



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION PHIPPS PARKING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission: Phipps Parking Sub-Committee was held on April 3, 2012, in the Town Council Conference Room at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pamela McIver at 2:51 p.m. Other individuals of the committee in attendance were Commission Members Khooshe Aiken, Dr. G. Ellen Howe, and Roberta Mambrino. Resident participants were Mrs. Vicki Aronstam, Mr. Tom Fleming and Mrs. Renee Stark. Staff members in attendance were Director Mr. Jay Boodheshwar, Assistant Director Mr. Rod Gardiner, and Office Manager Mrs. Lisa Walkowich.

II. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

None

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commission Member Mambrino, and seconded by Commission Member Howe to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. PARKING AT PHIPPS OCEAN PARK

A. History of Parking Rules and Fees

Mr. Boodheshwar gave a brief presentation explaining the history of parking rules and fees at Phipps Ocean Park.

B. DEP Permit Conditions

Mr. Boodheshwar explained the conditions of the Department of Environmental Protection permit in regards to public access to parking at Phipps Ocean Park. This included the number of spaces that are required and that any changes in parking rules at Phipps Ocean Park would have to apply to all individuals and not just tennis players.

C. Current Issues/Concerns

Current issues and concerns regarding parking at Phipps Ocean Park included:

1. The free parking spaces are often taken by beachgoers who will move their car from space to space to comply with the 2 hour limit.
2. Tennis players, many who have purchased annual passes, have to pay \$5.00 an hour to park where players at Seaview Park Tennis only pay \$2.00 per hour.
3. Tennis players are often waiting in line for free spaces causing a log jam in the parking lot. This happens during the transition time between court bookings.
4. Team Tennis players often cannot find free parking for afternoon matches and have to pay \$5.00 an hour to park, because the inventory of free spaces is reduced to 15 after Noon.

D. Discuss Options for Improving Situations

Chairwoman McIver facilitated the brainstorming session for suggestions on improving the parking situation at Phipps Ocean Park. After a lengthy discussion the following ideas were recommended for consideration by the Recreation Advisory Commission.

1. Change current free parking inventory from 15 2-hour spaces available all day and 15 2-hour spaces available until Noon to:
 - From November 1 – April 30:
 - o 30 free 2-hour spaces available until 1:00pm
 - o 15 free 2-hour spaces available all day
 - From May 1 – October 31:
 - o 30 free 2-hour spaces available until 1:00pm
 - o No free spaces after 1:00pm
2. Parking Fees should be reduced back to \$2.00 per hour, which is equivalent to the rate charged at the Royal Palm municipal lot, adjacent to Seaview Park.

V. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman McIver at 4:00 p.m.