



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

MINUTES OF THE SEAVIEW PARK COMMISSION MEETING HELD

MARCH 24, 1993

I. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Seaview Park Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Broberg at 2:48 p.m. on March 24, 1993, in the Recreation Center. Commission members in attendance were; Mr. Broberg, Mr. Myers, Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Lubow. Staff members in attendance were; Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Hay, Miss Flynn and Mrs. Walkowich. Commission members absent from the meeting were Mr. Ochstein and Mrs. Leidy.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Broberg asked if there were any changes to the agenda, there were none. Motion made by Mr. Myers to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Lubow, motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 1993, MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting, February 24, 1993, were not ready. Approval of these minutes was postponed until the next Seaview Park Commission meeting to be held on April 28, 1993.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Tennis Court Scheduling

Mr. Broberg asked Mr. Bitzer to briefly review the 3 options that appeared in Mr. Bitzer's correspondence to the Seaview Tennis population dated March 10, 1993. Mrs. McIntyre made a motion that all people who speak at this meeting today be limited to three minutes, seconded by Mr. Lubow. Mr. Broberg called the motion, all in favor of the speakers from the public be limited to 3 minutes of time, say I. Mrs. McIntyre said that was incorrect that she wanted everyone including the Commission and Staff to be limited to three minutes. Mr. Broberg stated that he did not think it was proper to limit a commission members speaking time. Mrs. McIntyre stated that she had been on other boards and it was allowed. Mr. Broberg called for a vote, Mr. Lubow and Mrs. McIntyre were in favor Mr. Broberg and Mr. Myers were against. Mr.

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Bitzer stated that he would try to keep his comments as short as possible. Mr. Bitzer stated that the options were: 1. That the individuals in this group could reserve courts under the existing open booking procedures as they did in the past. 2. That the group be scheduled as a traditional program, one day a week with an increase in the number of courts and court time, and that policies and procedures be established.

Mr. Bitzer said that he did not feel that the group liked either of these options because of the way it currently functions. However, Staff offered a third option which was, that the group stay in it's current five day a week scheduling form with certain provisions. He stated that he knew that the people in this group felt that this program served a very nice convenience for them. However, the Staff felt that this arrangement did give a court booking advantage to those people. He further stated that the Staff did not have a problem with the program running 5 days a week, provided that there were not a significant number of other tennis players who object to this group having this convenience and advantage. Mr. Bitzer suggested that if the group were to continue on a five day schedule that 1. Town approved policies and procedures be established for the Morning Mixed Doubles Program. 2. That the individual participants in this group who currently can play up to three times a week under the auspices of the program be reduced to 2 times per week, which was more in line with the other groups that play at Seaview.

Mr. Broberg than asked the Commission if there was any discussion on the Staff recommendations. Mrs. McIntyre asked what exactly did the Staff mean by policies and procedures. Mr. Bitzer stated that an example of these would be the duration of time, possibly the number of days and courts per week. Mrs. McIntyre asked if they would be put into writing. Mr. Bitzer stated of course. Mr. Broberg asked if the Staff would do what was done when the ladies team tennis policies and procedures were written. Mr. Bitzer said yes.

Mr. Bitzer stated for Mr. Broberg that the Staff had received two letters in favor of the Morning Mixed Doubles Group and approximately two or three letters that were opposed to the current arrangement and one letter from Mr. Gallavan that offered comments and suggestions. Mr. Lubow stated that two of those letters of complaint were from non-residents.

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Mr. Myers stated that in his opinion that the group worked well as is, however, he did feel that policies and procedures were a necessity. Mr. Myers made a motion that Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Lubow and possibly a couple of participants in this group meet to work out policies and procedures for the Morning Mixed Doubles Group to be brought to the Commission at a later date for review, seconded by Mrs. McIntyre.

Mr. Broberg then opened the meeting up to the floor for comments and suggestions regarding the motion. Mrs. Carol Hicks stated that she would like to speak about extending the playing time from 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. She stated that any perception that the group is monopolizing the courts is because that a lot of the participants come at 8:00 when we are booked at 9:00 and hope to get an open court at about 8:30 and get in 1 1/2 hours of doubles tennis. She stated that no courts that she has played on has ever restricted doubles play to 1 hour because it is not enough time. She asked the Commission to please consider allowing the group to play 1 1/2 hours. Mr. Broberg stated that this would be something to be discussed in the policies and procedures. Mr. Myers stated that it brings up a whole host of scheduling difficulties. Reserving courts for 1 1/2 hours would put all the other time slots out of whack.

Mr. Lubow stated that he felt this perception of unfairness was cured by the number of people who came to the meeting and the small number who were opposing the group.

Mr. Larry Gold stated that he preferred open booking, that it was not a perception but in reality an advantage given to the participants in this group.

Mrs. Delayne Gold stated that she was responding to something Mr. Lubow said prior to the meeting which was that non-residents, because they are not tax payers, should not have a vote or a voice at this meeting and she objected to what he said because she is a permit holder at the Seaview Tennis Center.

Mrs. Susi Annes stated that she has enjoyed tennis at Seaview and would like to point out to the Commission that, although Mr. Lubow does provide a service for many people, he never extended her the courtesy of participation in the group. She had been invited 6 years ago to participate, but at that time was not qualified to play with the group, but since then she has not been asked to join the group. Mr. Lubow responded that last season before Mrs. Annes

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left, he spoke with her and Mrs. Gold and told them if they wanted to play next season to let him know, but he had not heard from either of them.

Mr. Myers stated that there are going to be people who are under qualified and over qualified to play in Mr. Lubow's group but the real issue is whether they have the ability to get a court with this group as it is currently constituted. He said that what we are really trying to find out is if there is a problem with the scheduling.

Mr. Oliver Goldman stated that he is a permit holder and has played with the Morning Mixed Doubles group this past year and has enjoyed playing with the group. He stated that Mr. Lubow has done a great job and that he completely supports Mr. Lubow.

Mr. Gold stated that non-resident permit holders contribute 14% of the revenue, while constituting 7% of the membership. He questioned if it was Mr. Lubow's position that the Town of Palm Beach should pick up 14% more of the expenses of Seaview and reject having non-resident permit holders. Mr. Lubow responded that the 14% that the non-residents contribute doesn't mean anything if this group doesn't stay intact. This group will not stay intact if they are going to be side raided by the non-residents. He stated that the group would lose Mr. Goldman, Mr. Fertel as well as 35 people who would not be permit holders here simply because there would not be a group. So in comparison that 14% is peanuts. He further stated that the other day Mr. Farkus, who comes here from New York maybe 3 or 4 weeks a year, bought a permit for the whole season and told Mr. Bitzer, in his office, in front of Mrs. Hicks and him that he enjoyed coming here and looks forward to playing tennis and is happy to contribute and do anything he can to help the courts if he can continue in that group. If Mr. Farkus doesn't have that group he won't purchase a membership. There would be 10 or twelve people like you, Mr. Gold, that will have a permit but the Town will lose a lot more in the long run.

Mr. Gold asked Mr. Lubow what was the answer to the question. Mr. Lubow responded that the answer to the question is that the Town of Palm Beach will not lose 14% but will gain. Mr. Gold asked Mr. Lubow if he would rather not have non-residents at Seaview. Mr. Lubow stated that he would rather not have non-residents because half of the non-residents are not very cooperative.

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Mr. Broberg asked if there were any other comments directly related to the motion that was on the table, which was to leave things the way they were but to adopt rules and procedures for the group?

Mrs. McIntyre stated that there were 2 letters and four speakers against the Morning Group out of 296 letters that were sent out. Mr. Broberg stated that our positions as Seaview Park Commissioners was not a position to favor one person over another. He stated that, we cannot be judgmental against residents versus non-residents and felt that there should be rules and procedures for both but did not think one group should be excluded because they are non-residents. He also stated that the letters for or against should be introduced into the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Broberg further stated that the fact that only two people voiced an opposition and four people spoke against the group regardless of the number of letters that were sent out has shown that there may or may not be a problem, but there should be rules and procedures to fall back on.

Mr. Bitzer stated that the policies and procedures that we have had for other programs are not written in stone, they are revisited periodically and revised. He felt that in talking about this group and keeping it as it is, he interpreted that as being five days a week but as far as the number of days someone can play, the times, the number of courts and how they reserve the courts would be addressed under the policies and procedures. He stated that what the Town Staff is trying to do is to keep a fair balance between open play and organized programs. It's difficult in what we are trying to do, we can't please everyone all the time, but we feel that the policies and procedures would be flexible enough that as problems occur in the future, if they do, then those things can be brought back to the Commission and discussed and we will certainly try to do our best to please everybody.

Mrs. McIntyre suggested that they call for a vote on her motion. Mr. Broberg stated that he wanted to take one more question from the audience.

Mrs. Gold wanted to comment on what Mrs. McIntyre said, that the speakers were against the group. She stated that she did not want the Commission to think that she or her husband had any objections or were against the group or personalities. Mrs. McIntyre stated that she didn't say they were against the group but were against the present situation.

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Mr. Broberg put the motion to a vote. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Broberg asked Mr. Lubow when he and a delegation from the group would like to meet with Mr. Bitzer and Mr. Hay. Mr. Bitzer said that he would like to have the Staff draft some preliminary policies and procedures first. Mr. Lubow said he would prefer to set a date now. Mr. Broberg asked Mr. Bitzer how long it would take the Staff to draft an outline of procedures. Mr. Bitzer stated that he would possibly be able to have the drafted procedures by the April 28, 1993 Commission meeting. Mr. Lubow stated that he would like to have a rough draft and meet with the Staff prior to the next meeting. Mr. Bitzer stated that he would try to complete these procedures prior to the April meeting, but did not want to commit to a specific date that they would be finalized. He stated that he had other items pending, such as the budget, but that he would work as quickly as possible. He suggested that the Staff would draft an outline, then get with Mr. Lubow for his comments and suggestions and then bring it to the Commission at the April or May meeting.

Mr. Broberg stated that he would like to discuss other general procedures that appeared on the back of the information sheet Mr. Bitzer had sent out, those being court cancellations, phone priority court booking, advance booking and organized program policies and procedures. He stated that items A through D belonged at this meeting for rules and procedures. Mr. Bitzer stated that these items were not applicable to just the Mixed Doubles Group but that item E would be. Mr. Myers stated that items A through D were general procedures applicable to any tennis permit holder. Mr. Broberg felt that these items would dovetail into the group and felt that these should also be discussed at the policies and procedures meeting. Mr. Myers made a motion that items A through D be deferred to the next meetings, seconded by Mrs. McIntyre, all were in favor. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS: None

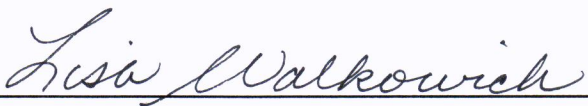
VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS: Mr. Broberg asked the Commission if there were any other matters to be discussed. Mrs. McIntyre stated that she understands that there is an outside tennis pro being brought in to coach the ladies team and she felt that it was unfair to our

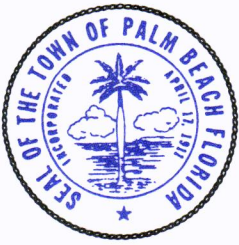
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tennis pros. She stated that she spoke with Mr. Hay and he told her that he wanted to be flexible and that it didn't bother him. She felt that if Mr. Hay wanted to be flexible that he should throw the business to the Seaview Tennis Pros. Mr. Lubow stated that the question really is, is it fair to the other pros who work here because Mr. Hay is getting a percentage of the coaching fee. Mr. Broberg stated that he felt that it would be best to defer this item to another meeting. Mr. Myers made the motion that this item be placed on the April 28, 1993, meeting, seconded by Mr. Lubow, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Bitzer stated that he had some informational updates for the Commission and would not take up too much of their time. He stated that the Staff budget presentation to the Commission is planned for the May 1993, meeting. He asked the Commission that if they had anything outstanding that they would like to recommend he asked them to forward their suggestions to him. Item 2: As part of this year's capital improvement program, plans are being developed for a maintenance storage building. Within the next week, he expected to have a copy of the plans in his office, and he invited the Commission to stop by to review them and offer comments. He stated that he anticipated, according to the Town Engineer, bids by the end of April for a May award and that the construction would start, if approved by the Town Council, in mid June with a completion around the end of August. Item 3 is the proposed landscape project which he stated he was currently working on as requested by Mr. Broberg at the previous meeting and would have preliminary plans and cost estimates ready for the April meeting. Item 4 was in regards to the Tennis Shop Plaque. Mr. Bitzer stated that the cost of the plaque was less than had been anticipated and we were able to get a bronze plaque for less than the aluminum plaque. The cost of the plaque was \$404.50. He stated that it will be four to five weeks for completion which includes receiving a proof prior to it being cast. The final amount owed on the loan for the Tennis Shop, which is due during the month of April, is \$4,495.67.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. McIntyre made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lubow. All were in favor, motion carried.





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Department Question and Answer Session Prior to the

March 24, 1993, Seaview Park Commission Meeting

The Seaview Park Commission meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. However, the Commission did not have a quorum as of 1:30 pm. Therefore, Mr. Bitzer held a Department meeting for public information purposes.

Mr. Bitzer spoke to the people in attendance prior to the Seaview Park Commission being called to order. He explained that this was an unusual situation not having enough commissioners for a quorum. He apologized and told the people that because they had taken time out of their busy schedule, he would be happy to hold a meeting for informational purposes if they so desire. He asked the audience if they had any questions or comments regarding the letter that had been sent out, and that with their permission, he would like to tape this meeting so that if the Commission meeting is not held today, we can pass these comments and suggestions on to the Commission.

Mr. Bitzer explained that for the past several meetings the Commission has been discussing organized program play versus open play, and a review of tennis court procedures. However, the staff wanted to give the tennis players who utilize this facility an opportunity to make comments or suggestions. Mrs. McIntyre suggested that no individual speak more than 3 minutes on a particular subject.

Mr. Gold referred to the memorandum of March 10, 1993, Summary of Tennis Court Scheduling Review. He questioned how many courts the Morning Mixed Doubles Group pre-reserved on a daily basis. Mr. Bitzer explained that it was his original understanding that the group got 2 courts on the days that the ladies teams have matches and 3 courts on the other weekdays. However, he has been informed that in actuality, they get 3 courts every day at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Gold referred to other options, that this arrangement may give the perception of a court booking advantage to these individuals. He felt that it should state that this arrangement does give a court

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booking advantage to those individuals. He further went on to say that this arrangement of 3 courts everyday at 9:00 a.m., which is considered prime time, leaves only two courts for open play, for all other permit holders, residents, and daily players, and it was unfair. He felt that open booking was the fairest possible arrangement, and he could not see the justification for tying up that many courts everyday at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Lubow pointed out to Mr. Gold that he and his wife get two single courts every morning at 8:00 a.m. He further stated that Mr. & Mrs. Gold were non-residents and felt that it was unconscionable that they should be at this meeting to complain. He stated that he realized the Gold's were permit holders but he has never seen anything in the way of cooperation from them, and the fact that they book courts in the morning, they are preventing other people from booking courts and denying the right of residents to play, simply because we have made a mistake to permit non-residents to play on our courts. Mrs. Gold stated that she was a permit holder under the existing tennis regulations, and she does book courts at 8:00 when she can, but not everyday. She stated that she was insulted by Mr. Lubow's comments. She further stated that if Mr. Lubow was suggesting that only Town residents be allowed to use Seaview then she felt that should be brought up to the entire Town Council. Mr. Lubow stated that it should not have to be brought to the Town Council, he felt that this Commission and the Town Council has the perfect right to preserve any municipality and anything that we have in this town for those people who pay the rate of taxes that we pay. Mrs. Gold asked if he was stating that he did not wish to have any permit holder who are non-residents. Mr. Lubow stated that he felt that if we were going to have non-resident permit holders then we should restrict them. Mrs. Gold asked why he would want to restrict people from using this facility when they are paying for them, twice the fee that a resident pays, she stated that this was a public facility. Mr. Lubow stated that this was a public facility for the municipality of the Town of Palm Beach, not for West Palm Beach. He told Mrs. Gold that they had their own courts in West Palm Beach. Mrs. Gold stated that she felt Mr. Lubow was out of line with his comments.

Mr. Richard Gallavan asked to read the letter he sent to Mr. Bitzer into these minutes, this letter is attached. Mr. Lubow stated that there were several problems with his suggestions, one being that Mr. Gallavan was proposing pre-reserving courts seven days a week, and the Commission is only talking about five days a week. Mr. Gallavan corrected Mr. Lubow and said that the group plays seven days a week, 5 days of pre-reserved courts and then on the weekend

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the group reserves courts through open booking. Mr. Lubow stated that Mr. Gallavan and the people he plays with play 3 times a week and three of those people also play in the Morning Mixed Doubles Group. Mr. Gallavan said that was immaterial.

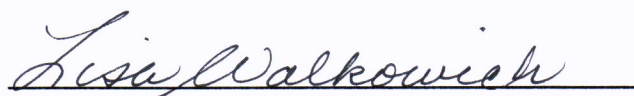
Carol Hicks stated that the first issue she would like to address was that she agreed with Mr. Lubow in the fact that the facility is supported by resident taxpayers. This should be taken into account on all subjects, and we do have the power to exclude non-residents from playing at all or from having a permit at Seaview if we so desire to do that. She stated, it is within the law that we can do that. Item 2 was in response to Mr. Gallavan's letter. She felt that there was a misconception of the membership quality of this group. She stated that restricting the group to 40 members is not feasible because we don't have memberships to be in this group, we have people coming and going, some seasonal and some year round. Mrs. Hicks stated, we have people who are guests as well as people who visit and stay at local hotels. Just this week we had an out of town friend of a group participant who has been playing, and she personally had a house guest this winter who played 3 times. She stated that it isn't a closed membership situation and to talk about restricting it to a certain number of people doesn't fit in with the way the group is run. She stated that it's an open ended situation where we encourage people to call our volunteer, Mr. Lubow, to set up the games. Mr. Gallavan stated that it was not a misconception about the members who play in the group, it is practically the same people playing everyday. Mrs. Hicks stated that Mr. Gallavan had ignored everything she just said, and that it is not the same people playing everyday, yes, there are a number of people who play quite often. Mr. Gallavan pointed out that Mr. Lubow plays everyday. Mr. Lubow stated that he had to. Mr. Gallavan asked why. Mr. Lubow stated, because he was the volunteer.

Mr. Alvin Fertel stated that he felt that the 12:00 noon reservation time was a good time, and that a change in this time to 2:00 would be inconvenient and disrupt a lot of peoples afternoon. He stated that the Morning Mixed doubles group was a fine group that has made his and his wife's life a lot more pleasant. He stated that it is a convenience, you just call Mr. Lubow and he will get a court for you. He felt that it's given new people an opportunity to meet people and that it's a tremendous service, socially, for us. He stated that he felt that it was not exclusive, anyone who wants to play with this group can.

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Mr. Gold asked Mr. Lubow if there was any reason why all of the benefits of the group would not still be attended if they didn't have preferred booking. Mr. Lubow stated that a couple of times there was a little discourse with Mr. Hay, Tennis Pro-Manager, about the bookings for a few days, so we all called in and wound up with 6 courts. He stated that by pre-reserving courts, we have controlled booking and Mary doesn't have to worry about who she's going to scratch and how many courts we have, we don't take 6 courts we take three. Mr. Gold asked Mr. Lubow what he was saying is that pre-reserving courts was the idea of the tennis staff. Mr. Lubow said no, but that advanced booking made it easier for the tennis staff not to have to worry about overbooking. He stated that this group would get on the phone and come in person and we would wind up with 6 or 7 courts, whatever we want, and by doing it this way, we know we're only going for three courts. Mr. Gold asked why Mr. Lubow's group would wind up with 6 or 7 courts, it would just be open booking. Mr. Lubow stated because we have a lot of people who don't play everyday who would like to play every day, and tomorrow morning he could have 24 people out there if he wanted, and that would take 6 courts. But he understands that other people want to play. Mr. Gold stated, wouldn't you have to call and book a court like everyone else, what would prevent someone else from calling and getting a court? Mr. Lubow said there is nothing else to prevent them from getting a court, we haven't had a problem with anyone getting a 9:00 court. Mr. Gold said that he himself tried today to get a court at 9:00 and couldn't get one. Mrs. Flynn said that Mr. Gold had called at 1 minute after 12:00, she had taken 2 calls prior to Mr. Gold's call and all the courts were booked. Mr. Lubow said that was one time. Mr. Gold said that it happens quite often, and because of that, he usually asks for an 8:00 court because very few people want to play at 8:00.

Mr. Broberg entered the room at 2:48 p.m. and there was a quorum to begin the Seaview Park Commission meeting, Mr. Bitzer explained to Mr. Broberg what had transpired in his absence. Mr. Bitzer stated that he had taped this discussion for informational purposes to be attached to the minutes of the Seaview Park Commission meeting.





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Recreation Department

March 10, 1993

Subject: Tennis Court Scheduling

Dear Seaview Park Tennis Facility User:

We have recently been reviewing the Town's tennis court scheduling policies and procedures. This subject has been discussed at several Seaview Park Commission meetings. However, prior to making any decisions regarding possible revisions to the existing tennis court schedule, or policies and procedures, we would like to give all of our Town residents who use this facility an opportunity to give input regarding these matters. For informational purposes, I have enclosed a staff generated summary of the tennis court scheduling policies and procedures which are currently being reviewed.

The next Seaview Park Commission meeting is scheduled for March 24, 1993, at 1:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center at 340 Seaview Avenue. For those of you who are not familiar with the Seaview Park Commission, this is a Town Council appointed group of seven (7) Town residents that act in an advisory capacity with regard to recommendations relating to Town recreation programs and facilities. If you would like to attend this meeting, it is open to the public and we would welcome your attendance. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to offer comments and suggestions, please forward your written correspondence to:

Recreation Department
c/o Tennis Court Scheduling
P.O. Box 2029
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at (407) 838-5485.

Sincerely,

Russell E. Bitzer
Director of Recreation

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c: Seaview Park Commission
Jim Hay, Tennis Pro-Manager

This would better help to facilitate the large number of individuals in this group and is comparable to the amount of days that an individual has reserved for them in other organized programs.

II. Other General Procedures - Staff Recommended Revisions

- A. Court Cancellations - If some courts become unplayable due to unforeseen circumstances, then advance doubles bookings will take priority over advance singles bookings. The tennis staff will attempt to arrange doubles play on any remaining open courts. At any time there are more bookings than courts, not precluding the above, court cancellations will be by lot.
- B. Phone Priority Reservations - Currently, open court bookings alternate between phone and in-person reservations. It was recommended that phone reservations take priority over in-person reservations in order to give the working adult, an equal opportunity to reserve courts. However, residents would still be able to make reservations in person.
- C. Court Booking Starting Time - To change the booking starting time from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. This revision was recommended as the tennis shop is closed between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. for maintenance. Currently reservations are taken from 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m. and resume at 2:00 p.m. This revision would provide for an uninterrupted and less confusing court reservation procedure. However, a concern expressed by one of the Commission members was that some residents may only be able to make reservations on their lunch break.
- D. Advance Court Bookings - Currently, only permit holders may reserve courts one day in advance. It was recommended that all residents have equal opportunity to reserve courts. Residents who do not hold a tennis permit would be required to show proper identification and be listed on the existing daily play residency list, which is maintained in the tennis shop. As with annual permits, this list is updated annually.
- E. Town Organized Program Policy - Currently, the existing general tennis court policies and procedures indicate that Town organized programs take precedence over all other bookings. The original intention of this procedure was for Town tennis tournaments, league matches and group tennis clinics. This is a standard scheduling procedure in most, if not all municipal tennis operations, and is necessary for orderly program planning. An individual in this type of program generally meets one day a week at a specified time. In originally recommending this procedure, staff did not envision an open play organized program that has courts pre-reserved five days a week. This is not to suggest that this program should not be included under this rule.

In order to control what is considered an organized program, staff recommended the following revision.

Rule #11 - Town approved group programs requiring formalized scheduling shall take precedence over all other bookings. All formalized programs shall receive prior approval by the Town's Recreation Department and shall comply with established program policies and procedures.

Staff is of the opinion that Rule #11 as revised is appropriate. However, we believe that the Commission and staff will need to further study what programs and activities would fall under the

Summary of Tennis Court Scheduling Review

I. Morning Adult Mixed Doubles Group

This is a group of approximately 60 individuals of which approximately 24 play weekdays on a regular basis, Monday through Friday, under the auspices of this organized open play program arrangement. Currently, three courts are pre-reserved for them at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and two courts on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Last year, after reviewing the Women's Team Tennis Program, policies and procedures were established and several revisions were made to this program. Upon implementation of these procedures, several women from this program requested that the morning mixed doubles program also be reviewed. For informational purposes, two residents who do not participate in organized programs have stated that they felt that there was too much organized play and not enough time for open play in the morning.

The Morning Mixed Doubles Group representative felt that this was a service and convenience that was appreciated by the members of this group.

During this past Fall, Mixed Doubles Group representatives recommended priority times for doubles, an earlier opening time, and increasing some time blocks from 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Staff reviewed these recommendations and were of the opinion that they were not in the overall best interest of the Town as these revisions would result in the following:

1. An increase in operating expenses.
2. A decrease in revenue.
3. A reduction in the number of time blocks available for open bookings.

Mr. Myers, Vice Chairman of the Commission, suggested that the existing system works pretty well and that we should not change it. Mr. Broberg, Commission Chairman, requested that staff provide their recommendations in writing for the February meeting. The following recommendations were provided.

Staff Recommendations

OPTION 1 - The individuals in this group could reserve courts under the existing open booking procedures as they did in the past.

OPTION 2 - Schedule this activity as a traditional program.

1. One or two days per week
2. Extending playing time from 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours.
3. Establish program policies and procedures.
4. Increase the number of courts for use by this group on this day(s).

OTHER OPTION - The current five day a week arrangement, whereby the Morning Mixed Doubles Group has courts pre-reserved for them, with an individual being able to play up to three days per week under the auspices of this program, is a convenience that is appreciated by the individuals in this group. However, this arrangement may give the perception of a court booking advantage to these individuals that is not

is excellent and most cooperative.

The present system has been one that is a service to the community and most beneficial to all. It seems it would not be to any advantage to change it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Blanche L. Rapoport

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Dear Mr. Bitzer, Thank 15, 1993

Thank you for your letter of March 10, 1993 regarding the Tennis Court scheduling. Unfortunately, we cannot be at the meeting, but we wanted to express our views to you.

As members of the Palm Beach Tennis Club, we have enjoyed the facility very much. The staff

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To : Seaview Tennis Club

From : Ken Druskin 

Re : Court Time

It would appear more equitable if all tennis players had the same opportunity to book courts at the same time . If one group of players would like to have preference this is acceptable provided the preference is for the hard courts .

To the Recreation Commission

3/24/93

I feel that Seaview Tennis Center should not allocate courts to a specific group everyday during prime playing time. Individual permit holders should have the same opportunity of court reservations.

Harry George

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Feb. 24, 1993

We, the undersigned
feel that there is a
monopoly on the public
tennis courts every morning
between 8 AM & 10 AM by the
Racquetists.

Lynne Sirio

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Wm P. Baxter

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TO: MR. RUSSELL E. BITZER
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION
FROM: RICHARD A. GALLAVAN
RESIDENT ADULT PERMIT NO. 200
DATE: MARCH 24, 1993
SUBJECT: MORNING ADULT MIXED DOUBLES GROUP

DEAR MR. BITZER:

I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE MORNING GROUP,
AND I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR PLAYING
AS SUCH, SO LONG AS THE SCHEDULING AND
SIZE OF THE GROUP IS CONTROLLED, AND DOES
NOT INFRINGE UPON THE PARTICIPATION OF
OTHERS WHO ENJOY PLAYING TENNIS IN THE
MORNINGS.

I OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WHICH
I BELIEVE WILL BE FAIR AND REASONABLE TO
ALL.

- 1/ THE MORNING GROUP SHOULD BE REGISTERED
BY NAME, AND LIMITED IN NUMBER TO 40
PLAYERS INCLUDING THEIR GUESTS.
- 2/ PRE-RESERVE 2 SOFT COURTS AND 1 HARD
COURT FOR SAID GROUP 7 DAYS PER WK.
FROM 8 AM TO 10 AM FOR DOUBLES PLAY ONLY.
OVER

ASTORIA
PLAYERS
PATRICK

PREVENT INTERFERENCE ON THE OTHER
COURTS AND SIMPLIFY SCHEDULING.

NO MORNING GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RESERVE OTHER COURTS, OR THEIR GUESTS.

3/ IN THE EVENT THE PRE-RESERVED COURTS ARE NOT PLAYABLE, THE MORNING GROUP DOES NOT HAVE PRIORITY TO PLAY ON ANY OTHER COURTS. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE THEM FROM PLAYING ON NON RESERVED COURTS.

THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT GIVES THE GROUP
42 PRE-RESERVED COURTS PER WK.
WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 168 PLAYERS
OR 4.2 PLAYS PER PERSON PER WK.
BASED ON 40 MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
SINCERELY.

Richard C. Gallman

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