



**Town of Surfside  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
MINUTES  
November 27, 2023  
5:30 PM**

Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Manny Crawford Conference Room

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Logan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello called the roll with the following members were present:

Present: Chair Retta Logan, Vice Chair Frank MacBride and Committee Member Marta Olchyk.

Absent: Committee Member Christopher Cook and Committee Member Becky Manuel.

Also Present: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Adrian Hernandez, Commissioner Liaison Vice Mayor Rose and Town Manager Hector Gomez.

**2. Agenda and Order of Business**

**3. Commission Liaison Report**

Vice Mayor Rose did not give a liaison report but asked the Committee Members if they have anything they would like him to take to the Commission to let him know.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**4.A September 18, 2023 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes -**  
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

A motion was made by Vice Chair MacBride to approve the September 18, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

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**5. Discussion Items**

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

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update of the park.

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He stated that they are still on schedule and looking towards a March 2024 opening. He stated that they removed the shoring for the building and working on the exterior framing and interior framing and continue meeting on a bi-weekly basis with the contractor.

Chair Logan asked regarding the market banner that is falling and it should be taken down.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated he will talk to Tourism and Communications Director Trigueros regarding that banner because it is theirs and will make sure it will be taken down.

Committee Member Olchyk asked if they will be ready to open in March.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated that they are still on the path to open in March.

Town Manager Gomez spoke regarding possibly opening it certain sections of the park as they become available.

Chair Logan asked if the basketball would be open.

Town Manager Gomez stated he will open up the areas that will be safe to open and operate.

The Board agreed to the suggestions by Town Manager Gomez.

Town Manager Gomez spoke regarding having a field trip and opening it up to residents that would like to tour the facility. He stated to have possibly 2 different time slots with a maximum of 10 people per time slot. He stated that they will work on the logistics with the Parks and Recreation Department as well as the contractor.

## **5.B Halloween Event Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an update on the Halloween event and stated it was a success. He stated it was the first year they followed the Tourist Board format and everyone gave great feedback on how safe they felt.

Chair Logan stated she heard the same thing and asked how many went through.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated they had a record turnout.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that he heard great feedback and that they felt it was safer for the children in the new location.

Vice Chair MacBride stated they had other areas to park.

Discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding the event and parking for this event.

### **5.C Fall and winter Programming - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez provided an overview of the Fall and Winter programs. He stated it concluded 2 weeks ago and they had great attendance for all the events. He stated for the Winter programming they are adding gardening classes, self defense, and teen programming. They had a great senior trip and they went to see a play.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that Jorge did a fantastic job and how he helped the seniors especially with the rain storm that day.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez spoke regarding the next senior field trip going to the Frost Museum on December 20 and then a brunch on December 15. He stated the winter wonderland is December 17 and explained what they will take place and the location.

Chair Logan spoke regarding the greenspace use for the event and asked if they will have rides.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez stated they will have some inflatables due to the space.

Vice Chair MacBride asked for him to elaborate on the guitar lessons.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez addressed the comments made and guitar 1 is full and they want to add guitar 2 and 3 but are limited on space. He stated that once the park is open they can expand the guitar lessons.

Vice Chair MacBride stated some of the issues with music lessons they progress but they have no one to perform in front of and he suggested having them do a recital.

The Committee suggested having the children perform at Family Fund Day or for the seniors.

### **5.D 92nd Street Project - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director**

Vice Chair MacBride spoke regarding the new bump out on 92nd Street and Bay Drive and it is a good idea because it slows down drivers. He stated that that was the first Veteran's Park. He gave the history of that property. He then provided a presented the item and provided a presentation with some options for that project. He suggested a reading circle with benches, possible tables and a bronze sculpture of children reading.

Discussion among the Committee Members and staff took place regarding the presentation and concept being proposed.

Town Manager Gomez spoke regarding the bump out and how it came about. He spoke regarding the presentation and getting direction from the Committee for him to take to the Town Commission.

Vice Mayor Rose suggested having a table along with the bench.

A motion was made by Chair Logan to direct the Town Manager to take this to the Commission for recommendation for having something like that in that area as well as having Vice Chair MacBride give this presentation to the Commission, seconded by Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

**5.E Winter Programming Update** - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Duplicate item. Not discussed.

**6. Public Comments**

Chair Logan opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public speakers.

Chair Logan closed the floor to public comments.

**7. Committee Member Comments**

There were no Committee Member comments.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

**8.A Next Meeting Date: December 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Manny Crawford Conference Room** - Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello advised the Committee Members of the next meeting date being December 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Manny Crawford Conference Room.

Consensus was reached to hold the next meeting on December 18, 2023.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss before the Committee a motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair MacBride. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Accepted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:

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Evelyn Herbello, CMC  
Deputy Town Clerk