



Town of Surfside

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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
Vice Chair Nicole Travis
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.
Committee Member Marta Olchyk
Committee Member Janice Tatum

Also, present: Town Manager Andy Hyatt
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez (arrived at 7:29 p.m.)
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director
Adrian Hernandez, Parks and Recreation
Superintendent
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Agenda and Order of Business

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised the Committee of a scheduling conflict that the Town Clerk's Office has for the October 18, 2021 and requested to change that meeting to October 25, 2021.

Consensus was reached to change the October 18, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to October 25, 2021.

3. Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2021

A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to approve the February 22, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Committee Member Tatum. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave a recap and update on the project and advised that the kayak launch is part of the design. He spoke regarding the upcoming Community Dialogue Meeting on April 28, 2021 where they will be discussing the project.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Milian gave an update on the programs and advised that Miami-Dade County came up with some new updates and they are hoping to get back to a new normal. He spoke regarding expanding the lap lanes, open up the recreational swim spots with visitors and starting to move towards that direction and planning the summer camp.

Vice Chair Travis logged off at 7:08 pm due to technical difficulties.

Committee Member Tatum spoke regarding the water fountain and the dog drinking area.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Committee Member Tatum and he has been addressing the issue with Miami Dade County.

6. Spring Camp Recap - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the Spring camp and the wide range of different programs available. He stated that he did not see an overwhelming participation and would consider looking at this for next year. He stated that they wanted to be able to spread out the individuals. He stated that they had too many programs available and would prefer that than not enough programs.

Vice Chair Travis stated that she has been having technical issues. She gave some feedback from other parents stating that they would like to have programs that would be the whole day.

7. Summer Camp Update - Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the Summer Camp and spoke regarding the different programs available. He stated that it would depend on the space and new guidelines. He stated that they are looking at it again and in December they will be doing winter camp inhouse and by next summer and spring

they will be hosting it like before. He stated that the summer camp should be able to work to some degree this year. He spoke regarding a survey that was sent out on the Teen Camp and they only received a few responses.

Chair Logan stated that the camp will run differently. It will be done in 2-week blocks.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian explained how the reservation system works with the week blocks and how they run the extended camp. He spoke regarding the different amenities even though they will not have field trips.

8. Tennis Court Rules & Enforcement – Vice Chair Nicole Travis Loper

Vice Chair Travis gave an overview, synopsis of the item and that the Tennis Center is one of the most used facilities especially during the Winter. She gave some observations and some apply to other facilities like the pool. She gave three main topics. She stated that she spoke with Parks and Recreation Director Milian regarding the topics and some have been addressed.

Vice Chair Travis gave her three main topics; nonresident use, unregulated coaching; and use of the reservation system.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding the courts to stay available for residents especially during peak hours and understands who is using the courts.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding unregulated coaching. She feels that it would be people that are not partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department and are not on that list but are using the courts and making money and this is an awareness factor that is taking place at the Tennis Center.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding the reservation system and how it applies to the pool, people making reservations and not showing up and it causes problems. She stated that these are valuable resources for the Town and when people sign up for a swim lane or tennis court and do not go and use it, it becomes a resource that is unable to be used. She stated that they need to stay vigilant and make sure that nobody is abusing the system.

Chair Logan spoke regarding the reservation system and those not showing up.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Chair Logan and Vice Chair Travis as it relates to the reservation system. He stated that part is on staff to make sure they stay vigilant and non-residents would be able to use the courts. He spoke regarding regulating those instructors using the courts. He stated this is something that has been ongoing. He spoke regarding lap

swimming in the pool and the Town does not charge when other municipalities do charge and they have to pay in advance for their reservation. He stated that the swimming has improved. He spoke regarding when they renovated the tennis courts and for Parks and Recreation to take it over and contract out to an independent contractor for tennis classes.

Chair Logan asked Parks and Recreation Superintendent Hernandez regarding the reservation system.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Hernandez addressed the question from Chair Logan and stated that they call them 15 minutes prior to their appointment.

Committee Member Tatum suggested having a waiting list online.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Hernandez stated that they do not have that capability at this time.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the online reservation system and they are trying to better their system.

Chair Logan asked if a resident comes with their private instructor to use the court if they are allowed to do that.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Hernandez answered Chair Logan's question and the system and options they currently are using. He elaborated on the number of hours they are giving the contractor; GM Tennis and they are being given guaranteed court time.

Vice Chair Travis asked regarding tracking the no-shows and if it is a chronic problem with certain individuals. She asked if they update the system and remove the name from the slot and does it reflect the current condition.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Hernandez answered Vice Chair Travis' question and stated that yes, after 10 minutes of a no-show they will remove the name and the system is updated.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that at the last Commission meeting they approved adding the kayak launch at the 96th Street Park.

Vice Chair Travis stated that at the meeting she believed that what was approved was to have a design to add as an option the kayak launch.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that yes, then when they bring the design to the Commission Meeting they will bring it back.

Committee Member MacBride asked if then other locations in Town have been removed from the table to place the kayak launch. He stated that there are plenty of street ends that are available. He spoke regarding spending approximately \$500,000 to build the kayak launch. He stated that his concern is placing the launch at a park where children will be playing.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that based on the survey that was conducted, the majority would like it at 96th Street Park and the lands are very expensive to purchase. She stated that she does not believe it would be that costly but the Town has \$18 million dollars in reserves and it is what the residents want. She addressed the comment made regarding the children and stated that it will be very safely built.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian advised Commissioner Velasquez regarding the next public outreach and the kayak launch will be discussed in order for the public to have input. He stated that they have some design sketches out there, which is a big step forward.

Chair Logan spoke regarding the property that was on the table and it is no longer available for purchase. She asked if they are looking at any other waterfront property and that the street ends will be received backlash from the residents.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that they are still looking for property and expecting to purchase something that the price will work for the Town.

Chair Logan stated that the feedback she has received is that the residents are not happy with placing the launch at the street ends.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that at the park there will always be a staff member there and at a street end there is nobody watching the children and the street ends would be less safe than having it at the park.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they do staff the park when the park is open and the street end to have it staffed is something that has to be addressed.

Committee Member Tatum stated that possibly putting out flyers regarding the April 28, 2021 meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they are working on the outreach for that meeting.

Further discussion took place among the Committee Members regarding how to get the word out for the outreach meeting on April 28, 2021.

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

The following individual from the public spoke:

Jeff Rose stated that the street ends make the most common sense for a kayak launch. He spoke regarding people complaining on purchasing a property. He stated that the park will take about 3-4 years and why wait 3-4 years to have a kayak launch. He stated that technically the street ends are pocket parks and cannot be used as traditional parks and that is in the charette.

Committee Member MacBride agrees with speaker Jeff Rose and spoke regarding if the Marine Patrol allows it at the park. He does not think the park will take 3 years to finish.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that the design team is tasked with that as it pertains to permitting.

Committee Member Tatum asked if they are allowed to build a structure on an easement.

Town Manager Hyatt addressed the question by Committee Member Tatum.

Further discussion took place among the Committee and Commissioner Velasquez regarding placing the kayak launch at the street ends.

Chair Logan stated that what they should do is wait for the design to be addressed at the April 28, 2021.

10. Next Meeting: May 17, 2021

Consensus was reached to hold the next meeting on May 17, 2021

Committee Member Tatum asked if the meeting will still be zoom.

Deputy Town Clerk Herbello advised that for the month of May it will still be in zoom.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if they prefer keeping it zoom.

Committee Member Olchyk stated that zoom is very convenient. She asked regarding the status on the aquatic Zumba for seniors and if he is going to start it in person.

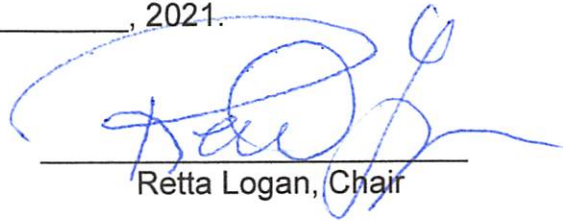
Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they tried but did not get enough participants but they are still working on getting the interest and spreading it out in the aqua setting.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:04 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 25th day of May, 2021.



Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello
Deputy Town Clerk