



Town of Surfside

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Logan at 7:03 p.m.

The following were present: Chair Retta Logan
Vice Chair Nicole Travis
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.
Committee Member Marta Olchyk
Committee Member Janice Tatum (arrived at 7:15 pm)

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez

Also, present: Town Manager Andy Hyatt
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

3. Approval of Minutes: December 21, 2020

A motion was made by Vice Chair Travis to approve the December 21, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member MacBride. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Tatum absent.

4. 96th Street Park Project Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the project and advised the Committee that the architectural firm was selected and advised them of the upcoming meetings and spoke regarding the kayak launch.

Chair Logan asked regarding the project and the evaluation committee.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Chair Logan and that the kick off meeting will be Wednesday and schedule the first outreach meeting sometime in February.

Discussion took place among the Committee members and the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the forum for the outreach and the zoom landscape for the upcoming meetings.

Committee Member MacBride asked what types of programs they are looking for besides the ones they currently have to move forward.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Committee Member MacBride and gave him examples of the types of programs they are looking at having that includes Youth, Camps, Adult, Senior Programs and Special Events. He spoke regarding the recreational facilities at the park to help relieve some of the programming issues at the community center and adding multi-functional programs and expanding the park operations.

Committee Member MacBride suggested something that will assist residents with the zoom programs.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding different programs, zoom programs and what can be done to assist the residents with the different programs being offered.

Committee Member Olchyk asked how many people these programs could serve or hold in the new facility.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they have not determined how many they could hold in the new facility but if they go by square footage, to be functional, it has to accommodate the Fire Code.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian asked if the Committee should have an extra meeting. He stated that they could do a meeting to address the architectural firm and have a separate meeting to address the architectural design.

5. New Normal Update/Programming - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the new normal program and spoke regarding the COVID restrictions and Surfside Pool is one of 6 in Miami Dade County that are operational. He gave the hours of operation for the Town's facilities and the changes in hours based on programming restrictions.

Committee Member Tatum asked regarding the tot lot program.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Committee Member Tatum regarding the fall/winter tot lot program. He spoke regarding different programs and Spring events coming up and accommodating families.

6. Pool/Slide and Water Tot Lot Maintenance for 2021 - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks Director Milian gave an update of the item and its maintenance schedule for 2021. He spoke regarding the budgeting of the pool maintenance and they are shooting for February 16, 2021, they are signing the contracting and shutting the pool down in order to do the maintenance. They have the water slide open for recreational.

Committee Member Tatum asked regarding recreational swimming.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Committee Member Tatum regarding the restriction when it comes to recreational swimming.

Committee Member MacBride asked regarding the tot lot maintenance.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Committee Member MacBride. He stated that they are going to do maintenance of all the apparatus and will be a major overhaul. That the tot lot is the Water Playground located at the community center and not Hawthorne park.

Vice Chair Travis asked if the locker rooms were open.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they are still closed.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members and Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding the different closures of certain programs.

Committee Member MacBride asked how many survey results they received or completed on the kayak launch.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that from what he heard was over 250 surveys the time he has checked but was sure a lot more had been received.

Town Manager Hyatt stated it was approaching 500 and they received a good number of responses.

Chair Logan spoke regarding the different number of submissions.

Vice Chair Travis also commented on the number of submissions and results.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding the seawall ownership and location.

Discussion took place to have the March 15, 2021 meeting strictly for the architectural design meeting if it fits into the Architectural time frame moving forward.

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

There were no public speakers.

8. Next Meeting: February 22, 2021

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of the next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting date. Consensus was reached to have the next meeting on February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment


A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:46 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member Olchyk. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 22 day of February, 2021.


Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbelo
Deputy Town Clerk