



TOWN OF SURFSIDE

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
9293 HARDING AVENUE
SURFSIDE, FLORIDA 33154-3009

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday February 22, 2017

7:00 pm

Surfside Community Center
9301 Collins Avenue

MINUTES

1. Roll Call of Committee Members

The meeting was called to order by Retta Logan at 7:08pm

Also in attendance: Shlomo Danzinger, Jeffrey Platt, Eliana Salzhauer*, Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director, Jane Graham, Assistant Town Attorney, Tina Paul, Commission Liaison, Duncan Tavares, Tourist Board Director, Hillary Feldman, resident Barbara & Lou Cohen, resident, Arlene Ayalin, resident and Victor May, resident, and Frantza Duval, Recording Clerk.

*At the time of roll call Eliana Salzhauer was absent. She entered the meeting at 7:18pm.

Tim Milian advised that as of today's meeting Mitchell Gottlieb has resigned from the Committee. Tim Milian advised that until the Town Commission fills the seat the Committee will function with four members.

2. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2016 Meeting

Jeffrey Platt made a motion to approve the amended minutes; Shlomo Danzinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Community Center Second Floor (Barbara Cohen)

Tim Milian provided an overview on the joint Parks and Recreation and Tourist Board committee that was formed for the expansion of the second floor. The recommendation made by the Committee at the time was to table the discussion on the expansion.

Barbara Cohen wanted the Committee to consider adding the second story to the Community Center. The expansion would allow for additional programming, meeting rooms, and a host of other things. Barbara Cohen stated that the time to consider this is now since the demographic of the Town is changing. Retta Logan stated that she has spoken to other residents who advised that instead disrupting the activity at the Community Center it would be best to re-do Town Hall with additional spacing and to also include a sky bridge/cross over that connects Town Hall to the Community Center for pedestrian safety. It makes more sense instead closing the community center. Tim Milian is concerned about shutting down programming during the suggested construction. Jeffrey Platt stated that parking is an issue and stated that he would recommend re-doing the parking lot in front of town hall and also re-doing town hall to help alleviate the need at the Community Center. Eliana Salzhauer stated that in the past meetings the committee voted against paying money to have a firm come in and provide what the load bearing would be. Lou Cohen stated that a lot of time is being wasted by not moving forward on this item. Duncan Tavares stated that the topic was brought before the Tourist Board and there was no real support with the exception of one board member. Duncan Tavares advised that the recommendation would have to come from the Parks and Recreation Committee to the Town Commission. Duncan Tavares advised that there are additional structural solutions such as a “floater” second story. Tina Paul, speaking as a resident, feels like looking at construction at 96th St. Park is a good idea. In doing so, you can figure what additional space or needs are needed at the Community Center. She is also in favor of Town Hall re-construction, but may feel it may pose a problem with the onset of the new construction set to take place.

Eliana Salzhauer made a motion to recommend to commission to engage services of engineering firm as a point of information to find out what the second story can hold. Eliana Salzhauer withdrew her motion.

Jeffrey Platt advised that if the plans isn't to move forward until the next few years with actual construction after the load bearing information is received, then it is best to leave the topic alone until the decision to move forward becomes a reality.

Victory May stated that he spoke to someone at Four Seasons and they offered that the Town can use their ballroom for free. Eliana Salzhauer inquired as to where the money is coming from for the expansion. Is there a savings being earmarked for this type of plan?

Eliana Salzhauer made a motion to stay focus on the 5 year plan, which will now focus on 96th St. Park and then focus on the need for expansion at the Community Center; Shlomo Danzinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Family Fun Day Recap

Tim Milian advised that it was fantastic. He noticed that attendance was low and Retta Logan mentioned that it could be due in part to the Women's March in Washington and the playoffs.

Tim Milian advised that the next event is the 5k Run and the Spring Egg Hunt.

Eliana Salzhauer suggested at the next family event that the giveaways be reflective items. Tina Paul mentioned that the Town Commission did discuss a similar item and that the Town Manager will be providing additional information at the next Commission meeting.

Tim Milian also advised that summer camp is approaching.

5. Hawthorne Tot Lot Renovation Update

Tim Milian advised that the Hawthorne Tot Lot is up and running. The final walk through with the contractor hasn't been done yet, which is expected to happen in the upcoming weeks. The money will be released after the final walk through items have been addressed.

Tim advised that the Parks and Recreation staff will continue to monitor the toys that are being left behind for additional use.

6. Community Input

Tim Milian advised that the lap hours will be extended to 6:30pm in March.

Victory May suggested having an Easter parade for next year.

Eliana Salzhauer mentioned that the Valentine's Day event was amazing. Tim Milian advised that this year was the largest crowd he's seen with at least 78 residents.

Resident Arlene Ayalin inquired on behalf of the elderly residents at Marbella who advised that they are not aware of events happening in the Town and would love to see information posted in the Miami Herald. Eliana Salzhauer stated that the information is

posted in the gazette, on the website, on channel 77, and available at the Community Center. Retta Logan advised that she feels that it's not only her, but she feels that a lot of people are missing out on events happening in Town. She inquired if the teen scene would be available to pass out information to the condos. It was advised that there's always going to be a group of people that feel that they are excluded from something. Arlene Ayalin also stated that the elderly residents feel that there isn't enough senior events. Tim Milian mentioned an extensive list of events for the seniors. Tim Milian stated if she provided the name and information of this particular resident he would be glad to speak to her.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on March 20, 2017.

Eliana Salzhauer inquired about Mitchell Gottlieb's replacement. Tim Milian advised that the appointment would come from Commissioner Gielchinsky and anyone interested would need to complete an application and submit it to the Town Clerk.

Eliana Salzhauer thanked Mitchell Gottlieb for his contribution.

7. Meeting Adjournment

Jeffrey Platt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shlomo Danzinger seconded the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:47pm.

Accepted this 27 day of March, 2017

Retta Logan
Member (Print)

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Attest:

[Signature]
Frantza Duval
Recording Clerk