

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE GOLF COMMISSION MEETING HELD

NOVEMBER 21, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL A meeting of the Golf Commission was called to order by the Chairwoman, Ann Herman, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Fire Station. The Commission members in attendance were, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Gross, Mr. Maddock, Mr. Schorr, Mr. Shore, and Mr. Shulman. Alternate members in attendance were Mrs. Thurm, Mr. Raffo and Mr. Ochstein. Commission member absent from the meeting was Mr. Rossbach. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mrs. Walkowich, Mrs. Stone and Mr. Dytrych. Seaview Park Commissioner Morton Shor, Mr. John Randolph, Town Attorney and Town Councilman, Mr. Leslie Shaw were also in attendance.

Mrs. Herman congratulated Mrs. Walkowich on winning the Employee of the Year Award.

Mr. Randolph headed an informal discussion on the "Sunshine Laws". He explained that the Sunshine Laws have three Town clauses . 1. Notice must be given of the meeting, 2. Minutes must be taken of the meeting, 3. All meetings of two or more commissioners must be in a public meeting. Mr. Randolph said, "What does that mean to you, other than the fact that you are here today obeying the Sunshine Law. Well, what it means is that one of you cannot talk to another one of you outside of this meeting about business related to this commission." After further discussion and questions, Mrs. Herman thanked Mr. Randolph for attending the meeting to discuss this most important subject.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Herman asked if there were any changes to the agenda, there were none. Mr. Schorr made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 1997, MINUTES

Mrs. Herman asked if there were any changes to the October 24, 1997, minutes, there were none. Mr. Schorr made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Maddock, motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Traffic Light** - Mrs. Herman said that at the last Town Council meeting she asked them to put a hold on the signal light that we are supposed to get at the golf course. She explained that the reason she did this was because she felt that a 15 second flashing yellow light was more dangerous than no light at all and that we should wait and hope that D.O.T. would change their mind and allow

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a red flashing light. Mr. Bitzer said that he had been advised by Mr. Dusey, Director of Public Works, that the Town was going forward with this project. Mr. Shore asked Mrs. Herman if it was her intention that the light should not be installed and that it should go back to the Town Council for further discussion. Mrs. Herman said, "Yes". Mr. Shulman said that it was his understanding that it was against the law to put up a red light. Mrs. Herman said that this was a state road and D.O.T. has control over it and the Town can't do anything without the State's permission. Mrs. Thurm stated that a red light would be disastrous, traffic would be backed to Southern Blvd. and beyond. Mr. Shulman said that it was the same fifteen seconds, but now were asking people to stop and as Al Dusey said people pay no attention to a yellow blinking light.

Mr. Shore made the motion that the Golf Commission advise the Town Council that at this particular point in time the Commission does not want to go forward with this project until there is further investigation, because of the possibility that at a future date D.O.T. might put in a red light. Seconded by Mr. Maddock. Mr. Schorr said that he didn't think D.O. T. would ever do that. Mrs. Thurm said that she felt that any light, even a yellow one, was better than nothing.

Mr. Shaw stated that for years the Town had tried to get a different light system and D.O.T. has repeatedly negated it. He said that if D.O.T. were to transform this street into a wider roadway, expand it into a four lane street naturally traffic lights become viable, but as long as the road stays at the level it is their feeling is the traffic light is not an issue. Mr. Shaw said that even though the light is not red your still giving traffic some notification. He said, "If the light which is requested is now pulled back, I think that the reality is going to be that it's never going to get re-approved and your not going to get D.O.T. to be supportive of the fact that they said sure go ahead and do it and now you say no thank you we don't want it. If it helps then that's what it was supposed to do." Mr. Shaw said "Unless I can see a negative, unless you can point out how it's going to hurt you, I think you should accept it. If you can sit down and say this is going to create traffic blockage, this is going to create a safety hazard ,this is going to create some issue that is negative, than I don't think it's worthy to bring it back to the Council."

Mrs. Herman said, "No one is going to stop at a flashing yellow light and once people have activated this light they think they are going to have the right of way to cross the street and I feel your going to see terrible accidents." Mr. Schorr said that it was better than nothing and we ought to take it. Mr. Shor asked Mr. Dytrych if there has ever been an accident. Mr. Dytrych said "No, not to my knowledge." Mr. Schorr said, "I move that we adopt the plan that has been created and go forward with it."

Mr. Shore said that if this was not a money issue than he withdrew his motion. Mr. Maddock said, "Before I withdraw my second, I'd like to make one minor comment. I never had a problem in terms of crossing that street at all. The traffic that goes back and forth is not a speed highway because there are too many cars that are basically going 25 miles per hour down there and my other thing on the negative side is \$25,000 for what? I think there's some collusion there." Mr. Shaw said that he wouldn't make it a money issue, the Council has already approved the money. Mr. Shore said, " But it's being charged to the golf course."

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C. ***1998 Palm Beach Pro-Am Benefit Tournament***

After a lengthy discussion the following statements and recommendations were made:

- Sponsors from last year should be contacted and asked to donate again.
- The Golf Tournament Sponsor Mailing List was passed out and divided among the Commissioners who will approach these individuals and businesses for tournament donations.
- Mr. Leslie Shaw proposed to the Commission a way for the golf course to make money via a hosted golf trip. He said that there are numerous golf tours available and if Rick Dytrych was available during the summer months, he could possibly be the host of a sponsored golf trip. He said that a percentage of the commission money paid to the travel agency would go to the Golf Course, he estimated that to be about \$8,000 - \$10,000. He left some brochures for the Commission and staff members to review.
- Mr. Raffo said that we should advertise the tournament in the Shiny Sheet at least 5 or 6 times prior to the event. Mr. Bitzer agreed with Mr. Raffo and said that Mrs. Stone was in the process of trying to get the newspaper advertisements again this year as an in kind donation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ***Final Approval of 1998 Meeting Schedule***

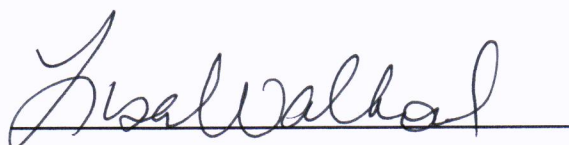
The Commissioners approved the 1998 meeting schedule. Mrs. Herman asked Mrs. Walkowich to please be sure the Golf Commission meetings are reported in the newspaper, since we seem to always be over looked. Mrs. Walkowich said she would take care of Mrs. Herman's request.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Bitzer reported that last year the golf course had a deficit of approximately \$175,000 which included deprecation and the \$25,000 service fee to the Finance Department. He said that the FY-97 financial action was very successful. Mr. Bitzer said that our goal was to reduce the deficit from \$175,000 to \$75,000. End of year financials indicate that we will be close to this financial action plan objective. He said that excluding depreciation and the \$25,000 service fee, the course should have a positive cash balance for FY-97.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gross made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Herman, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lisa Walkowich", is written over a horizontal line.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD 1997

NAME	1/24	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	10/24	11/21	12/19
1. ANN K. HERMAN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
2. JAY ROSSBACH JR.	P	P	P	P	U	P	U	
3. ARTHUR GROSS	-----	-----	-----	-----	U	P	P	
4. JAMES MADDOCK	P	P	P	P	P	E (Illness)	P	
5. MAX SCHORR	P	P	E (Illness)	P	P	P	P	
6. ALLEN E. SHORE	P	E (Illness)	P	E (Illness)	P	P	P	
7. STUART SHULMAN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
ALTERNATES:								
1. ARLENE THURM	P	P	P	U	U	P	P	
2. RICHARD RAFFO	P	E (Illness)	P	U	P	P	P	
3. LARRY OCHSTEIN	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	P	

LEGEND: P = Present
 E = Excused
 U = Unexcused
 A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused" or "Unexcused"

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RECORD 1997

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LEGEND: X = Conflict