



Town of Surfside

SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

July 8, 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 7:01 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan
Committee Member Shlomo Danzinger
Committee Member Louisa Agresti

Absent Vice Chair Eliana Salzhauer *Arrived at 7:07pm
Committee Member Zoya P. Javier

Also present: Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Frantza Duval, Recording Clerk
Liaison Commissioner Tina Paul
Lilian Arango, Town Attorney

2. Agenda and Order of Business

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

Chair Logan stated that she would like to make a motion to add an item to the agenda to allow the Town Attorney to explain to the Committee how Tourist Tax revenues can be used towards Parks and Recreation. The motion was made by Committee Member Danzinger, seconded by Committee Member Agresti and the motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2019

Committee Member Agresti made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Danzinger. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Summer Camp Update

Parks and Recreation Director Milian presented the item to the members of the committee. He stated that they currently have 110 kids per day out of 120 kids registered. He stated that the Blue and Green Team are currently full and everything is running smoothly.

He also stated that there were 902 people in attendance to the 4th July event and spoke briefly about the event.

5. Recap of Commission Meeting from June 11, 2019

Parks and Recreation Director Milian presented the item to the members of the committee. He stated that the Epi Pen was discussed at the Commission meeting and it was a 2-2 vote and it remains status quo.

Vice Chair Salzhauer stated that the item will have to be brought back at a later date probably with a different commission.

Commissioner Paul stated that she will speak to the Attorney to see what the procedure is to bring it back.

Chair Logan stated that this item is now at the Commission level and that the Committee did all their due diligence to bring it forward.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian announced that the RFP item related to the 96th Street Park was approved by the Town Commission.

6. Tourist Tax Revenue Usage

[This Item was added under item 2 and was taken right after item 2]

Town Attorney Arango explained that Tourist Tax was enacted by legislation back in 1967. It only applies to Miami Beach, Bal Harbor and Surfside. Town Attorney Arango read a section of the legislation to the members of the Committee.

She stated that the issue in question is that if the Town can use Tourist Tax dollars to maintain or make improvements to the 96th Street Park. Town Attorney Arango stated that it is their legal opinion after reviewing the special act and Florida Attorney General Opinion that maintenance and improvement to 96th Street Park is not one of the allowable expenditures for these funds. She explained that there has to be a direct nexus to enhancing tourism and maintaining parks is nor sufficient to create the nexus of enhancing tourism.

*Vice Chair Salzhauer arrived at 7:07pm.

Conversation took place between the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee as to how can they create a second community house in 96th Street Park as it is referred to in the legislation so that they may be able to use Tourist Tax revenues for that purpose.

Town Attorney Arango stated that she will need more information as to what the committee wishes to do and how would it relate to tourism.

Commissioner Paul stated that based on the community value she believes the park meets the criteria.

Shlomo asked that assuming they meet all the criteria, what percentage of the Tourist Tax income are they looking at. The response was that currently the 66% goes to the Parks and Recreation Department and the 34% goes to the Tourist Board.

There was conversation regarding the reserves and the 34% remaining.

Committee Chair Logan requested the Town Attorney to work with the Parks and Recreation Director with whatever the committee provides as the specific criteria.

Town Attorney Arango will circulate the legislation with Tim and Commissioner Paul to distribute to the committee.

Committee Member Salzhauer made a motion to have this item added to the next Park and Recreation Committee meeting and move the August meeting from the 19th to the 26th. The motion received a second from Committee Member Agresti. The motion carried 4-0.

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

No public comments

8. Adjournment

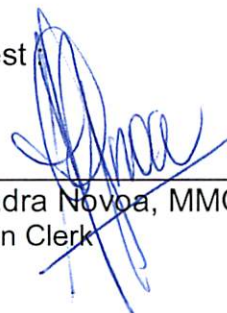
Committee Member Danzinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Agresti.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 22 day of August, 2019


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest


Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk