

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

NOVEMBER 27, 1991

I. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Broberg at 1:10 PM on November 27, 1991 in the Recreation Center. Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Broberg, Mr. Ochstein, Mrs. Clarke-Royal, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Myers and Mrs. Coniglio. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Tennis Pro Hay, and Ms. Reedy. Mrs. Newman did not attend the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Clarke-Royal to approve the minutes of the September 25, 1991 Seaview Park meeting. Seconded by Mr. Myers, motion carried.

Mr. Broberg asked if anyone had any additions to the agenda. Mr. Bitzer said he would like to add approval of the agenda.

Mr. Broberg said he had two additions to the agenda. He said he would like to add under "Old Business" Tennis Lighting Update and the condition of the tennis courts, and under "Any Other Matters" he would like to add the number of meetings which the Seaview Park Commission has per year and the other is discussion on the letter which was circulated by Mr. Broberg.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ladies Tennis Teams - Program Policies & Procedures - Status Report - Mr. Hay.

Mr. Broberg asked Mr. Hay for his report on the Ladies Tennis Teams.

Mr. Hay said he had met once with the Ladies Tennis Teams since the last Commission meeting. Mr. Hay said the discussion was mostly about by-laws and structure of the teams. He said that more specific things will be discussed at the next meeting which will be December 13th. Mr. Hay said the purpose of the meetings is to develop written procedures and to address the concerns of the members of the Tennis Teams and will probably include discussions of the spring tryouts.

Mr. Ochstein said he thought the matter of the tryouts had been settled. Mr. Hay said he felt the discussion would be about the

procedure of the tryouts, not the fact that there will be tryouts. Mr. Bitzer said the Commission would be informed of the proceedings and all residents will have an opportunity to tryout.

Mrs. Clarke-Royal asked if nonresident permit holders would be allowed to tryout? She said she felt this should be resolved before the next tryouts. Mr. Bitzer said that probably would be a point of discussion at the meetings.

Mr. Stephen Fisher asked how it was determined which team a lady is qualified for, and how is it determined which team an individual will be assigned to?

Mr. Hay said any resident is eligible to tryout for a team and, who plays on which team is determined by a round robin through competition on the tennis court. Mr. Hay said they plan to have the tryouts for two days to give everyone an equal opportunity.

2. Tennis Court Lighting.

Mr. Broberg asked Mr. Bitzer why the installation of the lights on the tennis courts has not been completed?

Mr. Bitzer said the Contractor has had numerous problems with underground debris. Mr. Hay said the light installation was due to be finished sometime in August but they didn't start the installation until September. He said that when they do come out there's always a problem. Either they don't have the right equipment or it's something else. He said one of the problems is an old sprinkler system, another problem is that they intended to dig the holes by hand, but they couldn't get down to the required four feet.

Mr. Bitzer said the project is being coordinated by the Town's Works Department and that our Engineer has expressed our dissatisfaction to the contractor. Mr. Bitzer said it was his understanding that the Contractor is scheduled to return Monday to finish the job.

Mr. Broberg asked how the construction will affect the condition of the courts? Mr. Hay said it had already affected the courts and when it rains there are pot holes which was caused by the previous trenching. He said he had been told that the trenching had not been properly refilled. Mr. Hay said there also was a problem which had been caused by the Contractor bringing in the concrete. He said the Contractor was responsible for repairing any damage caused by them.

Mrs. Clarke-Royal made a motion that Mr. Broberg should write a letter to the Public Works people expressing the Seaview Park Commission's dissatisfaction with the monitoring of the construction procedures. Seconded by Mr. Myers, motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tennis Shop Fundraising Status Report - Mr. Broberg.

Mr. Broberg said the fund status was basically unchanged. Mrs. McIntyre said she would like to donate \$1,000 to the Tennis Pro Shop fund but she wanted to donate \$500 this year and \$500 next year. Mr. Broberg said that would be no problem. Mr. Bitzer said this was greatly appreciated and thanked Mrs. McIntyre.

2. Adult Doubles A.M. Tennis Group Scheduling Request - Mr. Hay.

Mr. Bitzer said they had a request from the morning doubles group to increase scheduling. He said he had requested this to be an agenda item because any rescheduling could be a touchy subject.

Mr. Broberg asked Mr. Lubow if he wished to comment on the rescheduling?

Mr. Lubow said he and Mrs. McIntyre had a meeting with Mr. Hay and Mr. Bitzer about three weeks ago. He said their group is the only organized group of adult players in the morning during the week. He said they also arranged games for visitors and people who come to Palm Beach part time. Mr. Lubow said they had dropped the name Racketeer's and were now known as the Morning Adult League. Mr. Lubow said there were usually open courts at 9AM through the week and he felt they were justified in asking for more court time.

Mr. Bitzer said the Morning Adult Group had been at Seaview for quite some time, and he felt that Mr. Lubow had raised some very good points. However, he said this could be a very sensitive issue and that Mr. Hay would address what he felt could be some possible problems.

Mr. Lubow said he kept hearing the Ladies Team's. He said they didn't have a problem with the Ladies Team's. He said the ladies didn't play at 9AM during the week, but he said that if they were expected to take the overflow of players then he felt they deserved some cooperation. Mr. Bitzer said he did not mean to imply that it was only the Ladies Teams. He said he realized that things were slow at this time of year, but historically that changes during the season. Also, in addition to open singles play we now have an additional ladies team who may wish to practice in the morning

Mr. Hay said he would like to give everyone what they wanted but that was impossible, and he wanted to make things as fair and equitable as possible for everyone.

Mr. Hay said the Morning Adult Group had about forty people at this time but usually there are approximately 24 players that participate in any one week. He said they now have four courts allotted to them five days a week excluding holidays with a maximum of two courts at 9AM. They can have two more courts either at 8AM or 10AM, or one court each at either 8AM or 10AM. He said that

individuals in the program can play one hour per day with a maximum of three times a week within the program.

Mr. Ochstein said he was unaware of a three hour per week restriction, and asked how they could limit a permit holder from playing anytime they want as long as courts are available. Mr. Hay said they weren't limiting permit holders in general, and that the limits applied to those participating in the Morning Adult Group. Mrs. McIntyre said she felt they were spending a lot of time on a moot subject because most people didn't play more than three times a week anyway. Mr. Hay said he merely wanted everyone to understand the current procedures. He said he fully supports this program as it provides organized doubles games and is a good way for new permit holders to get involved and meet people.

Mr. Hay said the Morning Adult Group has requested a third court at 9AM. He said he would like to give it to them but, had to consider how that would affect everything else. Mr. Hay said that off season was no problem but during the season there was heavy useage in that time period. Mr. Hay said he had the following concerns while considering their request:

1. 9 and 10AM is prime time and has relatively heavy useage in season with all the clay courts booked 50% of the time and 85 to 90% of the courts booked the rest of the time.

2. If the extra court was allotted to the Morning Adult Group, two-thirds of the clay courts would be unavailable for booking Monday through Friday from 9 to 10AM. He said this means there would only be two clay courts available for everyone else.

3. Mr. Hay said he anticipates the tennis facility will become busier in the future as there are new people moving in. More Women's Team players have obtained annual permits and there is a new Ladies C Team.

4. Currently there is a total of 229 adult permit holders. There are 40 players in the Adult Morning Program or 17% of the total, but usually there are 24 players that participate in any one week or 11% of the Total. It was determined that about 100 permit holders prefer to play at 9AM weekdays. Mr. Hay acknowledged that players in the Morning Adult Group are among the most active at the facility.

5. Weekend mornings are very busy and that players, participating in the Morning Adult Group during the week also book about four or five morning court hours on the weekend. Mr. Hay noted that most weekend morning players at other Clubs do not have heavy court booking competition from weekday morning players who are usually in Ladies Leagues.

Mr. Hay said what they would like to achieve is a balance between all programs and open play. As an example, an individual playing on a Ladies Team plays on average, two hours every other week

or one hour per week at Seaview. However, an individual in the Morning Adult Group currently may play three hours per week in this program. Currently the Morning Adult Group gets four courts, five days a week or twenty court hours per week. Mr. Hay said that if the usual 24 players per week played their maximum allotment of three times per week in the program, on average it is twice, then they would require 18 court hours per week. Mr. Hay said that the 20 court hours per week currently allotted, this program would allow 40 players to play two times per week. If the program grew past this then it would require more courts.

Mr. Hay said the following suggestions were offered to the group.

1. That the extra court be taken at either 8AM or 10AM rather than 9AM.
2. That the group could have more courts at the same, but less busy time with possibly a couple of visits per week.
3. They were asked if they would consider reducing their court bookings on week end mornings.
4. The group could have another court at 9AM in the off season.

The Morning Adult Group had suggested it might discontinue as a formal group and just book as individuals, which Mr. Hay said was fine, but that he would hate to see this happen since the program is so successful.

Mrs. McIntyre said she was at the meeting with Mr. Hay and Mr. Lubow and she brought up the question of complaints. She said she felt that if there were complaints they should be written down and dealt with, but they needed to know how many people actually get turned away because there are no courts available. Mrs. McIntyre asked if there was a possibility of turning the hard courts into clay courts and what would it cost? Mr. Bitzer said as far as he knew the question had never come up, but he could look into it. He said that eliminating the hard courts might not be a good idea because when it rains Mr. Hay can still often use the hard courts for the children's programs. Mrs. McIntyre said she realized that but she felt that if they had facts and figures the problem would be easier to deal with. She said that a lot of places restrict play to doubles during peak hours.

Mr. Broberg said he felt there was a misconception about the Adult Morning Group and how much court time they have. He felt that if everyone understood what was going on then there wouldn't be as many complaints. Mr. Broberg suggested that possibly they needed to have rule books printed for each group and for every permit holder.

Mr. Ochstein said there was a rule restricting single play at peak playing times, and he felt it should be enforced. Mr. Hay said he was not sure how that had been handled in the past. Mr. Bitzer said that there is such a rule but it has never been enforced because previously they have been able to accommodate both singles play and group programs with only minor scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Lubow said they didn't wish to create a problem, and he couldn't understand why there was such a problem. Mr. Lubow said he was very disappointed that a letter had been directed to the Town Manager by Mr. Bitzer. He said they were trying to be cooperative and he felt that whatever problem existed it should be handled by the Tennis Pro and the Recreation Director.

Mrs. Coniglio asked if it would be better for the Morning Adult Group to play under the auspices of the Palm Beach Recreation Center? Mrs. Coniglio said it bothered her that they were having to set up rules and regulations for all the groups when they are volunteer groups and do not come under the auspices of the Recreation Center.

Mr. Lubow said they were under the auspices of the Recreation Center. Mrs. Coniglio asked how they come under the auspices of the Recreation Center? Mrs. McIntyre said she was sure that Mr. Lubow had been asked to volunteer for the work he does. Mr. Lubow said he just walked into the job more or less. He said he didn't feel that Mr. Hay or Mr. Bitzer understood the reason for them asking for a third court. He said that most of the time there were free courts available and he assured Mr. Bitzer that when the courts become crowded when the season starts they would relinquish the third court.

Mr. Bitzer said it was his impression that Mr. Lubow was very adamant that they have the third court at 9AM. Mr. Bitzer said this situation had become overly complicated but if there were courts available, certainly Mr. Hay would give the courts to them, but if there is an overflow of people then they should cooperate with Mr. Hay.

Mr. Lubow said they had always worked with the Tennis Pro, and had never had a problem until this year. He said he has heard the complaints and they were not about their group. Mr. Bitzer said the complaints they were referring to are from permit holders who have been unable to get a court.

Mr. Hay said the booking of courts is heavy and he has had complaints and his staff has had complaints. Mr. Lubow said there has been at least one court available every Saturday for the last six weeks at 10:AM and some of the time at 9AM. Mr. Bitzer said that they were not referring to the past six weeks, but were talking about the peak season.

Mr. Bitzer said he wished to comment on Mr. Lubow's statement regarding the memo he had written to the Seaview Park Commission and copied to the Town Manager. He said he felt this could be a

potentially sensitive issue and that its not unusual for Department Heads to keep the Town Manager informed when they have a situation which they perceive to be potentially controversial. He said he had merely copied Mr. Doney so that if a member of the Town Council or the Town Manager were to receive a resident complaint, that the Town Manager would be aware that the situation was being handled procedurally through the Seaview Park Commission.

Mr. Lubow said he just felt that it was a shame that this issue has been blown so out of proportion. Mr. Bitzer said that's why this item was on the Commission agenda and that he was hoping they would all be able to amicably resolve this issue. Mrs. McIntyre said it was impossible to resolve the problem because there aren't enough tennis courts to accommodate everyone any time they want to play. She said there had to be some compromise on this issue.

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Mr. Broberg made a motion that the Morning Adult Group have the use of a third court now, but when the season starts some compromise will have to be reached between the Morning Adult Group and Mr. Hay. Seconded by Mr. Ochstein, motion carried.

Mr. Broberg asked if they wished to assemble rule books for the different tennis groups? Mr. Bitzer said they had written tennis court rules and regulations, and that rules and regulations were also posted on an outside board. He said they would review these rules and the possibility of adding additional Group Activity rules.

Mrs. Coniglio said she still had a problem with setting rules and regulations because they were a volunteer group. Mr. Broberg said they were under the umbrella of the Recreation Center. Mrs. Coniglio said that if they are going to make rules and regulations then they should be under the auspices of the Recreation Department. Mr. Lubow said they basically organized themselves because the Tennis Staff did not have the time to organize a program for them.

Mr. Bitzer said this activity was not a structured program but was basically organized scheduling of open play. He said that this Tennis Group is under the direction of the Recreation Department and, if someone wants to join this group, they should call the Tennis Shop, and it is open to all Town residents and permit holders.

Mr. Hay said the Morning Adult Group does take a lot of players who want to play in the morning. But he said Mary arranges a lot of other matches especially for players on a higher level and those who want to play singles. Also, there is a sign up sheet posted for those interested in getting matches.

Mr. Bitzer said this was not a structured league. He said in the structured leagues such as Men's Leagues, Women's Leagues and Doubles Leagues, ^{they} play at a particular time and by the league rules. He said that if this group had requested to have a structured league, they would have been happy to offer such a program, preferably at a time that would not conflict with existing prime time play.

Mr. Broberg asked that all the interested parties work together and try to have something in writing regarding the rules for tennis players by the next meeting, or at least by the meeting after that.

Mr. Hay said it was not his job to set policy but to do what the Members of the Seaview Tennis Center and the Community wants. He said he has views like everyone else but he felt it was the responsibility of the Town and the Seaview Park Commission to make policy and they should come together and somehow decide what kind of facility they want. He said that there are many acceptable ways to set up a Club, thus each Club must determine what best suits it's needs.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Items added to the agenda:

1. Mr. Broberg said he has been reviewing the Seaview Park Commission's meeting schedule for next year which consists of six meetings. Mr. Broberg said he did not feel that the Commission needed to be involved in the day to day operation of the Recreation Center, but they are a policy making board. Mr. Broberg said he would like the Seaview Park Commission to meet more frequently. He said the bimonthly meetings are difficult to keep up with especially during budget time. He said he would like the Commission to meet monthly during the winter months and two or three times during the summer. Mr. Broberg said they weren't scheduled to meet again until January and he would like the Commission to meet again in December.

2. Mr. Broberg said he would like to bring to the attention of the Commission exactly what they are Commissioned to do. Mr. Broberg read from the Code of Ordinances which says "The Seaview Park Commission shall have the power to make rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and for the transaction of business within its jurisdiction". He said that was different from the Golf Commissions powers and he thought they should have the same powers which includes making rules and regulations and recommendations to the Town Council.

Mr. Bitzer said they did have the same powers as the Golf Commission and he referred to Section 14-4 of the Code of Ordinances. He said the wording is slightly different and the reason for that is that the two Commissions evolved separately and that the Golf Course had not always been under the auspices of the Recreation Department. Mr. Bitzer quoted from Section 14-4 which states "The Seaview Park Commission shall act in an advisory capacity, and in that capacity shall make studies and recommendations to the Town Council and the Town Manager on matters relating to parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities and recreational programs". He said this is only a matter of semantics and that both the Golf and Seaview Park Commissions have the same powers.

Mr. Broberg said he had misread the Golf Commission Ordinance. However, he would still like the Ordinance amended with wording stating exactly what power the Seaview Park Commission has, and similar to that of the Golf Commission. Mr. Bitzer said the Commission may wish to come up with some recommended verbiage which would be common between the two Commissions, however, the Town Council would ultimately have to approve any changes.

Mr. Myers said he agreed with Mr. Broberg that the powers which are outlined for the Golf Commission are defined more clearly, and provide that they have the power to make recommendations to the Town Council. He felt the definition of the Seaview Park Commissions powers were much more vague.

Mr. Myers made a motion that the Seaview Park Commission should meet on a monthly basis until March, and then look at the meeting schedule after that. Seconded by Mrs. McIntyre.

Mr. Bitzer suggested that he work up a draft schedule which would take into account Town and Religious Holidays.

Mr. Broberg said he would like to amend the motion to ask Mr. Bitzer to work up a meeting schedule for the meetings which will take place after the December meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Broberg suggested that the Seaview Park Commission hold its next meeting on December 18, 1991, and the Commission members agreed.

It was asked if the members of the Recreation Center would have any part in setting policies and making rules? Mr. Bitzer said absolutely.

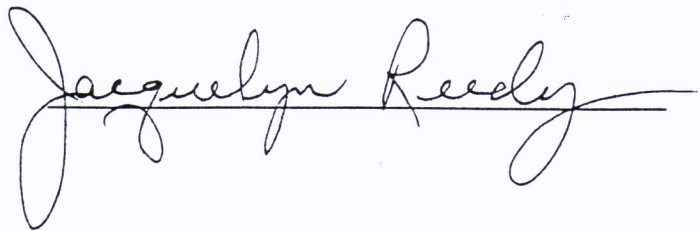
Mr. Bitzer said he would like to thank everyone for making the Halloween party and the Haunted House such a success, and he especially wanted to thank Mrs. Newman, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Clarke-Royal for all their volunteer help.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Coniglio said she would like to make one comment before the meeting is adjourned, and that was that her term on the Commission will end in February of 1992. She said she would like to remind the Commission that they are a Recreation Center and she cautioned the Commission not to get caught up only on the tennis issues. She said the Commission needs to stand behind all the Recreation programs.

Mr. Bitzer said that Section 14-1 states that members of the Commission, whenever possible, shall represent the Major Program Divisions within the Town's Recreation Department. He said they would have a total of three Commission seats expiring in February and one member is eligible to be reappointed. He said if anyone is interested in serving on the Seaview Park Commission they should write a letter to the Town Council expressing that desire.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for December 18, 1991.

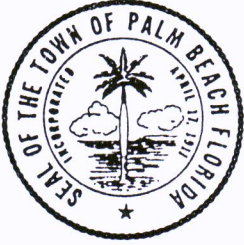
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SEAVIEW TENNIS PRO-SHOP
November 15, 1991

Total Loan to the Seaview Park Commission	(Due - August 8, 1992)		\$42,531.00
Less:			
Palm Beach Tennis Association Pledge			\$15,000.00
Individual Donations Received			\$ 9,889.83
Group Pledge, Ralph Lubow:	\$7,500		
partial pledge received:		\$ 4,300.00	
balance due:		<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	
			\$ 7,500.00
Individual Pledges:	\$5,000		
partial pledges received		\$ 2,899.00	
balance due		<u>\$ 2,101.00</u>	
			\$ 5,000.00
Daniel Hanley	(1,000 - 666.00 =	334.00)	
M/M Pressly	(1,000 - 333.00 =	667.00)	
Stanley Rumbough	(1,000 - 400.00 =	600.00)	
M/M Lewis	(1,000 - 1,000.00 =	.00)	
M/M Broberg	(1,000 - 500.00 =	500.00)	
			<u>Amount Due</u>
			\$ 5,141.17

SUMMARY

Total Loan to the Seaview Park Commission	(Due - August 8, 1992)	\$42,531.00
Less: Total Monies Received from Individual Pledges and Individual Donations		
Palm Beach Tennis Assoc. Pledge	\$15,000.00	\$15,838.83
Uncollected Pledges from Individuals	<u>\$ 6,551.00</u>	
Total Uncollected Pledges		<u>\$21,551.00</u>
Amount Due		\$ 5,141.17



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

TO: Seaview Park Commission
FROM: Russell E. Bitzer, Director of Recreation *RB*
SUBJECT: Adult Doubles Tennis Group Scheduling Request - Agenda
Item for November 27, 1991, Seaview Park Commission Meeting
DATE: November 15, 1991

One of the items on the November 27, 1991, Seaview Park Commission Meeting Agenda is the discussion of a scheduling request by the adult doubles tennis group who utilize the Seaview Tennis Courts weekday mornings. This group, coordinated by Mr. Ralph Lubow, has requested that a third clay court be reserved for them Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Jim Hay, Tennis Pro-Manager, advised me that he had several concerns with reserving a third court at 9:00 a.m. during the season as this would leave only two courts for all other permit holders and daily fee players.

On November 7, 1991, I met with Mr. Hay, Mr. Lubow and Mrs. Joyce McIntyre to discuss this request. Mr. Hay suggested that rather than to reserve a third court at 9:00 a.m., it might be better to first reserve additional courts at 8:00 or 10:00 a.m. Mr. Hay noted that this adult doubles group represented less than 20% of the total annual permit holders and that to reserve additional courts at 9:00 a.m. may create complaints from other residents. This alternative did not appear to be acceptable to Mr. Lubow as he felt that other requests for 9:00 a.m. courts were minimal and that this group represented in excess of 40 permit holders and was growing.

Mr. Lubow and Mr. Hay both had other good points regarding this matter which I am sure will be discussed in detail at the November 27, 1991, meeting. Since a change in tennis court reservation scheduling could be a sensitive issue, I thought it best that this item be addressed by the Seaview Park Commission.

Should you have any questions regarding this subject, please advise.

REB:lw

cc: Robert J. Doney, Town Manager
Dave Jakubiak, Assistant to the Town Manager
Jim Hay, Tennis Pro-Manager
Ralph Lubow