



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Advisory Commission

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021, AT 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. On roll call, all commission members were present except Commissioner Harris.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Coniglio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Watts, and was seconded by Commissioner Schonwald-Villa to approve the Agenda. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Pressly, and was seconded by Commissioner Schonwald-Villa to approve the September 23, 2021, meeting minutes. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORT & DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mark Bresnahan, Division Director of Recreation- Director Bresnahan presented the Director's Update. He highlighted the following items:

- He got married
- Golf Course Manager and Head Professional, Tony Chateauvert, was honored at the Town of Palm Beach Employee of the year for 2021
- The Par 3 Golf Course did 52,000 rounds of golf
- The Mandel Recreation Center:
 - Halloween Happenings event on Oct 23 was very well received
 - Hosted a "Sweating to the 80s event", led by fitness manager Stephanie Bogdan and instructor Sandee Sineni
 - Held a Zoom with HHS, Dr. Carr - Youth Sports Injury Discussion
- Mandel Recreation Center has a goal to keep everyone, including Town employees, "Living Happier, Healthier and Longer Lives" and he discussed a number of ways this is currently being done and plans for the future
- Held the first Pickleball social on Friday December 3, 2021, it was a success, received positive feedback and ideas to improve the social; we will continue to have socials frequently if all continues to go well
- Briefly discussed the Phipps Ocean Park renovation proposed by the Palm Beach Preservation Foundation and the potential for permanent Pickleball courts in the design

- Presented the new tennis logo, inspired with the idea coming from Commissioner Watts
- Save the Date - Mandel Grand Opening 2.0 – Saturday, January 22nd
 - Highlighted by a Navy SEAL Event (12Noon-2 p.m.) followed by interactive activities and events throughout and around the Center, as well as live music and food & beverages.

Rod Gardiner, Assistant Director of Recreation- Assistant Director Gardiner provided a report on tennis. He articulated the trend of resident participation rates holding steady/climbing, with overall play up. The maintenance of the tennis courts are being taken care of with the help of a contractor that specializes in tennis facility maintenance. In the summer of 2023, the Recreation Department is anticipating working with the Public Works Department to do technological and amenity upgrades to the Seaview Park Tennis Center.

Tony Chateauvert, Golf Manager and Head Professional- Golf Manager Chateauvert provided a report on the demand of golf at the Par 3 and the great course conditions despite the high level of play. He discussed the turnover of the staff in the industry and was happy to announce a new full-time staff member, Sabrina Gordon. He also mentioned the new Ball Machine (to assist with the increase in range play) and the One Club tournament and how they had not one, but two, booked out tee times for this event.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Coniglio congratulated Director Bresnahan on his marriage, congratulated Golf Course Manager and Head Pro Chateauvert on his award and what an asset he is to the Town. He also commented: great job at the Halloween event and further encouraged the Commissioners to get involved and thanked Ms. Watts for volunteering at the event; mentioned it was great to see Pickleball back on the Phipps Ocean Park Renovation Plan and feels the community is willing to support Pickleball courts in the renovation; stated the new Tennis logo is wonderful and wondered if a masculine version to the logo could be created; Save the Date - Grand ReOpening, is a great idea and excited for the Navy SEALs event with the goal to get everyone inside the Mandel and said the Advisory Commission needs to be present at this event; parking will be an issue, and bike riding should be encouraged; congratulated Assistant Director Gardiner on the tennis volume; addressing golf employee's turnover, to look to keep those people that we already have in creative ways and to do our best to keep the star employees.

Commissioner Wyrzes congratulated Director Bresnahan on his marriage and all the programming that's been done in a short period of time and she is thrilled PickleBall courts will be down at Phipps.

Commissioner Watts congratulated Director Bresnahan on his marriage, stated staff has done an amazing job on all fronts; commented on addressing the increase in volume in Tennis; the construction of the Pickleball courts and how this is communicated to the residents and play opportunities, especially when construction begins; mentioned having a Pro vs Pro tournament during Grand ReOpening; and had comments on tennis with Assistant Director Gardiner regarding updates on tennis polices, programs and guidelines for the tennis teams.

Overall discussion ensued with staff providing an explanation of what the Team Tennis rules are. This included how to try-out for a team, what to do in an absence, or if there is an issue. Commissioner Wyrzes provided additional comments to the concerns of Commissioner Watts and the discussion of the tennis team polices and procedures.

Commissioner Schonwald-Villa congratulated Director Bresnahan on his marriage and Golf Course Manager Chatauvert on winning Employee of the Year; parking for the Grand ReOpening and reaching out to the Four Arts about using their lot; providing a reward system to the people coming on bikes; and the addition of a Pro vs. Pro or Pickleball match. In regards to the Phipps Ocean Park renovation, it would be a great idea to have a playground at Phipps as well.

Overall discussion ensued to chat with the Preservation Foundation on the addition of a playground to the renovation plan and a valet/parking option for the Grand ReOpening.

Commissioner Pressly gave kudos to staff and congratulated Director Bresnahan on his marriage; he was happy to have Pickleball back on the plans for Phipps; and his excitement about the ReOpening and its membership opportunities.

(A rendering of the potential Phipps renovation slide was brought back up on the screen for the discussion). Overall discussion ensued on location of the playground that is already included. Director Bresnahan explained that he will keep the RAC advised if there are any changes to any Pickleball courts or the addition of another playground.

Commissioner McIver congratulated Mark on his marriage; asked why questions are under commissioner's comments instead of during/after a specific report, asked about the health of Town Employees, and about Paddle Ball (she's been reading about it and is the staff considering this new game), Director Bresnahan responded to all of these questions. She then asked about the Preservation Foundations Phipps plans and if there are walkways and bikeways.

Overall discussion ensued regarding the walking and biking options available in the new design.

Commissioner McIver continued her comments. She looked at the new tennis logo and asked about the separation of "Town of" and then "Palm Beach Tennis"; on the ReOpening she asked about budget to do some advertising to help get some energy from the whole Town in on it. Director Bresnahan responded.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Neal Aronstam- 150 Bradley Place. He requested water to be available on Seaview Tennis Center courts court #6 & #7 and a half canopy over seating on court 7 for the renovation of the courts. He mentioned he enjoys his time at all the facilities.

Staff responded to the ideas of the water fountains. Commissioner Wytzes suggested a 5-gallon jug of water as a temporary fix on both courts #6 & #7. Commissioner Watts stated that visiting teams asked for water as well.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of meeting dates for calendar year 2022
 - i. February 24, 2022
 - ii. May 4, 2022
 - iii. October 6, 2022

1 **Motion was made by Commissioner Watts, and seconded by Commissioner Wyrzes to accept these**
2 **meeting dates for calendar year 2022. Motion passed unanimously.**
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4 VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS
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6 Chairman Coniglio reiterated to this Commission they are the eyes and ears of the community
7 and they are to promote all aspects of our Recreation Department and our town; he's grateful for
8 the volunteering and please utilize all of the facilities and amenities. He stated that the Recreation
9 Department has a very bright future ahead and is excited about the new faces and participation; is
10 looking forward to getting a full year in and creating more partnerships with companies; he
11 requested commissioners to look to have a higher level conversation about things and thinking
12 outside of the box for the future.
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14 VIII. ADJOURNMENT
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16 Chair Coniglio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
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18 **Motion was made by Commissioner Pressly, and seconded by Commissioner Schonwald-Villa to**
19 **adjourn the meeting. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.**
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21 With no further business to discuss, the Recreation Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at
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Nicholas Coniglio, Chair



Board Clerk Michelle Pallante

2/24/2022

Date