



**Town of Surfside**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**June 21, 2021 at 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  
Vice Chair Nicole Travis  
Committee Member Marta Olchyk  
Committee Member Frank MacBride, Jr.

Absent: Committee Member Janice Tatum

Also, present: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, Commission Liaison  
Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager  
Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director  
Evelyn Herbello, Deputy Town Clerk

**2. Agenda and Order of Business**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- May 25, 2021 Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member MacBride to approve the May 25, 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Travis. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Tatum absent.

#### **4. \$1,000 Scholarship for Camps and Programs**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced the item and thanked Committee Member Olchyk for her \$1,000 scholarship donation that was donated to the Parks and Recreation Department for camps and programs. He advised the Committee members if anyone is in need to please come talk to him.

Vice Chair Travis asked if there was any process in place.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated there is no process just to come speak to him.

Committee members thanked Committee member Olchyk for her donation.

Vice Chair Travis stated that maybe individuals do not initiate going into a program because they can't afford it but knowing there is a scholarship available they will consider applying for the program.

Committee member Olchyk asked to also extend the scholarship to Town employees.

#### **5. 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park Update.**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced the item and stated that they will be meeting every two weeks and are busy getting their consultants ready. They have a zoom meeting on Wednesday and working with legal on an RFP for the construction of the park.

Vice Chair Travis asked if there is one construction company that will be doing the project. She asked when they would pick the construction company. She asked if the kayak launch will be part of the project and will the same construction company be doing the launch.

Committee member MacBride asked regarding the feedback from the community.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that there was a very good feedback from the community. He explained the process of the RFP and the time it takes to put one together and the deadlines. He stated that the same company will be handling the kayak launch.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that it also entails putting the funding away and having all the money put away now in order to have it ready for the project.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to have hurricane season and summer camp over before the project starts as well as having a minority clause in the RFP.

## **6. Summer Programming Update (Summer Camp)**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced the item and provided an update of the summer camp program. He spoke regarding the difficulty finding staff and they have been very fortunate to have staff available. He stated they worked with a company which they paired with and the two-week session has been popular. They started with 60 and 10 on a waiting list and they are running with 95% residents.

Chair Logan stated that she has heard that the people like the two-week sessions at a time.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian spoke regarding the staggering sessions and it has been fantastic. He stated that they have plenty of natural resources and he has been offered the Miami Shores Center as well.

Committee member MacBride asked if there are any inhouse field trips lined up.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated they do have some things set up.

Chair Logan asked about maybe the children meeting the police officers as well.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they started the junior lifeguard program and Commissioner Velasquez' son is part of the program. He stated that it was popular and they are doing another session.

Vice Chair Travis stated that it is nice to fill that age group of the tweens.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian will check what program the Police Department has for Police Explorers which is where he got the idea for the junior lifeguard program.

## **7. 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

Parks and Recreation Director Milian introduced the item and stated that they are summarizing the permits and setting up the perimeters. They have about 11 turtle nests and everything is looking good. They are going to run events at the Community Center and will put out an itinerary soon. He stated that they will run their events.

## **8. Street End Parks – Vice Chair Nicole Travis**

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding street end parks and stated that Chair Logan suggested to have some foundation questions. She was thinking on how to use street ends in a more efficient manner.

Vice Chair Travis read the email from Town Attorney Recio regarding the questions that were submitted regarding street end parks along with the responses from the Town Attorney.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the question mentioned regarding pocket and passive parks and they have limitations on what you can place there and are limited on the space. He stated that they will need an interpretation as to what community facility use actually means.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding the different colors on the zoning map and what is their zoning and are they more or less restrictive.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that they are more restricted but he will get more detail on that.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that the plat of altos del mar no. 5 is the zoning of the area.

Vice Chair Travis stated that basically the Town controls all the way to the water.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that there is a lot interpretation to be addressed on that.

Chair Logan asked if Commissioner Velasquez would benefit if the Town Planner or Town Attorney would come to the next meeting.

Commissioner Velasquez advised the Committee that Town Attorney Recio, Town Attorney Arango and Town Planner Keller will be at the Zoning Code Workshop tomorrow night and that would be a good time to ask them these questions. She stated that these workshops are good to attend because it could affect your homes.

Committee member Olchyk asked what is the purpose for these street end parks.

Vice Chair Travis stated that she has heard different things from residents on them and how residents and public could use those street ends. She stated that residents are interested in having access to the water and how the Town could use that space.

Committee member MacBride asked Vice Chair Travis what ideas she has that she would like to see for the use of those street end parks.

Committee Velasquez stated that there are signs now that showed up after the pandemic and she has asked as to why those signs are there.

Vice Chair Travis stated that there are different activities like pop up events and once you know what you are allowed to do then you will have different options.

Committee member MacBride spoke regarding the street ends and how some individuals that live across from them are causing some commotion.

Further discussion took place regarding what type of activities could be done at the street ends and to have the Town Attorney and Town Planner at the next meeting to discuss the allowable uses of the street ends.

Vice Chair Travis spoke regarding having ideas that can move forward and possibly doing special events on the different street ends like paddeltopia.

Chair Logan commented that those that are launching they have been doing so for a long time. She also stated that what they are somewhat trying to do is to make sure that a resident does not say "you can't be at that street end".

Vice Chair Travis asked if this is something that the Parks and Recreation Department would be interested in.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that there really is not a lot of space in the street ends. He stated if they knew exactly, then they might be able to do minor things in controlled numbers. He stated possibly having something with no footprint.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that it is similar to having someone serving food on the beach, which causes litter and the idea is to not pollute our waterways. These issues will become environmental problems. She stated that is why she pushes for the kayak launch to be at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

Vice Chair Travis stated that is why it is important to know what is allowed to be done, what projects are allowed and set a foundation. She also discussed some device to make getting in and out of the water while launching your kayak.

Commissioner Velasquez discussed the different zoning uses and having the Town Attorney at the next meeting to answer their questions.

Committee member Olchyk asked which street ends they are discussing. She asked if the description pertains to the same ones that are going to the intracoastal and ocean.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that is a question to be answered by the Town Attorney.

#### **9. Public Comments - (2-minute time limit per speaker)**

There were no public comments.

**10. Next Meeting: July 19, 2021**

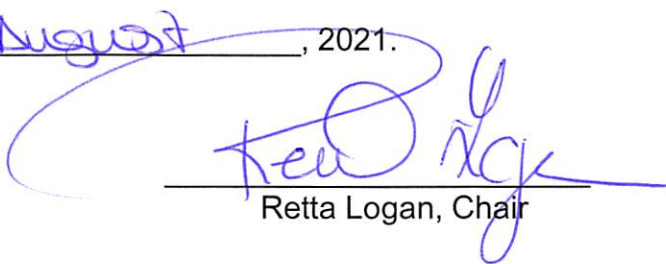
Consensus was reached by the Committee members to have the next meeting on July 19, 2021.

**11. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Committee Member Olchyk to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:52 p.m. The motion received a second from Committee Member MacBride. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Tatum absent.

Respectfully submitted:

Accepted this 23 day of August, 2021.



Retta Logan, Chair

Attest:



Evelyn Herbello  
Deputy Town Clerk