

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
July 7, 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

Chairman Vogelgesang extended a welcome to Boca Raton City Council Member Robert S. Weinroth.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Jennifer Ligeti
2679 NW 23rd Way, Boca Raton

Ms. Ligeti, representing Sunflower Creative Arts, gave a presentation on Nature Playscapes. Her goal is to have the Board direct its consultant to consider incorporating a Nature Playscape at one or more parks within the District. At the suggestion of Chairman Vogelgesang, Ms. Ligeti will prepare a list of items/guidelines for placement on a future Board meeting agenda.

John Koutsoupis
4840 NW 28th Way, Boca Raton

Mr. Koutsoupis, President of the Boca Raton Girls' Softball Association, thanked the Board for allowing their entity to use District fields. He stated that the recent Father's Day tournament was very successful. Highlights: 92 teams throughout the State of Florida participated; 7 West Boca fields and 10 East Boca fields were utilized; the East Boca fields accommodated 180 games over a two day period. Approximately 1,500 people visited the City of Boca Raton as a result of the tournament.

David Johnson
792 Camino Lakes Circle, Boca Raton

Mr. Johnson displayed newspaper articles from the Sun-Sentinel indicating that the population growth in the District is south of Palmetto Park Road. He noted that many of the new apartments and houses being developed are within close proximity to Hillsboro El Rio Park. He would like the Board to include Hillsboro El Rio Park on its agenda when it meets with the Boca Raton City Council.

Judy Gire
23121 Via Stel, Boca Raton

Ms. Gire, a member of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo Board of Directors, stated that the Friends look forward to working with Miller Legg and sharing the data and knowledge that went into the

preparation of the Strategic Plan. The Friends continue to work with the City in achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan, such as the security system. She thanked the Board for continuing to keep the pump project as a priority.

Elisabeth Hoffman

305 NW 42nd Street, Boca Raton

Ms. Hoffman supports Ms. Ligeti's request for a Nature Playscape at a park within the District. For over 20 years she has been involved and observed children in the Sunflower program. Children are provided the opportunity to interact with nature and be creative. She asked the Board to consider a Nature Playscape in its parks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2014 as presented.</p>

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Budget Discussion – Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director, advised that at the July 21st meeting, the Board will be required to adopt two items: 1) the proposed millage rate for 2014-2015, and 2) set the time, date and place of its first public hearing on proposed taxes and budget for 2014-2015. He provided two alternative revenue projections for the upcoming year; one maintaining the existing millage rate and the other going to the rolled-back rate. Both projections included anticipated expenditures for the next fiscal year. In summary:

The majority budget expenditure is to the City for operation and maintenance of District parks [\$14 Million]. In addition, the City will receive reimbursement for Recreation Technical & Supervisory personnel [\$600,000] and General Fund Administration [\$325,000]. The District will continue to assist in reimbursing the City for deficits that exist at the Red Reef Golf Course as well as funding the entire Mizner Bark operation [\$356,000]. Other reimbursements include field rental at Florida Atlantic University [\$359,000]. The District will also fund City Capital Improvement Items [\$156,000] for two additional employees, vehicles and other maintenance equipment at Gumbo Limbo.

District projects identified in the 2014-2015 budget include: Completion of DeHoernle Park Phase II [\$6,615,000]; Construction of Sugar Sand Park Science Playground [\$1,150,000]; Completion of all Swim & Racquet Center renovations and improvements [estimated at \$2,700,000]; Red Reef Park Master Plan [\$50,000]; Gumbo Limbo pumping and piping system [\$1,500,000]; Patch Reef Park Renovations [\$500,000]. It is anticipated that the Swim & Racquet Center Project and the Sugar Sand Park Playground Renovation Project will be completed in fiscal year 2014-15.

In addition, the District has budgeted for General Government Expenses [\$1,459,500]; Tax Increment Payment to Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency [\$728,000]; Beach Renourishment sinking fund [\$300,000]. The \$1,728,000 budgeted in 2014 for the Central

Beach Renourishment Project will be placed in the sinking fund as the project will not be done this fiscal year. The air conditioning chiller system at Sugar Sand Park requires replacement [\$310,000].

Referencing Patch Reef Park, Commissioner Rollins commented on the need to better manage the overgrown vegetation in the park.

Commissioner Starkoff suggested that the annual exotic removal of vegetation throughout District parks be recognized in the budget.

Mr. Koski advised that assuming the current millage rate is both justified and needed to accomplish all of the District's projects. He will provide a 5-year projection based upon the current millage rate.

Mr. Koski stated that if the Miller Legg Agreement is approved, it could be expanded to expedite the pumping and piping project at Gumbo Limbo. The project would then be under the auspices of the District rather than the City. This item will be placed on the July 21 agenda.

2. Approval of Amendment to Leathers & Associates Agreement

Mr. Koski stated that Leathers is attempting to make the third floor of the Science Playground fully accessible by designing ramps which will allow wheelchair access. This design feature was not originally contemplated. He recommends approval of the amendment to compensate Leathers for the design feature.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Amendment to Leathers & Associates Agreement as presented.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Approval of Miller Legg Agreement - Red Reef Park

Mr. Koski presented the subject agreement and recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the Miller Legg Agreement as presented.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$29,362.83.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director – None

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Red Reef Park Beach Access

Commissioner Frisch stated that he was advised by a constituent that the southern beach access area has a steep “drop off”. Getting down to the beach is fine, but getting back up is difficult. Mr. Koski will investigate the matter.

Nature Playscape

Commissioner Starkoff and Commissioner Rollins both expressed their desire to develop a Nature Playscape within a District Park. Future discussions should include safety guidelines.

Resident/Non-Resident Policy

Commissioner Starkoff stated that City staff is too focused on revenue enhancement, and its rationale that Youth Sport fees are used to offset operation and maintenance is not borne out since the amount collected is so small in light of overall operation and maintenance expenses. He would like to see a separation of non-resident fees from tournament fees in order to get a clearer picture of the fees collected. Independent entities {i.e. Palm Beach County Sports Commission} should be consulted to determine the economic impact tournaments generate in a community. He is not opposed to charging non-residents a fee, but not for using the fees to offset operation and maintenance. Rather, non-resident fees should be applied to benefit and encourage participants in all sports. The District needs to determine its strategic purpose in using the fees collected.

Commissioner Engel requested a comparison of sport participation and revenue over a several year period to determine if a trend exists.

Fourth of July Event

Chairman Vogelgesang attended the July 4th festivities at DeHoernle Park. The event was well received; however, she would have preferred to see an increased presence of Police Officers and Park Rangers walking through the crowds. “The fireworks were outstanding – the City did a nice job”.

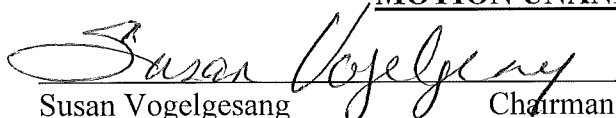
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

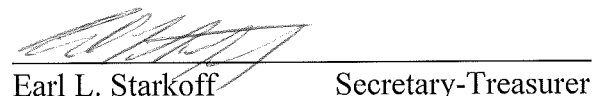
- July 21 - Adoption of Proposed 2014-2015 Millage Rate
Set time, place and date of first public hearing on proposed 2014-2015 Budget
Expansion of Miller Legg Agreement for Gumbo Limo Pumps and Piping
- August 16 - Resident/Non-Resident Policy

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer