Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From:

Meyers, Robert (COE)

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2002 1:59 PM

To:

Coral Reef Park (Park & Rec)

Subject:

RE: Ethics Question

Thank you for the additional information. Based on what you have provided me, there is nothing in the Conflict Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that prohibits one of your park managers from sitting on the board of the Optimist Club that holds a park permit, provided this park manager is not responsible for overseeing the park permit held by the Optimist Club. Assuming you can assign another park manager to handle the Optimist Club's permit, there is no legal conflict.

The other options you identify -- nonvoting member or Parks Department representative -- also seem to be permissible under County ethics rules.

If you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, feel free to contact me at (305) 579-2594.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

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From:

Coral Reef Park (Park & Rec)

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2002 12:04 PM

To: Subject:

Meyers, Robert (COE) **RE: Ethics Question**

Mr. Meyers,

I am their supervisor. The permitting process starts when an organization approaches us. We (Park mngr. and/or myself) then sit down with them and discuss the parameters in which they will be allowed to use the Park property. This permit has been renewed for many years and neither myself or the Park Mngr. were involved in the negotiations. (A new Park Partnership will be instituted in the very near future and we probably will be part of those negotiations.) When this is done, it is put into writing (Permit to Conduct Business) and sent up through the channels to be approves by the Dept. Director and the Commissioners. Once it is approved, the Park Mngr. oversees the permit (collects fees, scheduling, cleanliness, etc.).

If you need any further info, please contact me.

Thank You,

Mike Dmytriw

-----Original Message-----

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2002 11:38 AM Coral Reef Park (Park & Rec)

Subject: RE: Ethics Question

Mr. Dmytriw,

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner. First of all, are you this person's supervisor? If not, I don't have the authority to give you an opinion about someone's else conduct. If you are the person with such authority, I need to know from you what this Park Manager does and whether he is involved in approving park permits and exactly what the park permitting process entails.

Once you clarify these matters for me, I should be able to answer your questions.

Thanks.

Robert Meyers

----Original Message----

From: Coral Reef Park (Park & Rec)

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2002 9:57 AM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Subject: Ethics Question

Mr. Meyers,

Can you please help me with an Ethics question? I e-mailed a couple of weeks ago without a response. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

I have a Park Mngr. that has been invited to seat on the board of an Optimist Club that operates under a permit at the park. We feel that this would be a conflict of interest. I'd like the person to be involved to with relations an to have an open relationship. Would an Honorary membership be ok with no voting rights or right to hold office be ok? Or should they just go as a representative of the Parks Dept?

Mike Dmytriw Coral Reef Service Area Mngr.