

**MINUTES**  
**Sunshine Meeting**  
**Walk-Through at Optimist Park**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Miami Lakes Optimist Park**  
**6411 NW 162<sup>nd</sup> Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 11:18 a.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez, Deputy Town Clerk Victoria Martinez, and Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun.

Also present from the public were: Former Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez, Miami Laker Reporter Alexandra Herrera, and resident Bonnie Cintron.

**2. Items Discussed:**

Town Manager Edward Pidermann opened the Sunshine Meeting and explained some of the concerns with Miami Lakes Optimist Park. He stated that Town Staff will be ready to present at the March Regular Council Meeting a workable plan to maintain the design proposed in phases.

Parks Director Jeremy Bajdaun explained the first phase would include the addition of a restroom located around left center field of field 5. Town Staff and Town Councilmembers discussed the possibility of moving around the lighting and fields as well as the extension of irrigation for the restrooms by field 5.

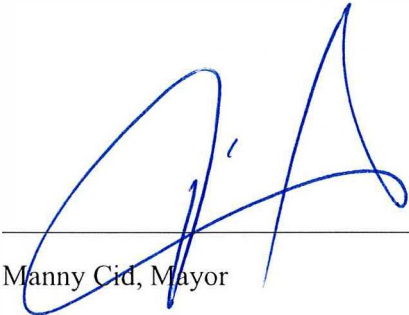
Town Staff, Town Councilmembers, and members of the public spoke about the School Board possibly funding an airnasium, the drainage at the park, the reconfiguration of all fields, laser grading the fields more often, and adding bollards to the Pinto B field. Also discussed amongst all attendees was the School Board JUA and the possibility of removing the high school field requirement in order to make more space for additional fields.

It was recommended through discussion that the Town Council agree on one design and then decide the phases before starting on any projects at the park in regard to redevelopment.

**Adjournment:**

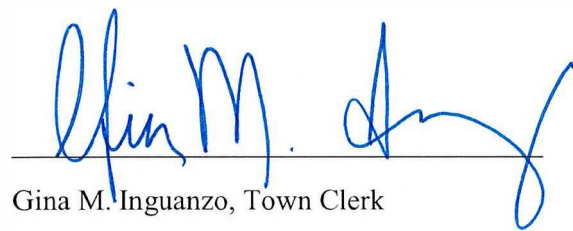
This meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of February 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk