TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

MAY 6, 1992

I. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mr. Myers at 1:10 PM on May 6, 1992, in the Recreation Center. Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Myers, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Lubow, and Mrs. Leidy. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, and Mrs. Walkowich. Mr. Ochstein arrived later in the meeting. Absent from the meeting were; Mrs. Royal and Mr. Broberg.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Myers asked if there were any changes to the agenda, there were none. Motion made by Mrs. McIntyre to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Lubow, all were in favor. Agenda was approved unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS: There being no old business to discuss Mr. Myers moved on to any new business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of FY-93 Recreation Department Proposed Budget - Mr. Bitzer

Mr. Bitzer explained to the Commission the various items that were in the packets that they had received. These items included the FY-93 Proposed Expenditure Budget, Fee Surveys for tennis and youth programs and revenue exhibits. He further explained that at this time the proposed expenditure budget was not completed due to the fact that he had not yet received the Public Works charges. Until the expenditure budget was complete, there would be no way to estimate if fee increases would be necessary for FY-93.

Mrs. McIntyre made the statement that the Department is required to recover part of its expenses.

Mr. Bitzer explained that in the past several years it has been requested by the Mayor that we make every effort to try to at least recover the same percentage as we did the previous year. He further stated that because of fixed costs, such as insurance, which we have no control over, you can almost guarantee, that there will be increases in these fixed costs. Therefore if we are going to recover the same percentage as the previous year, we will have to generate additional revenue from increasing fees and/or making cuts in the operating budget. However, as he stated before, he would not know if this was going to be necessary until he had received all the Public Works Department costs, and that at this time he was not prepared to make a complete presentation of the FY-93 Budget. He further stated that he was not recommending any increases in the staffing level or any significant increases across the board in the operating budget. He suggested to the Commission that they meet again on May 27, 1992 at 1:00 before the June Finance and Taxation Meetings, at that time he would have all the figures and completed the proposed budget. The motion was made by Mrs. McIntyre to hold a commission meeting on May 27, 1992 to discuss the FY 93 proposed budget, seconded by Mr. Ochstein, motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming Council Meeting and the Variance for tennis lighting on courts three and four that was on the Council agenda. Mr. Bitzer explained that the hardship for the variance was that the working adult resident is unable to use their own facility, because five months out of the year it gets dark earlier and there is not enough tennis court lighting to accommodate the number of people who want to play.

Mrs. McIntyre asked if we were still being required to turn off the old lighting. Mr. Bitzer explained that the old lighting on courts five and six were already turned off and would remain off as per the original agreement when the new lighting became operational.

Mr. Lubow asked Mr. Bitzer if he had worked up figures on projected revenue that would be generated from additional lighting to show the Council. Mr. Bitzer stated that this had already been done and that the Council had received this information. He further stated that the money collected for the tokens to be used in the lighting would pay for the utility cost and bulb replacement. The anticipated increase in daily fees collected and annual permits due to the extended hours was projected to be $3,500. per court per year overall in increased revenue and this estimate includes paying a part time staff member to monitor the courts.

Mr. Lubow asked if any of the residents in the area have objected to the lighting. Mr. Bitzer explained that there had been two calls regarding the new lighting. One gentleman living at Phipps Plaza had some concerns, but when it was explained to him that the new lighting system would include lower poles and non-glare fixtures, he said he had no objection at all and thought the new lighting system was a great idea.

The other individual who called was concerned that this additional lighting might create a large increase in traffic. Mr. Bitzer said he did not feel there would be any significant increase in traffic and that he was planning to send out a letter to the tennis players that the Royal Palm lot was free in the evenings and that we would encourage them to utilize this parking area in evening and that over the past five years, most of the adults taking evening classes at the Recreation Center already utilize this lot for parking as the lighting is better than that on Seaview Avenue.

Mr. Bitzer then discussed the upcoming tennis and basketball court resurfacing and said that the low bid was Tennis Supply Inc. The bid award would be discussed at the upcoming May 12, 1992, Council Meeting.

Mr. Bitzer went on to briefly discuss some of the Proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Projects. These projects included a maintenance storage building, tennis court lighting, additional landscaping, and improving the tennis seating area.

Mrs. Leidy stated that although she has only been at two meetings so far, they seem to be geared solely around tennis and she wanted to know if at these meetings is the Recreation Center and children's programs ever discussed. Mr. Bitzer said that we do discuss other programs including children's programs. However, with the ongoing tennis construction projects, tennis has, during the past year taken up a great deal of time. Mrs. Leidy wanted to know if she had an idea on a new program or improving a program did she have to bring it to a Seaview Park Commission Meeting. Mr. Bitzer said that any time she had an idea for a new program or a suggestion for improving an existing program, he would be delighted to hear from her or that she could meet directly with the appropriate program Supervisor who plans and coordinates the various programs.

VI. <u>ANY OTHER MATTERS</u> - There were no other matters to discuss.

VII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> There being no further business motion was made by Mr Lubow for adjournment seconded by Mr. Myers, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Walkowicz