



# TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Recreation Department

## RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

January 11, 2006

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission was held on January 11, 2006, at the Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Spaziani, Chairman at 9:00 a.m. Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Agnello, Mr. Bone, Dr. Coffield and Mr. Shulman. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Della-Guistina, Mr. Jamison and Mrs. Taca. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Andrews and Mrs. Hickox. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Boodheshwar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gardiner and Mrs. Walkowich.
- II. **WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR** – Mr. Spaziani introduced the new Recreation Director, Mr. Jay Boodheshwar to the commission. Mr. Boodheshwar thanked Mr. Spaziani and said, “It is a pleasure to be here. I had a chance this morning to sit down with Mr. Spaziani and talk about the relationship between the director and the commission and I understand that we’ve got a good group of individuals who are very interested in the recreational programs and facilities here in the Town. I want to continue that relationship and expand it if we can. I’ll be looking to all of you for advice and anything that I can do to help continue the relationship between the staff, myself and the commission, please don’t hesitate to ask.” Mr. Boodheshwar then gave a brief history of his background. The commissioners then introduced themselves listing their particular areas of interest and giving a brief history of themselves and their work on the commission.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** - Mr. Spaziani asked for motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bone made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Coffield, all were in favor.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2005 MINUTES** – Mr. Spaziani asked for a motion to approve the November 9, 2005, minutes. Mrs. Taca made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bone, all were in favor.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS** - Mr. Spaziani said that he went before the Town Council regarding the commission’s suggestion of elevating the tennis courts with parking underneath. He said that the Council did not like the idea. Mr. Spaziani said that he would like to suggest that signs be erected along Seaview Avenue directing people to alternate parking on neighboring streets. Mr. Brown said that he would check into Mr. Spaziani’s suggestion.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Winter Program Report** – After a review of the program report the commission made the following suggestions:

1. In an effort to promote the wrestling program a February mini session should be offered. The commissioners also suggested doing a clinic to promote the sport and including all the area schools.
2. Daddy Daughter Date Night should also be advertised at all the local schools.
3. Mr. Bone felt that the recreation department needed to re-evaluate how it market's their programs and try to draw in more people to the programs that are offered.

## VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Spaziani asked if staff could explain the decision by the Town Council for parking at the Phipps Tennis Center. Mr. Boodheshwar said that there was an issue with in-equity in parking between the Phipps and Seaview tennis facilities. He said that Mr. Brown had worked with Mr. Elwell to put together a proposal, as directed by the council, to remedy the situation. The proposal wasn't received favorably, but through the process of dialog the Council came up with an idea that creates some equity for parking. Mr. Boodheshwar said that the Council has directed staff to provide 15 spaces in the northwest corner of the south parking lot for free 2 hour parking. This parking will be open for everyone and not just reserved for tennis players.

Dr. Coffield said that he felt that as an incentive to get people to buy tennis memberships we should give decals to tennis players and have only the people with tennis decals parking there. Mr. Brown said that the problem Dr. Coffield's suggestion is that providing free spaces for tennis only puts us in conflict with state regulations for beach re-nourishment money and that the Town could lose millions. Mrs. Agnello said that her concern is that once the facility is finished, there will be more people then spaces playing at any given time. She said that if all the courts were booked with doubles, you've got twenty four people playing and you're only offering fifteen spaces. Mr. Brown said that here at Seaview Park there are 10 or 12 free two hour spaces and then you have to pay for parking. Mrs. Agnello said that at Seaview you have the opportunity to park on neighboring streets, you don't have that at Phipps. Dr. Coffield asked "As an incentive to buy memberships there, are we allowed to have people with decals, park in metered

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spaces and not be ticketed?” Mr. Brown said no because your giving preferential treatment. He said, “That was our proposal. Our proposal was to increase the cost of the permit which would include a parking placard and the council turned it down.” Mr. Boodheshwar said that he felt that there would be an opportunity, as we go through the process of reviewing rates and our rate structure to maybe look at this issue again. He said that because this was an issue that needed some sort of resolution right now it was probably the best situation without creating additional problems, but there would be an opportunity to look at this again.

Mrs. Agnello asked what happened with the proposal to renovate the Seaview Tennis Courts. Mr. Brown said that a public meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Once the public meeting was held, the input from the residents and the commission along with the plans would be presented to the Council at their February meeting.

Mr. Jamison said that he had been receiving complaints from residents regarding the availability of tennis courts during weekday mornings. Mr. Jamison said that he felt that group play was monopolizing the tennis courts and that the lack of court availability in the weekday mornings is a real issue. He said that the second issue was that people are questioning the value of their memberships. He said that he wanted to propose that both Phipps and Seaview Park do an availability analysis of court usage. Mr. Boodheshwar said that he felt there were solutions to everything and that staff would review Mr. Jamison’s request and come up with some options.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 10:00

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Record of Attendance 2006**

| <b><u>Regular Members</u></b>   | <b>1/11/06</b> | <b>3/8/06</b> | <b>5/10/06</b> | <b>9/13/06</b> | <b>11/8/06</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mr. Spaziani                    | P              |               |                |                |                |
| Mrs. Agnello                    | P              |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Andrews                     | E<br>(illness) |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Bone                        | P              |               |                |                |                |
| Dr. Coffield                    | P              |               |                |                |                |
| Mrs. Hickox                     | U              |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Shulman                     | P              |               |                |                |                |
| <b><u>Alternate Members</u></b> |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Della-Giustina              | P              |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Jamison                     | P              |               |                |                |                |
| Mrs. Taca                       | P              |               |                |                |                |

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

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Conflict of Interest Record 2006**

| <b><u>Regular Members</u></b>   | <b>1/11/06</b> | <b>3/8/06</b> | <b>5/10/06</b> | <b>9/13/06</b> | <b>11/8/06</b> |
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| Mr. Spaziani                    |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mrs. Agnello                    |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Andrews                     |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Bone                        |                |               |                |                |                |
| Dr. Coffield                    |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mrs. Hickox                     |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Shulman                     |                |               |                |                |                |
| <b><u>Alternate Members</u></b> |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Della-Giustina              |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mr. Jamison                     |                |               |                |                |                |
| Mrs. Taca                       |                |               |                |                |                |

LEGEND:    X = Conflict of Interest

**Program Report**  
**Recreation Advisory Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2006**

**YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAMS**

The Adult & Youth special interest classes were very much affected by Hurricane Wilma. The hurricane resulted in classes being canceled for two weeks as the Recreation Center was utilized as a Comfort Center for residents. Fortunately, no programs had to be canceled as the classes were extended (some finished as late as the last week in December).

**Youth:** Autumn Youth Programs recovered very well from the hurricane and were back to normal participation rates by mid-November. The pre-school and youth offerings all remain quite popular. The Winter Session began Monday, January 9, 2006, offering 18 classes that run 10 weeks which include a mix of arts, dance, karate, pre-school and various gymnastics type classes. New this session is the reorganization of the Kindermusik and Gymboree programs to accommodate the most popular age groups and minimize waiting lists.

**Adult:** Autumn Adult Programs were also affected by the Hurricane Wilma. However, interest in the programs has rebounded quite well with registration returning to its normal levels for the winter programs. The Winter Session offers 15 classes and will run ten weeks with offerings that include language, fitness/toning, relaxation, dancing, visual arts and history. A new class, History of Our Island, started this past session with resident Leslie Diver and was well received.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM & CAMPS**

We currently offer the after school program on a full time basis to Palm Beach Day School and Palm Beach Public students Monday through Friday. Homework assistance and a wide variety of activities are available to children enrolled in the program. Winter Break Camp was a success, the children enjoyed a myriad of fun activities and field trips. Spring Break Camp will take place March 13 - 17 and March 20 - 24, 2006. Registration for residents begins February 6<sup>th</sup> and for non-residents on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- The Halloween Happenings proved once again to be a very successful family night out. However, because of Hurricane Wilma, it was held as a Fall Festival

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on November 17<sup>th</sup>. On Halloween night at the Recreation Center, while still serving as a Comfort Center, we received many trick or treaters, who each received a bag of goodies.

### **(Youth & Adult Programs Continued)**

- Daddy Daughter Date Night will be Friday, February 3, 2006, at The Colony with entertainment by Kenny Mondo Entertainment.
- The Spring Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2006, here at the Recreation Center beginning at 10:30 a.m.

### **ATHLETICS**

- The fall athletic program ran smoothly with few weather interruptions for a change. We had 32 participants in our Flag Football program in two different divisions.
- Itty Bitty Soccer was successfully held with a full class but became the longest 8 week program ever held due to the interruption of Hurricane Wilma. The session began on September 17<sup>th</sup> and ended on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Itty Bitty Basketball is scheduled to begin on January 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding this program in the Day School Gymnasium as part of our interlocal agreement.
- The spring sports of Lacrosse, T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Basketball are all scheduled to begin the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter sports are running smoothly. Registration reached an all time high this year in our most popular sport, topping out at a record 270 individuals. A large part of the increase was due to the addition of 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year creating a new division. The sport continues to grow in popularity. In previous years we barely had two teams in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade group, and only four divisions. This year we have 4 full teams in all five divisions.
- The athletic field was overseeded with Perennial Rye grass during the Holiday break. The seed has grown in well and we have a nice green field ready for play. In addition, the baseball field renovation related to the Public School has been completed and is ready for play.
- For those who wish to see the parents try to recapture their youth ( usually with much amusement) please come out and watch the annual Parents vs Coaches soccer game on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

## **TENNIS**

### **Junior Programs**

- The fall junior program, coordinated by Donna DeFrances, was a great success 94 juniors participated in the Fall 12 week session.
- 28 Juniors played in the Junior Town Championship held in November.
- 18 Juniors paired up with a parent in the Parent/Child Round Robin that was held in October.

### **Adult Programs**

- We have 3 teams (56 Ladies) in the Palm Beach County Women's League which runs from October through April
- 13 Men played in the Senior Town Championships held in December
- The Tuesday Night Doubles Mixer continues to be very popular.
- 24 players participated in the Holiday Doubles Mixer, a morning event held in December.

### **Phipps Ocean Park Tennis Center**

- The weekday morning doubles mixers continue to be very popular. Mixers are held Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 - 9:30 and 9:30 - 11:00
- We have 4 Senior Teams this year (3 men's and 1 women's) playing in the Palm Beach County Senior League which runs January - May, 2006.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Parent vs. Child Tournament - January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Town Doubles Championship - January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Town Singles Championship - February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
St Patrick's Day Tournament - March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mixed Doubles Championship - April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Parent/Child Round Robin - April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Independence Day Doubles Tournament (Phipps) - July 4<sup>th</sup>

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### GOLF

- Due to Hurricane Wilma the golf course was closed from October 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, due to damage and the loss of power from the hurricane players did not return until November 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, in the week leading up to the hurricane, business slowed down dramatically. Because of these factors it is estimated that approximately one month of revenue was lost.
- The following is a YTD comparison report of activity for October and November.

|                          | <u>FY-05</u> | <u>FY-06</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Round of Golf</b>     | 7,624        | 6,082        |
| <b>Bucket of Balls</b>   | 4,347        | 3936         |
| <b>Number of Lessons</b> | 360          | 386          |
| <b>Number of Clinics</b> | 96           | 144          |

- The following is a comparison in revenue for three months for FY-05 and FY-06.

|      | <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>December</u> |
|------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2005 | \$ 35,675      | \$ 91,047       | \$ 74,676       |
| 2006 | \$ 21,194      | \$ 72,819       | \$ 95,106       |

- The following is a comparison of rounds of golf played for three months for FY-05 and FY-06

|      | <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>December</u> |
|------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2005 | 2,022          | 2,729           | 2,893           |
| 2006 | 1,083          | 1,971           | 3,029           |