



December 4, 2019

Town of Palm Beach
Members of the Town Council
360 S. County Road P.O. Box 2029
Palm Beach, Fl. 33480

VIA EMAIL

RE: The Sun and Surf Condominiums/Parking Issues on Sunrise Avenue.

Dear Members of the Town Council:

As the General Manager of the two Sun and Surf Condominium Associations located along Sunrise Avenue, I am writing with regards to the issue of a street parking policy and potential parking fees along Sunrise Avenue, which abuts the Sun and Surf property. Attached please find a letter from the two Board Presidents, which is sent on behalf of all Unit Owners with regards the pending consideration of the adoption of a new parking policy/fee schedule.

We ask that the attached letter be distributed to all Town Council Members in advance of the meeting scheduled on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. We thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Glenn Robinov
General Manager



Members of the Town Council:

Questions and concerns have been raised about the wisdom of proposals from the Town Manager to expand the number and locations of year-round paid parking spaces, the installation of kiosks necessary for payment, possible limitation of payment to Park Mobile Only, and possible 24/7 enforcement of paid parking locations. These concerns understandably led to your November decision to defer until January consideration of proposed conversions of 132 free parking spaces on the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of Worth Avenue, and 37 free parking spaces on the 100 blocks of Hammon, Peruvian, Chilean, Australian, and Brazilian Avenues.

As residents of condominiums on the 100 block of Sunrise Avenue, we have the same questions and concerns. Accordingly, we request that you pause your decision to immediately convert 53 parking spaces on our street from one-hour free parking, from 9am to 6pm, to year-round \$3/hour paid parking, for 16 hours a day, from 6am to 10pm, and to install kiosks throughout the 100 block. By so doing, you can ensure that the policy decisions reached at your January Town Council meeting will be applied fairly to all, whether residents of single-family homes on other streets or the more than 300 condominium units on Sunrise Avenue.

We understand that the impetus for your Sunrise Avenue decision was a series of telephone and e-mail complaints from a few residents residing on North Ocean Boulevard between Sunrise Avenue and Wells Road. Their concerns were that individuals using the public access points on North Ocean Boulevard to access the public portions of the beach were trespassing and engaging in disorderly behavior. We share those concerns. However, we believe the appropriate remedy is for Town enforcement of the laws prohibiting such conduct, and not by imposing paid parking obstacles to public access to public beaches.

Unless there is an additional desire to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue year-round from residents and visitors, the proposed conversions of numerous limited time free spaces to unlimited time paid spaces defeats the desired result. Instead of having turnover at a time limited free space to avoid a \$60 ticket, those parking on Sunrise Avenue and the other 100 blocks under consideration for conversion, would be able to park for as long as they wish by paying the \$3 or \$4 an hour fee at the kiosk for as many hours as desired. For us, this becomes unduly onerous for another reason, as we will now have to warn our evening visitors and dinner guests that paid parking is in effect on Sunrise Avenue until 10pm.

Thank you for consideration of our request, and for taking our concerns to heart. We see no harm from a two-month delay of the changes on Sunrise Avenue, as you discuss the wisdom of imposing similar or identical requirements for the other free parking spaces currently under review, and those free parking spaces not yet targeted for conversion.



Jerry Zaro President, Sun & Surf 100 Association



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Cornelius Healy – President, Sun & Surf 130 Association