



Town of Surfside

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

August 17, 2020 – 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 Deputy Town Clerk Herbello at 7:11 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan
Vice Chair Nicole Travis
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.
Committee Member Janice Tatum
Committee Member Marta Olchyk

Also, present: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2020

A motion was made by Committee Member Tatum to approve the July 20, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member MacBride. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote with Committee Member Olchyk voting in opposition because she did not have an opportunity to read the minutes.

4. Reservation Set up and cancelation for lap Swimming - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update on the item and provided the way the program will work and possibly applying a penalty for those that reserve their lap spot and do not show up.

Chair Logan stated that she would believe to wait until it becomes chronic and when they call to remind them are they getting feedback that the individuals forgot.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that they should be penalized if they do not meet their reservation and time slot.

Parks Director Milian stated that if he sees it to be chronic he would then address it and currently they are doing a courtesy phone call to remind them of their appointment.

Committee member Tatum asked if the demand is high and possibly a verbal wording.

Parks Director Milian stated that yes, it has been constant from open to close.

Vice Chair Travis commented on the reservation and that is glad they are watching it and if it does become a chronic issue that they will do something about it.

Commissioner Velasquez suggested instead of giving the slot up within 15 minutes of their reservation time to change it to 5 minutes and then after five minutes they are able to give it to the next individual on the list.

Chair Logan agrees with the 15-minute grace period due to traffic and if after a reminder they still are not showing up, then that individual has to be addressed and that is not fair. She asked if they answer the reminder call from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks Director Milian answered Chair Logan's question and stated that they do answer their call.

Chair Logan requested for an update at the next meeting.

Parks Director Milian spoke regarding monitoring it when school starts and he does not agree with banning individuals.

5. Fall on site programing under new normal - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update on the item and if the Committee has any suggestions on programs to please let him know. He spoke regarding possibly doing drills with Tennis and Soccer programs. He stated that after Labor Day they will have something in place.

Chair Logan stated that she watched one of the Teen zooms and suggested for other Committee Members to watch some of those zoom programs to have an idea of how it is working. She commented on the curriculum changes for school this year and is worried about the zoom classes for those children of school age and how watching the screen for additional time how that would affect them and the program.

Parks Director Milian addressed the comments made by Chair Logan and discussed the programs during school year and how some programs will run and others will not, it all depends on the attendance. He stated they will keep things as normal as they can. He believes this is a good start to see how it will work and get the kids outside.

Committee member Tatum stated that the zoom might be good for afterschool program giving the parents some time for work.

Parks Director Milian stated that the zoom program does have monitors on there as well. He spoke regarding the fees and keeping them as low as possible so it will not be an additional burden on the parents.

Commissioner Velasquez asked how much the zoom classes cost the residents. She stated that a resident contacted her and can provide social media classes for free.

Parks Director Milian answered Commissioner Velasquez' question and stated that the zoom programs are free. He stated that he has asked the Committee for their ideas and thoughts and for them to feel free to forward to him some ideas. He stated that the Interim Town Manager stated not to charge for the zoom classes at this present time. He stated that they are sampling the waters with this.

Vice Chair Travis stated that her son likes the snapology class.

Parks Director Milian stated that the drill classes will be different from the zoom that it would be similar to before and they will keep the cost down. He asked the Committee for their feedback on the Pre-Teen/Teen programs.

6. Part-Time Staff vs. Full-Time Staff – Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update on the item and that they are going through the budget process. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is 80% part-time employees and he advocates for full-time employees. He went through the Parks and Recreation staff.

Committee member MacBride always advocates for full-time employees and it is difficult on part-time salary.

Chair Logan agrees with Committee member MacBride.

Committee member Olchyk commented on her complaints with the employees that work the pool and that are part-timers and believes if they would be full-time employees the employees would be more helpful to the residents. She stated she is an advocate for full-time employees.

Committee member MacBride stated that those complaints need to be addressed. He asked Parks Director Milian if there is a liability in assisting individuals from entering and exiting the ocean.

Parks Director Milian stated it is a liability. He spoke regarding a rope that used to be in place for when staff was not there for the elderly to assist themselves in pulling themselves out of the water. That rope was removed due to liability. He has addressed with his staff to help the residents and seniors.

Commissioner Velasquez asked how many full-time staff members would he need.

Parks Director Milian stated that currently they are good with the eight (8) full time employees. He stated that if he could fill all the lifeguards with full time would be great but currently they are managing with the ones they have.

Further discussion took place among Parks Director Milian and Committee members regarding the programs that are open, the regulations on cleanliness and if they are able to maintain the new normal with the number of employees he currently has.

Committee member MacBride asked if they have the necessary materials that the CDC requires one to have in order to open the facilities and programs.

Parks Director Milian answered Committee member MacBride's question and stated that he does have the required materials.

Chair Logan asked regarding the reservations and if the seniors that need special accommodations if they can assist them.

Parks Director Milian answered Chair Logan's question and stated that they do assist them and that all they need to do is request the special assistance with they call to make the reservation.

7. Scholarship Selection Announcement - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian stated that he received the Committee members suggestions and that both applicants met all the criteria and it will be brought before the Commission as the selected scholarship winners.

8. 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update on the item and explained the process once the design selection is chosen he will continue updating the Committee on this project. He stated that this will be an item that will continue to be on the agenda. He spoke regarding the Selection Committee meeting and spoke regarding the work the selected firm has performed.

Parks Director Milian stated that what is needed is something functional and aesthetics.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if this firm has done any other parks that one can take a look at.

Parks Director Milian addressed Commissioner Velasquez' question and stated that yes this firm has done work in Miami Beach and Hallandale. He stated that the Clerk's Office will have a link that one can look at.

Vice Chair Travis asked where they are in the process and what the next step is.

Parks Director Milian answered Vice Chair Travis' question and gave her an explanation of the process and selection process.

Committee member MacBride asked if the kayak launch is still part of this project. He stated that he is not in agreement with a kayak launch at the 96th Street Park.

Committee member Tatum asked if there is an avenue to explore the kayak launch quicker.

Parks Director Milian stated that they have not discussed that at this time.

Further discussion took place among the Committee members, Commissioner Velasquez and Parks Director Milian regarding the kayak launch, its design, location and funding.

Parks Director Milian stated he will speak with the Interim Town Manager and bring back the kayak launch item on the September agenda.

Commission Member MacBride commented on the amount of traffic that would be coming into 96th Street Park with a kayak launch. He suggested taking a walk and see what size of the area needed.

Parks Director Milian stated that it would have to be noticed due to more than one member present but he will look into it.

Chair Logan suggested for Committee Member MacBride or Committee Member Tatum to go and take pictures individually and submit to Deputy Town Clerk for the next agenda. She requested for Parks Director Milian to bring it back to the Committee at the September meeting.

Commissioner Velasquez spoke regarding the Point Lake suggestion area and that those residents are very vocal and that location might not be a good spot. She suggested other areas that can possibly be a good spot that will not have a major impact on those residents and should only be for Surfside residents. Parks Director Milian stated he will put it on September and they can discuss and address the kayak launch.

Commissioner Velasquez suggested it going before the Town Commission Meeting for direction.

Parks Director Milian agreed with Commissioner Velasquez and stated it go on the September Commission meeting agenda.

Further discussion took place among the Committee members, Commissioner Velasquez and Parks Director Milian regarding possible location for the kayak launch without having to wait for the 96th Street Park to be built.

9. Public Comments - (3-minute time limit per speaker)

There are no public comments.

10. Next Meeting: September 21, 2020

Parks Director Milian advised the Committee of the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting date.

Consensus was reached by all the Committee members to hold their next meeting on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:28 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Tatum. All voted in favor.

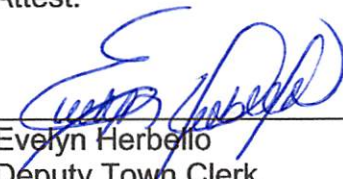
Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 14 day of September, 2020



Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbell
Deputy Town Clerk