



## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT MARCH 2017**

### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES / ENHANCEMENTS**

**1. See Click Fix --** Report attached.

#### **2. Development Application Status**

- A. 9116 Harding – A site plan application for a 4 unit townhouse development has been received. A Development Review meeting was held November 2, 2016. Comments were provided and corrections were required. The plans were resubmitted and the second DRG was held on February 7, 2017. A DIC meeting has not been scheduled at this time.
- B. 228 89<sup>th</sup> Street – Casa de Jesus – a Special Exception application has been submitted related to an afterschool program. A Development Review meeting was held on December 6, 2016. Comments were provided and corrections were required. The plans were resubmitted and a DIC meeting was held on February 7, 2017. The item will be scheduled for the March Planning & Zoning Board meeting.
- C. 8851 Harding Avenue – a 25 unit condominium development was submitted in January 2015. A Development Review meeting was held on January 22, 2016. The applicant resubmitted the plan on August 1, 2016 and a second Development Review meeting was held on August 18, 2016. Comments were provided and corrections were required. The applicant resubmitted the plans and comments were provided on January 26, 2017. A DIC meeting will be scheduled in the future.
- D. Surf Club II – A site plan application was submitted on August 12, 2015. The Development Review meeting was held on September 4, 2015. A second DRG meeting was held on April 18, 2016. The plans were resubmitted on June 13, 2016 and DIC was held on July 27, 2016. The application was heard by Planning and Zoning on August 25, 2016. The applicant has revised the request and resubmitted the plans. The DRG and DIC meetings are scheduled for March 9.
- E. Surf Club North West building – A site plan amendment was submitted on February 9, 2017. The Development Review Group (DRG) meeting is scheduled for March 9.

### **TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

#### **3. Code Compliance Cases**

A. Code Violation Cases: As of February 24, 2017, the total number of active, open cases being managed is 161; of these cases, 73 cases are still under investigation and are working towards compliance, 11 cases are on-hold, 38 are in the Special Master hearing queue; 8 cases are in post-Special Magistrate action status, and 31 cases have been lienied and remain unpaid. Properties with unpaid liens are sent letters on a quarterly basis.

B. Collected Civil Penalty Fines: 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, resolved 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 of the fine amounts collected:

- FY 16/17: 61 cases have paid/settled through February 24, 2017 for a total of \$21,177
- FY 15/16: 152 cases paid/settled for a total of \$137,282
- 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

## **Finance**

### **4. Fund Balance Reserve Policy**

The Town has four (4) Enterprise Funds known as Business-type Activities that include Water and Sewer, Municipal Parking, Sanitation and Stormwater Utility. A policy for establishing and funding the reserve accounts of these Enterprise Funds that are Restricted for Renewal and Replacement and Restricted for Loan Reserve will be included in the Five Year Financial Forecast with the annual funding of these reserve accounts to be considered in the 2017-18 Annual Budget. The funding of reserves in the Enterprise Funds are components of the fee structure in addition to the amount charged to recover the cost of the services. This will be discussed during the 2017-18 Budget process with the Town Commission.

## **Police Department**

### **5. February 2017 Significant Incidents/Arrests**

- Auto Burglary Arrest- 02/02/2017: 9133 Collins Avenue. The subject was arrested for entering an unlocked van in the construction site.
- Suspicious Incident – 02/11/2017: 825 91<sup>st</sup> Street. The subject was not located and there was no burglary attempt to the house.
- Apartment Burglary – 2/14/17: 9000 block of Collins Avenue. Nothing was stolen. There is video surveillance of the subject entering the residence.
- Information – 02/24/2017: 19390 Collins Avenue. Surfside PD detectives were involved in a proactive investigation with Sunny Isles Beach Police Department when a robbery/shooting occurred in Sunny Isles Beach. SPD detectives and officers responded to assist.
- Crash/Arrest – 02/26/2017: 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Collins Avenue. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was arrested.

### **6. LEO Awards**

The annual Miami-Dade County LEO Awards ceremony is on March 18, 2017 at Parrot Jungle. Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph has been selected as a finalist for the Support Services Award.

## 7. Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation

In November of 2016, the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) conducted an on-site review of a CFA Standard regarding the Surfside PD Property and Evidence Unit. The review assessment was conducted by CFA Assessor Tim Elder and lasted approximately four (4) hours. Assessor Elder submitted a review report to the CFA board detailing that the Surfside PD was in full compliance with the Property and Evidence Standard that was reviewed.

On February 22, 2017, Chief Allen and Lt. Bambis attended the CFA Board of Commissioners meeting in St. Augustine, Florida, where a sub-committee and the full commission reviewed the findings of Assessor Elder regarding the Surfside PD compliance with the CFA standard and both entities affirmed that the Surfside PD was in full compliance with the applicable standard. The Surfside PD will not be required to have any further reviews until the next Accreditation Assessment Review of all standards in late 2018.

## 8. Uniform Crime Report

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement biannually and annually. The FBI uses UCR to track crime nationwide. The crimes recorded are Murder, Sexual Battery, Robbery and Aggravated Assault (Violent Crimes) and Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft (Property Crimes). Surfside experienced an overall increase in crime in 2016. This increase can be contributed to additional property crimes specifically to an increase of burglaries and thefts from construction sites, thefts from hotel rooms, thefts from unlocked vehicles and thefts of bicycles. Aggravated Assaults increased from 6 in 2015 to 11 in 2016 and many were domestic related. Arrests also increased from 136 in 2015 to 183 in 2016.

	Index		Violent		Property	
	Total Crimes	%CH	Crime	%CH	Crimes	%CH
2007	174	6.1	20	-50	154	24.2
2008	170	-2.3	34	70	136	-11.7
2009	202	18.8	27	-20.6	175	28.7
2010	167	-17.3	13	-51.9	154	-12.0
2011	183	9.6	4	-69.2	179	16.2
2012	167	-8.7	15	275	152	-15.1
2013	123	-26.3	7	-53.3	116	-23.7
2014	158	28.5	4	-42.9	154	32.8
2015	137	-13.3	9	125.0	128	-16.9
2016	182	32.8	12	33.3	170	32.8

## **9. Police Events**

- The Miami-Dade Police Department and the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute conducted their 2017 Police Production Demonstration Expo on March 7 in Doral. Sgt. Matelis attended.
- The NE Community Traffic Safety Team (NE CTST) will meet on March 21 at the Sunny Isles Beach Police Department to discuss FDOT's annual Drive Safe – Aggressive Driving Awareness Campaign. At this meeting multi-agency operation dates will be assigned for April, May and June. Sgt. Torres will attend.
- The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on March 22. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.
- The monthly Bike with the Chief is March 29 at Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.
- Coffee with the Cops is March 31 at Starbucks at 10:00 a.m.

## **PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATES**

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

- IT will be completing the upgrade to Microsoft Exchange by March 31, due to network limitations requiring that the firewall be upgraded first.
- IT will be replacing the firewall by March 24.

Respectfully submitted:

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Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager