsters will be painted and used for recycle dumpsters.

## **PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATES**

### **13. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts**

Audio/Video upgrades are scheduled to begin on March 17 and should be completed by the end of March. The radio upgrades for the Police Department have been approved and should be installed before the end of March. IT is gathering pricing to upgrade the computers for Town Staff. The wireless air cards for the Police Department will be upgraded in the first week of March. The online bill pay platform will be updated in March with additional options for resident payments.

Respectfully submitted:

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Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager