



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

May 14, 2008 Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** - A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission was held on May 14, 2008, at the Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Milissa Agnello, Vice Chairman, at 9:05 a.m. Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Milissa Agnello, Dr. Timothy Coffield, Mr. Joseph Della Giustina, Mr. Henry Jamison, Mr. Timothy O'Hara and Mr. Stuart Shulman. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Stephen Hall, Mr. Daniel McDonnell and Mrs. Rita Taca. Absent from the meeting was Mrs. Danielle Hickox-Moore and Mr. Stuart Shulman. Staff members in attendance were Director Mr. Jay Boodheshwar, Assistant Directors Mr. Alan Brown and Mr. Rod Gardiner and Office Manager Mrs. Lisa Walkowich. Mrs. Gail Coniglio, Town Council member arrived at 9:35. Alternate members who voted in place of absent regular members were Mrs. Taca and Mr. Hall.

 - A. Welcome New Members** – Mrs. Agnello welcomed the new members, Mr. Timothy O'Hara, Mr. Stephen Hall and Mr. Daniel McDonnell to the commission and congratulated Mr. Jamison and Mr. Della Giustina on being appointed to regular member status.
- II. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

 - A. Annual Commission Orientation/Re-Orientation** - Mr. Boodheshwar reviewed the commission handbook particularly the role of the commission as an advisory board, the sunshine laws and how they pertain to the commission and public records. Mr. Boodheshwar then answered questions from the commissioners.
 - B. Election of Commission Chairperson** – Mr. Della Giustina nominated Mrs. Agnello for the position of Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Coffield, all were in favor.
 - C. Election of Vice-Chairperson** - Mrs. Agnello nominated Mr. Della Giustina for the position of Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Mr. O'Hara, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Mr. Della Giustina made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Agnello, all were in favor.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2008, MINUTES** – Mr. Della Giustina made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. O'Hara, all were in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Seaview Park Multipurpose Field Project Update** – Mr. Gardiner explained that the Town Council approved the bid for the project at a cost of \$226,166. Green Construction Technology had been awarded the project and work was expected to start on June 2, 2008. The project was expected to be completed by the 3rd or 4th week of July, with full use of the field by the second week of September.

Mr. Boodheshwar said that the staff was able to come to an agreement with the Day Academy on the cost sharing of the field and they have agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of the field payable over a period of time. The first payment of \$50,000 would be paid this summer with the balance of the money being paid over the next two school years.

- B. Seaview Tennis Center Renovation Update** - Mr. Brown stated that the Town Council approved the project at their May meeting. The Collage Company was selected and they will be subcontracting the tennis court construction portion of the project to Welsh Tennis Courts, giving us the same type of courts that are at the Phipps Tennis Center. The project is scheduled to begin June 2nd and is anticipated to be completed by October 31st. During the renovation period, operations will be moved to the Phipps facility with additional play sites at the Breakers for current pass holders only and a \$15.00 per player fee. Courts will be available Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 am – 9:00 p.m. Sloan's Curve will be available for play for current pass holders as well as their guest. There is no fee for pass holders and guests will pay the prevailing Town court fees.

Mr. Boodheshwar thanked Mrs. Taca, who also serves on the board at Sloan's Curve, for her help in getting the approval for the Town to use their courts.

- C. Phipps Tennis Center – Potential Expansion and Addition of Lights** – Mr. Boodheshwar said that at the last commission meeting there had been some discussion regarding an interest from south end residents about expanding the Phipps Tennis Facility. At that meeting the commission asked staff to come back with a preliminary cost for lighting the facility. He said that in their backup information was a cost estimate prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates. The estimated cost for lighting the facility was a little over a half a million dollars. The reason why it was so high is because after dark public activity at the facility will require lighting of the parking lot as well.

Mrs. June Bakalar, a resident, presented the commission with a petition for more courts at the Phipps facility. She stated that there was tremendous demand for play, particularly at the 9:00 a.m. hour and stated that she felt that we didn't need lights at Phipps, but more courts.

Mr. Boodheshwar stated that at the April Town Council meeting staff was directed to look at this issue during the development of the FY-09 budget and is currently going through the process of getting figures as well as the cost benefit of adding additional courts.

Mr. Boodheshwar said that staff will also review the rules in regard to the mixers program. He said that staff will look into possibly of implementing certain participation restrictions which will provide greater benefit to our residents and help ease the frustrations during the peak season.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY 2009 Budget Development** – Mr. Boodheshwar gave an overview of the budget, reviewing revenues and expenditures for each of the five program areas. He then reviewed the fee schedules. After some discussion, Mr. Della Giustina made the motion that the non-resident junior daily court fee should be \$7.00 or 50% of the non resident adult daily court fee. Seconded by Mr. O'Hara, all were in favor.

After further discussion, Mr. Della Giustina made a motion to accept the budget with the suggested change to tennis court fees. Seconded by Mr. O'Hara all were in favor.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Coniglio welcomed and thanked the new members on the commission for their willingness to serve. She then thanked the commission for all their hard work but particularly on the movement forward on the Seaview Tennis Facility, the final approval of the athletic field and cost sharing by the Day Academy and lastly their championship for open green space and asked them to remain vigilant on any changes that might reduce open green space in the Town of Palm Beach.

- A. Par 3 Golf Course Restoration Update** – Mr. Boodheshwar said that the Town Council has approved a commitment for a two to one private/public fund match for the improvement of the Par 3, which will equate to approximately six million dollars for the project. Mr. Boodheshwar said that Mr. Hall and Mr. Wideman approached him with this idea about a year ago and since then Mr. Raymond Floyd has also come on board. Mr. Hall said that Mr. Floyd and his wife Maria have gone to bat for us and single handedly have raised almost \$2 million dollars in addition to donating his design services. Mr. Boodheshwar said that to date, between the Town and private citizens approximately \$4.5 million dollars has already been committed to this project.

Mr. Boodheshwar said that staff has come up with a campaign to build ownership in the Par 3, create awareness, generate excitement and help raise money. The

theme is appropriately termed “I Chipped In”. By “chipping in” donors and supporters of the project will receive a Par 3 bag tag, which also serves as a promotional item for the project. This initiative is expected to be launched in the late summer.

B. Staff Report – This report is attached.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Agnello.

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Record of Attendance 2008

<u>Regular Members</u>	1/9/08	2/29/08	5/14/08	9/10/08	11/12/08
Mrs. Agnello	P	P	P		
Dr. Coffield	P	P	P		
Mr. Della Giustina	P	P	P		
Mr. Jamison	P	P	P		
Ms. Hickox-Moore	P	P	U		
Mr. Timothy O'Hara			P		
Mr. Shulman	P	P	E		
<u>Alternate Members</u>					
Mr. Hall			P		
Mr. McDonnell			P		
Mrs. Taca	P	P	P		

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

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Conflict of Interest Record 2008**

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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest