

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
June 16, 2014

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Vogelgesang at approximately 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Steven M. Engel
Dennis R. Frisch
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Earl L. Starkoff
Susan Vogelgesang

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Referencing the May 19th Board meeting minutes, Mr. Thayer stated that his comments about a potential dining establishment at Red Reef Park “utilizing existing parking” were incorrect. He believes that the design firm should determine the feasibility of the site and parking which may provide additional beach access. The design firm should make a recommendation after hearing commentary from the Board and the public and studying environmental factors.

David Johnson

792 Camino Lakes Circle, Boca Raton

Mr. Johnson advised that as a result of the opposition to the development of the Hillsboro El Rio park site, the Boca Raton City Council has decided to host a community meeting to present facts about the park and solicit public commentary. The meeting will be held in the fall, after the start of the school season. He will continue to observe District budget activities.

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel, liaison to the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, noted the following: 1) over one thousand people attended the release of “Phoenix” the turtle who is equipped with a tracking device; 2) the pumps continue to have unplanned outages at the center; 3) the Friends and City staff are working on a security system proposal which includes cameras. District coordination is envisioned; 4) Mr. John Parks, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Deputy Director inquired about the importance of the hard wood hammock to the mission of the Friends. Ms. Peel reiterated her comments to Mr. Parks’ inquiry by stating that access to the hard wood hammock is very important to the Friends’ mission of educating the public about coastal and marine resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

Commissioner Frisch stated that his second motion on page 4, did not accurately reflect his intent which was to budget for profitability; not a loss. He amended his motion by omitting the words “rather than” to read as follows: “.....to request the USTA set their entrance fee at a level that is at least consistent with the fee charged in 2013 anticipating the expenses and income”.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2014 as amended.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Merv Timberlake Agreement for District Financial Services

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director presented the subject agreement. The agreement is for a period of one year, and the compensation will be on an hourly basis. He recommends approval. Mr. Timberlake was present.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the Merv Timberlake Agreement for District Financial Services.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Zimmer Consultants – Swim & Racquet Center Amended Master Plan

Mr. Koski sought direction and approval from the District to begin negotiations with Mr. Zimmer for the development of design drawings, plans and specifications for all of the improvements at the Swim & Racquet Center.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to allow Mr. Koski to initiate negotiations with Mr. Zimmer for design drawings, plans and specifications for improvements at the Swim & Racquet Center.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Budget – Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Mr. Merv Timberlake stated that preliminary property tax values were received from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser at the end of May, and final property tax values are anticipated at the end of June. He furnished a chart indicating that total taxable property value has increased 4.7%. New construction was slightly lower this year, however, next year new construction is anticipated to increase sharply. By going to the rolled-back rate, the District will receive approximately \$50,000 more than last year. Keeping the same millage rate will produce \$863,000 more than last year.

Mr. Koski advised that he has received the City's proposed 2014-2015 budget. The City is requesting an increase of \$291,000 in operation and maintenance from last year's \$13.8 million. The City is also requesting a \$75,000 increase for Mizner Park, and a \$300,000 increase for Recreation, Technical and Supervisory services. Both the Red Reef Park Golf Course and Special Interest Activities will remain the same. The General Fund Administration at \$325,000 will also remain the same. Mr. Koski will address items of concern at a meeting scheduled with Merv Timberlake, Linda Davidson and Mickey Gomez.

Commissioner Rollins would like to focus on staffing levels at facilities to make sure that they are adequate, and if there are vacancies, how long they have been vacant and when the City expects to replace them.

Mr. Koski advised that the \$291,000 increase in the operation and maintenance budget for 2014-2015 is entirely due to additional personnel.

Capital Improvement Projects for 2014-2015 were discussed. The \$1.728 million budgeted in 2013-2014 for central beach renourishment will not be budgeted in 2014-2015 as the renourishment will take place in the following fiscal year. Two new CIP items will be added: 1) \$1 million for the pumps at Gumbo Limbo and, 2) \$300,000 to replace the air conditioning chillers at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center and Field House.

Mr. Koski reviewed the items that will continue to be carried forward: DeHoernle Park Phase II; the majority portion of the science playground; the Swim & Racquet Center master plan will be deleted and design costs for the Swim & Racquet Center will be added; the Red Reef Park master plan and park will be paid in part this year and in part next year. An additional \$300,000 will be added to the District's beach renourishment sinking fund.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$480,675.25.</p>
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MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Resident/Non-Resident Policy

Information is continuing to be gathered.

District Financial Audited Statements

The 2013 District Financial Audit was completed and submitted to the State of Florida.

District Counsel None

Commissioners

Sugar Sand Park

Commissioner Engel reported that there were several light stanchions out of the ground at Sugar Sand Park. Mr. Koski advised that the District has instituted a procedure whereby a form is sent to the City advising them of maintenance issues at District facilities and requesting a written response as to who is going to fix the problem and when the task will be completed.

Patch Reef Park

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the status of the basketball pole that fell over and whether the other poles have been inspected. Mr. Koski will review the matter and advise.

Sugar Sand Park

Commissioner Vogelgesang stated that on more than one occasion she has driven around Sugar Sand Park and was unable to find a Park Ranger on site. In addition, she queried the Board as to their thoughts on building another field house at Sugar Sand Park. Mr. Koski advised that this item will be addressed in the CIP portion of the 2014-2015 budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

July 7 - Resident/Non-Resident Policy
Budget FY 2014-2015


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Susan Vogelgesang Chairman



Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer