

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

January 9, 2002

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mrs. Coniglio, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on January 9, 2002, at the Palm Beach Recreation Center. The Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Coniglio, Mr. Gross, Mrs. Morris and Mr. Shulman. Alternate member in attendance were Mr. Fishman and Mrs. Agnello. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Gavigan, Mr. Ochstein, Mr. Shore and Mr. Spaziani. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer and Mrs. Walkowich.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mrs. Morris made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Gross, all were in favor.
- III. APPROVAL of NOVEMBER 14, 2001, MINUTES - Mrs. Morris made the motion to approve the November 14, 2001, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gross, all were in favor.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Phipps Ocean Park Tennis Center - Mr. Bitzer showed the site plan to the commission and stated that the courts were expected to be completed between February 15th and March 1st.

Mrs. Morris asked how the facility would be run, would the fees be the same as the Seaview Tennis Center. Mr. Bitzer said that the new facility would be run the same as Seaview with the fees being the same and annual permits could be used at either facility.

Mr. Bitzer showed the Commission the preliminary plans for the tennis control building and seating area. He stated that the target date for completion of this project was November 1, 2002. However, he anticipated that the project would be completed in about 6 months. Mr. Bitzer said that in the mean time a temporary trailer would be brought in to use as a tennis shop.

Mr. Bitzer said that the preliminary plans for the tennis shop were going to the next ARCOM meeting for their approval. He said that the control building had been designed in such a way so that it was architecturally compatible with the design of the south fire station. Mr. Bitzer said that right now the design for the covered seating area called for a canvas canopy, however, if money permits, staff would like to have

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an open air shelter with a tile roof to match the tennis building. After some discussion, Mrs. Coniglio made the motion to recommend that the pavilion for the seating area be constructed with a tile roof to match the tennis building. Seconded by Mr. Gross, all were in favor.

Mr. Shulman asked that once the tennis building is constructed how will we keep beach goers from using the restrooms. Mr. Bitzer said that he didn't feel this would be a problem because there was a restroom pavilion right next to the parking lot for the beach goers and that through signage and monitoring by staff, we would be able to control the use of the restrooms.

Mrs. Morris made the motion to recommend that the restrooms should be unisex and that if possible we should try design them with two toilet stalls per bathroom. Seconded by Mrs. Coniglio, all were in favor.

Mr. Bitzer said that at the last Commission meeting the question of how the facility would be staffed arose. Mr. Bitzer said that he was going to recommend that the new facility be put under the umbrella of the current Tennis Pro Manager, James Hay, who would send existing pros there to teach lessons. Mr. Bitzer said that we had also budgeted for a full time Tennis Facility Supervisor and part time registration clerks.

He said that the new facility would be run the same as the Seaview facility utilizing the same policies and procedures.

Mr. Gross said that a couple of weeks ago the Palm Beach Daily News had an article complaining about the condition of the existing bathrooms at Phipps. He asked if those bathrooms fell under the recreation department's jurisdiction. Mr. Bitzer said that Phipps Ocean Park was under the auspices of the Public Works Department. He said that Mr. Dusey was aware of the article and that the problem would be corrected.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Recreation Program Update* - This report is attached.

Mrs. Coniglio said that she was concerned about the revenues being down at the golf course. Mr. Bitzer said that due to the 9/11 tragedy, tourism is down considerably and this has affected the golf course. However, the last two weeks in December showed a 2% increase and staff was hopeful that this trend would continue through the spring.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Coniglio welcomed it's newest member Milissa Agnello.

Mr. Fishman asked that when there is a tournament at Seaview Tennis, would it be possible for the Recreation Center to be open on Saturday and Sunday for the use of the restrooms. Mr. Bitzer said that anytime we have a large enough event we will have the recreation center open.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. by Gail Coniglio.


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Gail Coniglio	P				
James Gavigan	E (legal)				
Arthur Gross	P				
Eileen Morris	P				
Larry Ochstein	E (illness)				
Allen E. Shore	E (illness)				
Stuart Shulman	P				
<u>Alternate Members</u>					
Milissa Agnello	P				
Michael Spaziani	E (illness)				
Ken Fishman	P				

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

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