



**Town of Surfside
Parks and Recreation Committee
MINUTES
February 27, 2023
5:30 PM
Community Center Fish Bowl**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Logan at 5:32 p.m.

2. Agenda and Order of Business

The following members were present: Chair Retta Logan, Vice Chair Frank MacBride, Jr., Committee Member Marta Olchyk, and Committee Member Becky Manuel.

Absent: Committee Member Christopher Cook.

Also Present: Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Acting Town Manager Hector Gomez and Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian.

3. Commission Liaison Report

Commission Liaison Vice Mayor Rose stated he had no Commission Liaison Report to give but will relay to the Commission any information the Committee would like them to consider.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A January 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

A motion was made by Vice Chair MacBride to approve the January 23, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

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5. Discussion Items

5.A 96th Street Park Update - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the project. He stated the heavy equipment was delivered and the demolition of the building has started.

Chair Logan asked how long the demolition would take.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it would take approximately 3 days. He stated that they have done some preliminary work on the scene and behind the scenes. He stated that they are still on course for the January date.

5.B Lifeguard Towers and Staffing of Beach - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced the item and stated that this has been discussed in the past. He turned it over to Mayor Danzinger to present the item.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the item. He stated that he received several emails regarding the danger that is being presented on the beach with visitors not knowing how to swim and going into the water. He stated that he thought of bringing it back to the Committee to see if this is something that is feasible and attainable and this is something that the residents might be requesting.

Chair Logan opened the floor to public comments.

The following individual from the public spoke:

Matilda Anhalt spoke regarding an incident that occurred in the beach and there not being a lifeguard available to assist the individual. She suggested having more flags and signs at the hotels and condominiums to help educate residents and guests.

Chair Logan closed the floor to public comments.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated he puts the information on the flags, lifeguard stands and through the Gazette that goes out every month. It might not be a bad idea to put that they can communicate with the lifeguard stand on 93rd Street. He stated that the lifeguards do patrol the beach and they double up the guard stand during yellow and red conditions. He stated there are measures in place and the lifeguards are very proactive. He continued advising Ms. Anhalt regarding the process and procedures they have in place.

Vice Chair MacBride asked Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding the cost for the additional lifeguard and training. He stated that all municipalities have the same issue of maintaining lifeguards on staff.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Vice Chair MacBride.

A lengthy discussion took place among the Committee Members, staff and Ms. Anhalt regarding the safety measures that should take place among the fact that the common sense of the individual comes into play as well.

Chair Logan stated that part of the problem is the salary that is being paid to these lifeguards and then they leave to other municipalities that pay them more.

Mayor Danzinger suggested possibly having the lifeguards commit to a certain amount of years of service to the Town before leaving. If they do, then they have to reimburse the Town for the training.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that since they are now part of the union it makes it harder to do that and it would then become a bargaining item.

Commissioner Olchyk spoke regarding the issue they had in the past that the hotels did not want to provide the funding for a lifeguard.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that he will work with Tourism and Communications Director Trigueros on having educational sessions with the hotels and condominiums in possibly having signs and flags with the risks of the day that could be present on the beach.

5.C Spring Programs Update - Parks and Recreation Director Tim Milian

Parks and Recreation Director Milian provided an update on the item. He stated that Spring Camp will begin on March 20 through March 24 and it will TNT running the Spring Adventure Camp, which is the same group that ran the Winter Camp. He stated that the YMCA signed the agreement and they will be taking over the Summer Camp and fall afterschool program. He will build into their agreement that they can use their staff for other events.

Chair Logan asked if he had any signups for the Spring Camp.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated he has. He stated that the programs will run through the Town. He stated that they moved their Spring Egg Hunt to the Community Center and it will be held on April 2 from 10 am to 1 pm and it will be in the water playground and the greenspace. He spoke regarding Baynanza which will be April 15 at 8 am and that is run by Miami Dade County and will be held at the Community Center. He stated they will have their Annual Earth Day on April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair MacBride asked regarding the junior lifeguard program.

Mayor Danzinger asked how long the lifeguard program runs. He suggested putting the information out to the schools to see if there are any students interested.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comment made and provided information on the program.

7. Next Meeting Date

7.A Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. - Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello

Committee Members stated that is Spring Break week and Vice Chair MacBride, Committee Member Manuel and Chair Logan would not be able to attend the March 20, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Committee Member Manuel to forego the March 20, 2023 meeting and have the next meeting on April 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss before this Committee, a motion was made by Vice Chair MacBride to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Manuel. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

Evelyn Herbello, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk