



Town of Surfside

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

May 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Surfside Community Center
9301 Collins Avenue, Surfside, FL 33154

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Logan at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

Chair Retta Logan
Committee Member Zoya P. Javier
Committee Member Louisa Agresti

Absent

Vice Chair Eliana Salzhauer *Arrived at 7:02pm
Liaison Commissioner Tina Paul ***Arrived at
7:08pm

Also present:

Committee Member Shlomo Danzinger
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Frantza Duval, Recording Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

There were no items moved out of order at this point.

3. Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2019

Committee Member Zoya made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Javier and all voted in favor.

*Vice Chair Salzhauer arrived at 7:02pm.

4. The use of 96th Street Park for Paddletopia – Vice Chair Salzhauer

Vice Chair Salzhauer presented the item to the Committee. She stated that there was no mention that you have to reserve your spot.

She is concerned that 96th Street park is being used to launch kayaks and that the Committee has previously discussed this possibility and agreed that there were some issues and that it was not a good idea. She stated that now because the Tourist Board is sponsoring once or twice a year is okay. She feels that people may get the idea that it is okay to do that whenever they wish to use a kayak or a paddle board. She suggested to look into this and maybe find a safe street end where residents can do these activities.

****Commissioner Tina Paul arrived at 7:08pm**

Conversation ensued regarding the expense of the one-time event. Vice Chair Salzhauer believes is very expensive and she believes that the dollars that the Tourist Board brings in should be used to fix the bathrooms in the Community Center.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they are discussing an item that does not pertain to the Parks and Recreation Committee and that when it relates to the funds there has to be a legal interpretation regarding additional moneys for the parks. He also stated that the bathrooms are not disgusting and filthy but old and worn out which is a different statement.

Vice Chair Salzhauer believes that residents and tourists would rather have that money to go towards significant improvements in the park rather than a couple of days in Paddletopia.

Vice Chair Salzhauer was encouraged to attend the Tourist Board to address them with her concerns on the first Monday of every month.

Discussion took place amongst the members of the Committee and that there was no negative impact from Paddletopia during the previous year and did not anticipate any during this year's event. The feedback from residents through some members of the Parks and Recreation Committee was positive.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian will speak to the Tourism Director regarding the securing of the facility and the gate once the event has finished so that no one goes swimming on their own.

5. Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities by any Agency must be Reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee – Vice Chair Salzhauer

Vice Chair Salzhauer presented the item and believes that they are not working together with the Tourist Board and that there should be more coordination. She stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee addresses the needs of the residents and in her opinion the Tourist Boards addresses the needs of the tourists

and not the needs of the residents. She stated that the Paddletopia event impacted the residents and their use of the Park.

Chair Logan stated that residents attended the event and that the event was advertised on banners as well.

Extensive discussion took place regarding the events that may take place in Parks and Recreation facilities.

Vice Chair Salzhauer stated that she would like to be notified in the future of events that will take place at the park.

6. 96th Street Park Update – Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian presented the item to the Committee and explained the different options.

After an extensive discussion regarding the different architectural firm and the path to follow.

The following members of the public spoke on this item:

Ivan Parra

Jeremy Agresti

Walter Javier

Commissioner Paul provided her suggestions as the Committee Liaison.

Vice Chair Salzhauer made a motion to issue to RFP, one for design specifically for the park and another RFP for the build portion. The motion received a second from Committee Member Agresti. The motion carried 4-0.

Committee Member Agresti made a motion to take item 8 next on the agenda. The motion received a second from Committee Member Javier and all voted in favor.

7. Afterschool Program - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke about the changes that the afterschool program will be undergoing.

Some conversation took place about who will be taking over the program.

Vice Chair Salzhauer had some hesitations about the proposed changes in personnel.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that if he is not comfortable with the changes, he will consider looking for another program.

8. Public Comments (3-minute time limit per speaker)

Casey Woods representing the Advance Soccer Team addressed the committee to request additional field and practice time for the Advance Team.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided a brief history of the program and the lack of a soccer field. He suggested to speak with Gabriel and see what he can do. He stated that he wouldn't mind to facilitate a competitive team and run it through Cyclone soccer.

The following members of the public spoke on this item:
Walter Javier

After a lengthy discussion, the consensus was to have Parks and Recreation Director sit with Gabriel and work with schedule and all the programming.

Jeremy Agresti spoke about the condition of the basketball hoops. Parks and Recreation Director Milian will mention it to staff so that it is checked and taken care of.

Sara Liss spoke about her programs and that she has been working towards creating events that not only appeal to the tourist but also to the residents. She spoke about the Paddletopia process and how wonderful it was to work with Tim and that everything went smoothly during the event.

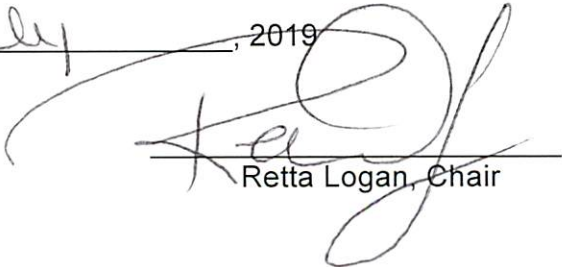
The Monday, June 17, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting was changed to Monday, June 24, 2019.

9. Adjournment

Vice Chair Salzhauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Javier and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 8 day of July, 2019


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest :


Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk