



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission was held on March 3, 2010, at the Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stuart Shulman, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. Commission members in attendance were Dr. Timothy Coffield, Mr. Daniel McDonnell, Mrs. Danielle Moore, Mr. Timothy O'Hara and Mr. Stuart Shulman. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Stephen Hall, Mrs. Pamela McIver and Mr. Donald Singer. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Joseph Della Giustina and Mr. Henry Jamison. Staff members in attendance were Director Mr. Jay Boodheshwar, Assistant Directors Mr. Alan Brown and Mr. Rod Gardiner, and Office Manager Mrs. Lisa Walkowich. Also in attendance was Mr. William Diamond, Town Council member.

II. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were none.

III. OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Walkowich administered the oath of office to the commissioners in attendance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Shulman asked for an approval of the agenda. Mr. McDonnell made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Shulman asked for a motion to approve the January 6, 2010, meeting minutes. Dr. Coffield made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation Activities at Public Beaches

Mr. Boodheshwar stated that Mr. Della Giustina had requested that this item be deferred to the May meeting since he was unable to attend the meeting today. The commission agreed to defer this item till the May meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2011 Budget Development Process

Mr. Boodheshwar said that the FY2011 Budget Development Process would begin within the next month or so and if any of the commissioners had any input that might have a budgetary impact to please contact him as soon as possible. He said that it was staff's intention to bring the preliminary FY2011 budget to the Commission at their May meeting. He said that part of the budget process will be a comprehensive 10 year long term financial plan and the results of that exercise, will impact our budget this year. He said that there was a special Town Council meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 1:30 to discuss the long term financial plan, if anyone was interested in attending.

B. Upcoming Commission Appointments

Mr. Boodheshwar said that appointments to the Recreation Advisory Commission were on the agenda for the April Town Council meeting. He stated that there were four openings on the commission. Two regular member positions were available because Mr. Shulman and Dr. Coffield had reached their term limits and two alternate member positions were available, however Mr. Hall and Mr. Singer were eligible for re-appointment.

He said that he wanted to remind the commissioners that at their May meeting they would be electing new officers. He then thanked Mr. Shulman and Dr. Coffield for their years of service.

Dr. Coffield stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve on this commission the past six years. He complimented the recreation department staff for their hard work and professionalism and the tremendous progress that has occurred within the department in the time that he has served on the commission. He also complimented Mr. Shulman for his dedication to the commission.

Mr. Shulman said that he has been doing this for 17 years and he has enjoyed his time on the commission. He said that he hopes that this commission will get more involved in the building of the new club house at the golf course.

Several other commissioners wished both commissioners well and thanked them for their service.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

A. [March 2010 Staff Report](#)

Mr. Boodheshwar asked the commission if there were any questions regarding the report that they had received. There were none.

Mr. Singer stated that at the last meeting he was asked to get information to Mr. Gardiner regarding a speaking bureau that the Town of South Palm Beach had initiated and that he had given that list to Mr. Gardiner. He said that they have ten Monday morning presentations from 10:30 – 11:30 on various topics and they had told him that they would be interested in doing something similar here in Palm Beach. Mr. Singer said that he would wait for Mr. Gardiner to get in touch with him in terms of what the next steps might be.

Mrs. McIver asked if the cold winter was affecting the Recreation Department budget. Mr. Boodheshwar said that revenues were down in all areas due to the economy. He also said that the cold weather is keeping most people indoors in the mornings, which has negatively impacted our numbers with golf and tennis. He said that staff has done an excellent job in controlling the budget and cutting expenses. Mr. Boodheshwar said that at the end of the day the enterprise fund will make money and won't be operating in a deficit. Mrs. McIver asked if the Town Docks felt any impact with the new docks in West Palm Beach. Mr. Boodheshwar said that he didn't think so, adding that we are at 94% occupancy for the year and doing better than most other marinas in the area which are at 70% or less. He said that we hope that the worst is behind us and the fall will bring some new customers. In addition there are some things staff is doing relative to marketing and advertising - one in particular is that we are going to be building a Town Docks website separate from the Town's website.

VII. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Shulman at 9:34 a.m.