

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
August 18, 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: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Susan Caruso

Executive Director Sunflower Creative Arts

Ms. Caruso gave an update on the Nature Playscape which Ms. Jennifer Ligeti presented to the Board on July 7th. She advised that Ms. Ligeti will meet with Motre' representatives on August 19th to discuss possible nature playscape locations at Patch Reef Park. In addition, the nature play guidelines will be available on September 10.

Commissioner Rollins favors the nature playscape concept. He offered the disclaimer that no park site has yet been selected, and that other locations are being evaluated, including Sugar Sand Park.

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Referencing the Nature Playscape, Ms. Peel felt that it would be a wonderful addition to any District property. Further, the Nature Playscape compliments the philosophy at Gumbo Limbo of "no child left inside." As the liaison to the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, she advised that Assistant Boca Raton City Manager Mike Woika updated her on the pump/piping project: the City is working to replace the existing underground piping and valves between A-1-A and the current pump station. Construction on the new lines should commence before the end of August.

Mr. Koski elaborated on the estimated cost of the project. The immediate fix is still \$68,000 which may need to be increased depending upon the amount of work that can get done. The cost of the long-term fix is uncertain at this time. \$1.5 million has been allocated in the 2014-2015 Budget for the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

Commissioner Engel abstained from voting as he was absent from the August 4th meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Agreement for Zimmer Construction Consultants for Design of Swim & Racquet Center Improvements

Mr. Koski presented the subject agreement which will initiate the design of the improvements that have been previously presented by Mr. Zimmer for the Swim & Racquet Center. He requested Board approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the Agreement for Services between the District and Zimmer Construction Consultants for design of Swim & Racquet Center improvements.

Discussion:

Mr. Koski clarified that the design fee is \$260,500 and the construction fee is estimated at \$2.7 million.

Commissioner Rollins questioned the \$27,500 fee for “Maintenance/Trailer Refurbishment.” Mr. Koski advised that the fee is inclusive of all of the necessary work relative to the maintenance area. The trailer will not be reused. A new fabricated metal building will be designed for the site.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Proposed Amendment to the Motre’ Agreement

At the August 4th Board meeting, Motre’ gave a report on improvements at Patch Reef Park and included a generalization of the differential between natural vs. artificial turf as it relates to the three rectangular fields at the park. The District is actively engaged in discussions with the City as to what the surface of the fields should be at Patch Reef Park and at other park locations in the community. To date, an independent analysis has not been done on the pros and cons from an economic and user viewpoint with regard to artificial vs. natural grass. Mr. Koski deems it appropriate for Motre’ to perform an in depth analysis of artificial vs. natural grass and recommends approval of the amendment.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Amendment to the Motre’ Agreement for the Quantitative Cost-Benefit Analysis: Natural vs. Artificial Turf at a cost not to exceed \$11,880.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch would like the analysis to include different sports [diamonds and rectangles] to determine the effect cleats would have on multi-surface facilities.

Commissioner Rollins would like Motre’s analysis to indicate its data sources from which they are documenting the issues [publications/companies that install turf], and the user groups that they have spoken with. Mr. Koski will ensure that all of the information in the Motre analysis is footnoted.

Commissioner Engel suggested that the analysis include a comparison between the rates of serious injury on turf vs. grass, and whether there is an effect from the heat that is generated from using artificial turf.

Commissioner Starkoff would like the analysis to include at least one full size regulation field to accommodate older youths and adults and sports such as lacrosse. If a row of parking has to be relinquished to accommodate a larger field, there still would be space available elsewhere (i.e. the retention area).

Commissioner Frisch would like Motre' to contact small colleges with limited budgets that have installed artificial turf to determine their satisfaction with maintenance costs.

Mr. Koski advised that Motre' will also be asked to include comparable artificial turf facilities in the area.

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3. Budget Discussion

Mr. Koski furnished a revised 2014-2015 Budget Summary prepared by Mr. Merv Timberlake, District Financial Advisor. The summary did not include the approximate \$1.5 million anticipated reimbursement from the City for beach renourishment. At the request of Commissioner Engel, Mr. Koski will provide a budget book outlining City park operation and maintenance items.

Commissioner Engel inquired about the status of the DeHoernle Park Phase II Project and whether the work would commence and be completed this fiscal year.

Mr. Koski stated that Motre's analysis on natural vs. artificial turf should be available by the mid to latter part of October. He noted that a revised edited version of the beach renourishment interlocal agreement which increases District participation to 50% has been forwarded to Assistant City Manager Mike Woika. Mr. Woika had no objection to the edits and forwarded the agreement to the City Attorney for final review. As a result of these issues, he envisions meeting with the City to discuss the combined aspects of Patch Reef Park and DeHoernle Park as well as any other projects that may be identified for a combined effort between the two entities.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$2,901,063.68.</p>
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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Interim Acting Executive Arthur C. Koski reported on the following:

Sugar Sand Park Playground

Mr. Leathers will present 100% completed drawings at the September 15th Board meeting. The City Building Department will review the plans and specifications to determine if a building permit is required for the three-story structure.

Swim & Racquet Center Improvements

The City has been approached to determine what sort of land planning is required from City staff in the way of an approval for the project. As this project is part of the overall Via Verde Master Plan, it needs to be determined if an amendment may be required.

Patch Reef Park Improvements

Motre' will meet its product delivery date of October 25th. A presentation is envisioned at that time in order to give them direction to move into the design phase.

2014-2015 Budget

The Board will have to decide at either the September 2nd or September 15th meeting on the budget to be presented at the First Public Hearing on September 16th.

Gumbo Limbo

The District will move forward with the acquisition of the interpretative exhibits at Gumbo Limbo.

Sugar Sand Park

The District will be acquiring the new air conditioning system for the Community Center and Field House. The expenditure is envisioned in fiscal year 2014-2015.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Sugar Sand Park Office Space

Commissioner Frisch inquired about the use of the District office space at Sugar Sand Park after the District moves its offices to the new building at the Swim & Racquet Center. Mr. Koski stated that no specific plans are under consideration for utilization of the existing District office space. However, he remarked that the location would be ideal to build a mirror image of the existing Field House and interconnect all three buildings without having to go outside.

Patch Reef Park Storage & Maintenance Equipment

Commissioner Starkoff expressed concern about the site-line view of residents from across the canal if the maintenance equipment storage area is moved to the back southwest corner of the park. The safety concerns of patrons using the exercise trail in that area is also an issue. He felt that Motre's report addressing the maintenance/storage facility was incomplete.

Mr. Koski offered that Motre's report was predicated on current park conditions which could change if artificial turf is considered. Phase II construction of a maintenance facility at DeHoernle Park may be an opportunity to centralize the location of some of the equipment and transport it from an enclosed maintenance facility at DeHoernle to be used at Patch Reef Park.

Red Reef Park Concession Contract

Commissioner Rollins referred to the City's beach concession contract. Although the District had no participation in the contract, it was named in the contract from an insurance aspect. He expressed concern about the District's liability exposure.

Mr. Koski stated that the District will ensure that the concessionaires at the park have adequate insurance to protect the District, although that may not limit the District's liability completely.

Commissioner Rollins stated that the two following issues need to be addressed with the City:

Commercial General Liability - page two of the concession contract requires that the contractor provide "Products and Completed Operations" coverage. The Certificate of Insurance dated July 14th provided by the concessionaire "excludes" this coverage.

Business Automobile Liability - the automobile portion of the contract does not require that the City or the District be named as an additional insured. However, the policy provided to the City by the vendor shows additional insured "City of Boca Raton". The District should also be named as an additional insured.

Mr. Koski will discuss the two omissions listed above with City staff to ensure that they are included in the Certificate of Insurance provided by the concessionaire.

Mr. Koski noted that he had discussions with Mr. Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Director about expanding the Miller-Legg engagement, at the expense of the City, to look at the beaches in their entirety, rather than limiting the overall amended master plan for Red Reef Park.

Sugar Sand Park Field House

Commissioner Rollins expressed concern about COBRA encroaching into the free play that takes place at the facility with some of the new programs. Should the District move forward with an additional field house, he would like to make certain that the District is actively involved in the scheduling of activities.

City Athletic Field Rain Policy

Commissioner Rollins thanked Mr. Koski for arranging to have the City revise its rain evaluation policy relating to the usage of athletic fields.

Park Security Cameras

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the security cameras at District parks. Mr. Koski advised that security cameras at DeHoernle Park are still being evaluated. Consideration is being given to installing Phase I and Phase II security cameras at the same time. He envisions installing cameras at Patch Reef Park during the renovation. Expanding the use of cameras at Sugar Sand Park is under discussion with the Boca Raton Police Department.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Rollins - Discussion on privatizing the operation and maintenance at District facilities.

September 15 – Leathers Presentation – Science Playground

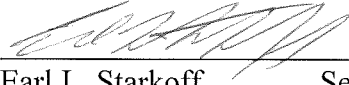
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Susan Vogelgesang Chairman



Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer