



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Advisory Commission

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021, AT 9:00 AM

1 I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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3 The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, February
4 25, 2021 at 9 a.m., electronically via Zoom Webinar. On roll call, all commission members were
5 found present except Commissioner Schonwald-Vila.
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7 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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9 Chair Coniglio led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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11 III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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13 **Motion was made by Commissioner Pressly, and was seconded by Commissioner Woodfield to**
14 **approve the Agenda. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.**
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16 Chair Coniglio recognized Commissioner Howe and Commissioner Woodfield for their service to
17 the Recreation Advisory Commission since this will be their last meeting with the Commission.
18 He mentioned some of the milestones both commissioners achieved during their service which
19 included the Golf Course Clubhouse opening, Phipps Tennis Center renovations, The Mandel
20 Recreation Center, and the Mandel Playground.
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22 Commissioner Woodfield thanked Chair Coniglio. She commented how happy she was with the
23 years of service she's dedicated and looking forward to the next chapter.
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25 Carolyn Stone, Director of Business Development and Operations, advised that each
26 Commissioner would be recognized for their service to the Recreation Advisory Commission at
27 the April Town Council meeting.
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29 IV. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2020, MEETING MINUTES

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31 **Motion was made by Commissioner Pressly, and was seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve**
32 **the December 3, 2020, meeting minutes. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.**
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34 V. STAFF REPORT & DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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36 Director Stone provided an overview of the staff report, noting the record-setting months last year
37 and the momentum carrying over into 2021. She congratulated Tony Chateauvert on his 10 years
38 of service to the Town at the Par 3, provided a brief COVID-19 update, and expressed that
39 recreational opportunities are a must during this time. Mrs. Stone explained that the Recreation
40 Department has been doing everything possible to make people feel safe and continue to offer a

1 variety of classes. Lastly, she thanked Commissioner Howe and Commissioner Woodfield for
2 their service on the Recreation Commission.

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4 Mark Bresnahan, Business Development and Operations Manager, thanked Commissioner Howe
5 and Commissioner Woodfield for their service and provided an update regarding the fitness
6 center. The updated included a step challenge called STRIDEKICK for the month of March 2021
7 and new equipment called the InBody 570 machine, along with the sessions and pricing offered to
8 members.

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10 Discussion ensued regarding availability of the InBody 570, if an appointments are required or if
11 walk-ins are welcome, and the amount of time to use the machine.

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13 Manager Bresnahan continued his update with an overview regarding Pickleball being in the
14 early phases of development on the Island, the development of lessons and clinics for this sport,
15 and provided dates and times for play. He noted play times which are as follows, Monday,
16 Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Pickleball net will be set up for open
17 play on the outside court on a first come first serve basis. Outside of the times described
18 participants need to bring their own net and set it up.

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20 Discussion ensued regarding location of outside courts at the Mandel, availability and cost, and a
21 recap of the dates and times.

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23 Manager Bresnahan continued his overview with programming at the Mandel. He specifically
24 covered youth sports and the season's success, the requests for proposals on the café starting on
25 March 8, 2021, and shared a video of highlights from the Recreation Department's social media
26 postings.

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28 Discussion ensued regarding the InBody 570 machine increased pricing for non-members, use of
29 the new equipment and the recent publicity of the equipment with the help of the Civic
30 Association. Larger events at the Mandel during the upcoming summer months were discussed
31 with the anticipation of Camp Palm Beach and planning for events while adhering to COVID-19
32 protocols.

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34 Rod Gardiner, Assistant Director of Recreation, thanked Commissioner Howe and Commissioner
35 Woodfield for their service, provided an overview on the Seaview Park turf, and the Tennis
36 programs. He provided brief comments on the high use of Seaview Park and the high volume of
37 play for Tennis, specifically the increasing revenue and resident participation. Phipps Park
38 currently has maintenance projects underway, but tournaments and play are able to continue.
39 Assistant Director Gardiner reviewed the Tennis Double Championship and the Mixed Doubles
40 Championship that is planned for April 10-11, 2021.

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42 Discussion ensued regarding a warranty on the Phipps Park fence, which there was none due to
43 location near the beach. Comments were provided regarding the length of time to receive a call
44 back for scheduling a game with the Tennis reservation system and a suggestion of a different
45 system called "Let's Meet." Staff provided clarification of the current software used and the
46 unique parameters for booking resident vs. non-resident play.

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48 Tony Chateauvert, Golf Manager and Head Professional, thanked Commissioner Howe and
49 Commissioner Woodfield for their service on the Recreation Advisory Commission. He also
50 thanked the Town, Deputy Town Manager Jay Boodheshwar and Director Carolyn Stone for their
51 support over the last 10 years. Mr. Chateauvert provided an overview of the Par 3 Golf Course
52 surge in popularity, Club Caddy software and its success, the course and clubhouse conditions,

1 and Raymond Floyd Open. He commented that every month this year has been extremely busy.
2 Mr. Chateauvert noted some key points on each item which included the Par 3 changing its golf
3 play registration software to Club Caddy and its added benefits. He explained the golf course and
4 clubhouse conditions have remained a high priority for staff due to the increase of use.
5 Additionally, thirty-six brand new carts have been purchased, the bee hive on the 13th tee box has
6 started to provide a profit and The Raymond Floyd Open is next Thursday, March 4th.
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8 Discussion ensued regarding the handrail maintenance, if staff monitors the flow of golf play on
9 the course throughout the day, and if a plan has been put together for long-term items to be
10 maintenance or added at the course. Staff provided clarification on the handrail material and
11 confirmed that a staff member does oversee the golf play about once an hour. Director Stone
12 confirmed staff does have plans to work on several long-term items for improvement now that
13 revenues are allowing for monies to be placed in reserves.
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15 III. COMMENTS FROM THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSIONERS

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17 Chair Coniglio commended staff on the Café concept, the lacrosse and flag football programs,
18 and the upkeep of the tennis courts. He would like staff to continue working on the Tennis
19 reservation system to improve it. Mr. Coniglio expressed his interest in visiting the beehive at the
20 Par 3 and thought the rack sale was a great idea. He inquired about the old golf carts after new
21 carts were purchased and thanked Tony for his 10 years of service.
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23 Staff provided a response to Chair Coniglio's inquiry, explaining the old golf carts are traded in
24 for money.
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26 Commissioner Harris inquired about how to acquire funding for the Par 3 and suggested a
27 foundation idea such as "Friends of the Par 3."
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29 Discussion ensued regarding a foundation for the Par 3, the current Par 3 Foundation and what
30 options for funding in the future may be available. A suggestion was provided to reach out to the
31 original donors to discuss funding for improvements to the building.
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33 Commissioner Howe complimented Tony on the new golf carts.
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35 Commissioner McIver commented on how well the Zoom format is good for the Recreation
36 Advisory Commission meetings.
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38 Commissioner Pressly commended staff on the new photos on the Par 3 website and was looking
39 forward to the Pickleball update.
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41 Commissioner Woodfield congratulated staff on the success during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
42 She thanked the Commissioners and staff, and enjoyed working with them the past eight years.
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44 Commissioner Wyrzes congratulated Tony on a great job with the Par 3 and for his ten years of
45 service. She also mentioned how much she will miss Commissioner Howe and Commissioner
46 Woodfield on the Commission.
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48 IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

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50 There were no communication from citizens.
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2 V. OLD BUSINESS
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4 A. December 8, 2020, Town Council Decision - Boards and Commissions, Relative to Total
5 Members and Ratio of Regular and Alternate Positions
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7 Chair Coniglio asked Director Stone to elaborate on this item.
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9 Director Stone provided an overview of the Town Council's decision to adopt Ordinance
10 No. 02-2021, Boards and Commissions, Relative to Total Members and Ratio of Regular
11 and Alternate Positions at the February 2021 Town Council meeting. She explained the
12 alternate positions would be removed through attrition and further elaborated what would
13 happen with each Alternate Commissioner. Additionally, Mrs. Stone confirmed the
14 number of seats to be filled were two (2) and Town Council will appoint new members in
15 April.
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17 B. Review of EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 18-2020 Authorizing the Town Manager
18 to Arrange For Public Meetings by Use of Communication Media Technology and For
19 Attendance by Use of Such Technology By Elected and Appointed Officials during a
20 Declared Public Health Emergency
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22 Director Stone provided a brief update regarding in person meetings explaining the Town
23 Council will be meeting in person in March and will decide each month for the other
24 commissions. Currently, the next Recreation meeting will be in May and the decision to
25 meet in person or virtually will be forth coming.
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27 VI. NEW BUSINESS
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29 A. Phipps Ocean Park Master Plan Update - Pickleball
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31 Chair Coniglio briefly provided an overview of the Phipps Ocean Park Master Plan and
32 ask Director Stone to present the material to the Commission.
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34 Director Stone presented a recap of the August 11, 2020, Community Input meeting
35 discussing the Raymond Jungles and The Preservation Foundation Master Plan for
36 Phipps Ocean Park. She explained the Master Plan is in draft form and noted staff asked
37 for a placeholder on the Master Plan for a Pickleball court. There will be five (5) phases
38 for this project and Pickleball would be a part of the later phases.
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40 Discussion ensued regarding the timing surrounding Pickleball in Phipps and a temporary
41 solution was suggested at Seaview in the interim of the construction for the Master Plan,
42 if it moves forward. Staff suggested the timing would most likely be in phase four (4) of
43 the Master Plan and agreed that Seaview would be the best place to open the first court.
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45 B. Mandel/Seaview Park Temporary Pickleball Update
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47 Clerks Note: The discussion for item A. Phipps Ocean Park Master Plan Update - Pickleball continued
48 into item B. Mandel/Seaview Park Temporary Pickleball Update.
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50 Discussion ensued regarding temporary solutions for Pickleball such as Seaview Park,
51 converting one of the seven tennis courts at Seaview into a hard court to be striped for
52 two Pickleball courts, a shade structure during the already planned renovations for the

1 courts in the summer of 2022. Several of the concerns discussed included disrupting the
2 tennis play due to popularity, parking for the additional usage, and what area of town will
3 travel to use the court.
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5 Staff explained play has been available at Seaview Park for a few weeks but, at this time
6 the popularity of the game is not enough to justify the conversion of a tennis court.
7 Pickleball would be a new revenue stream for the Mandel and the tennis professionals,
8 whether a court was converted or kept the same.
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10 Discussion ensued regarding taking some more time to consider whether or not staff
11 should convert the court at Seaview for Pickleball with some fact-finding and data
12 collection.
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14 **Motion was made by Commissioner Pressly, and seconded by Commissioner Howe to recommend**
15 **the Town Council to continue with the Preservation Foundations' Master Plan to include a**
16 **Pickleball court at Phipps Ocean Park. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.**
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18 Discussion ensued regarding allocating more time to consider and collect data before
19 converting a court at Seaview Park for Pickleball.
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21 VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS
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23 There were no additional matters to be discussed.
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25 VIII. ADJOURNMENT
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27 Chair Coniglio asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
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29 **Motion was made by Commissioner Pressly, and seconded by Commissioner Woodfield to adjourn**
30 **the meeting. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.**
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32 With no further business to discuss, the Recreation Advisory Commission meeting adjourned at
33 11:02 am.
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Nicholas Coniglio, Chair