



## Town of Surfside

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**January 22, 2018 – 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 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

- Chair Retta Logan
- Committee Member Zoya P. Javier
- Committee Member Jeffrey Platt
- Vice Chair Eliana Salzhauer

Absent: Committee Member Shlomo Danzinger

Also present:

- Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
- Tina Paul, Town Commission Liaison
- Elizabeth Hopkins, Parks & Recreation Dept. Intern
- Elora Riera, Deputy Town Clerk

#### **2. Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2017**

Committee Member Platt made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion received a second from Vice Chair Salzhauer and all voted in favor.

#### **3. Family Fun Day Recap**

Parks & Recreation Director Milian commented that the event was a great success. There were over 450 participants. The weather was warm but great and they distributed 500 meals. He mentioned that he would like to discuss the option of a kosher menu at the next meeting when Committee Member Danzinger is in attendance.

Vice Chair Salzhauer thought that the programs were great and recommended that the Department continue to incorporate them.

#### **4. Pool Heater**

Parks & Recreation Director Milian commented that the pool heater furnace blew on New Years Eve. He and Jackie Villagran worked with the pool company and it was determined that the furnace was not salvageable. Within 14 days, the pool heater was replaced and the pool was running and heated again.

Parks & Recreation Director Milian commended the Jackie on her dedication to getting the issue corrected and her hard work was instrumental in getting the new heater installed in a timely manner. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation staff and the aquatic staff for all the efforts to get the heater back up and running from the day the heater went down to the installation of the new one

Committee Member Platt asked how much the heater cost to replace and where the funds came from and Parks & Recreation Director Milian replied that it cost approximately \$36,000 and it came from the emergency fund.

Vice Chair Salzhauer asked what the lifespan of a heater was and Parks & Recreation Director Milian responded that heaters normally last between 5 to 10 years and the old heater was 8 years old.

**5. Hawthorne Tot Lot Update**

Parks & Recreation Director Milian commented that the landscape company added some temporary mulch to the playground. The mulch will be completely replaced on January 26<sup>th</sup>. He is still looking into ideas and speaking with vendors to replace the shade from the tree that went down from the hurricane.

**6. Pool Concession**

Parks & Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee that the bid closed on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and there were two bidders. He is going to select the Committee which will consist of three Town staff members and two residents, one of which will be a member from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Parks & Recreation Director Milian hopes to have the Committee created within the next week to ten days. He stated that once the Committee makes their selection it will be submitted to the Town Commission.

Vice Chair Salzhauer asked what the deadline was and Parks & Recreation Director Milian replied that there is no deadline.

Vice Chair Salzhauer commented that in the past with the old vendor, there were issues with guests bringing in their own food. Parks & Recreation Director Milian commented that there were questions and answers provided at the pre-bid meeting and he is not going to get into those details with the Committee, but her concern was addressed and discussed at the pre-bid meeting.

Vice Chair Salzhauer commented that there are some children who have food allergies so there are cases where guests need to bring food for their children. She wants to ensure that there are no changes to the policy.

Parks & Recreation Director Milian commented that it is something that will be discussed with the vendor.

Discussion ensued regarding food not being allowed on the pool deck and not using styrofoam.

Maria Hamaoni commented that she was in attendance because her and her co-workers submitted a bid for the food and beverage concession services.

Parks & Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee and the public that he is not going to answer any specifics with regards to the bid because both of the vendors are not present.

Eli Ginsburg commented that himself and those who were in attendance with him were his team and they are one of the bidders. He commented that they are all residents of the Town and they all have children who attend the Community Center. Mr. Ginsburg said that the previous vendor would not show up to the concession and it would be closed often and it affected the employees of the Town because they count on the food just as much as the residents. A lot of Town staff have told him that they used to buy their lunch from the concession and they counted on it. He put together a group to address that someone will always be there.

A resident of 9473 Carlyle Avenue commented that his kids were at the Community Center today and they had to bring their own food because there was no kosher food available. He would like to see more kosher options at the concession so his kids can eat there.

**7. Public Comments**

Maria Hamaoni commended Jackie Villagran for her hard work and dedication.

Vice Chair Salzhauer suggested having an exercise or athletic program from tweens.

Discussion ensued regarding tween program ideas.

Parks & Recreation Director Milian thanked Committee Member Platt for his kind words to the Parks and Recreation Committee at the Town Commission meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Committee Members can watch that portion of the meeting on the Town's website.

Yael Mazhach would like to see a skateboard place or program for kids with skateboards to skate because they skate by her house and she is afraid that there is going to be an accident.

Discussion ensued regarding a skate clinic that the Town hosts and a multi-sport facility in Haulover that is being built.

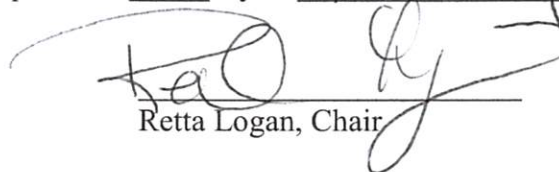
Jonah Salzhauer would like to see a tween program so that the older kids would not be loitering at the park and he would like to see more enforcement at the park because kids horse play too much.


**8. Adjournment**

Committee Member Javier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Chair Salzhauer and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 26 day of February, 2018

  
Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:  
  
Elora Riera, CMC  
Deputy Town Clerk