

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL  
**August 4, 2014**

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

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

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer commented on three issues: 1) Improving the District's relationship with the City, particularly as it relates to Gumbo Limbo and other park projects; 2) cutting back the sea grapes at the Red Reef Park lagoon as they currently extend 10 ft. out to the water; and 3) trimming the vegetation that extends into the water at the Hillsboro El Rio park site. He extended an invitation to the Board to attend the August 5<sup>th</sup> Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners Meeting at 8:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Commissioner Steve Abrams.

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Court, Boca Raton

Using the nomenclature "Salt Water Life Support System at Gumbo Limbo" Ms. Peel gave an update on the progress of the pumping/piping issues. She met with Assistant City Manager Mike Woika to go over the current status of the project. Mr. Woika has undertaken some changes to get to a short-term solution to provide a viable water system for the near term. Eight inch lines will be installed within the next 30 to 60 days. A set of salt water designed pumps will be installed within 12 weeks. This endeavor will allow for a more in depth review of the total current and future long term system requirements. She asked the Board to continue to collaborate with the City and to utilize the Friends in whatever capacity to make sure that the project remains a priority.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

Commissioner Starkoff requested that his comment on page three, third to last paragraph, second sentence, be clarified as follows: "The growth will exacerbate the high level of demand on existing facilities".

Commissioner Frisch stated his comment on page four, paragraph four should be corrected as follows: “Commissioner Frisch stated that it appears that the City is-[insert] should be enforcing the use of the fields at DeHoernle Park selectively.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2014 as amended.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Patch Reef Park Presentation – Motre’**

Ms. Tinu Pena, Principal of Motre’ was engaged by the District to inspect the facilities at Patch Reef Park and to recommend improvements. A review of all park amenities/areas suggest the following upgrades: restrooms need to be ADA compliant; new fixtures are needed to improve energy and water efficiency; update interior/exterior signage; connect sidewalks to interior park amenities; replace surfaces at the basketball courts and playground; add new ADA playground equipment; improve safety and security by installing low profile lighting and emergency poles; provide additional waste receptacles; replace awnings and provide covered sitting areas; address overgrown vegetation issues and provide additional parking to meet demand.

Other suggested renovations/modifications include: ***Batting Cage*** - install sidewalk to eliminate roof and drainage issues; improve landscape to provide an identifiable access point to the park. ***Concession Buildings*** - increase storage space by removing plumbing components and overhead doors. ***Press Box*** – install gutter downspouts that divert water away from the building; provide additional covered bleachers at the east-west side of the fields. ***Softball/Baseball*** - update dugout furnishings. ***Playground*** – relocate pavilion. ***Basketball Courts*** – eliminate irrigation line close to courts. ***Community Center*** – relocate main lobby, reception area and office space within the maintenance building; improve layout and flow of conference room; replace floor and ceiling with energy efficient material; install proper kitchen exhaust. ***Maintenance Yard*** – relocate building to a different site in the park. ***Tennis Center*** – replace office furniture, carpets and outdoor furnishings; ***Pavilions*** – update pavilions to match the architecture of the park; create a usable space of the center island.

The report also included a cost comparison between natural and artificial turf. Based on an 80,000 sq. ft. playing surface, which excludes the costs for materials, labor and irrigation, the cost for natural turf is \$370,000 and for artificial turf \$720,000. Estimated annual maintenance cost is \$8,133 - \$48,960 for natural turf and \$13,720 - \$39,220 for artificial turf.

Board discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rollins felt that kitchen facility usage should be examined to determine if a “warming station” would suffice. The islands at the basketball courts pose a problem for participants and should be evaluated. He suggested installing signage to advise patrons that parking is available at St. Mark Church. The convenience of food trucks as opposed to the concession area within the park should be explored.

Commissioner Starkoff remarked that ficus hedges are high maintenance. User groups should be queried as to the use of the hedges along the parking lot in protecting vehicles from being hit by projectiles. There may be some other aesthetic means that provides protection of the parking lot and safety to vehicles. The Yamato Road access to the batting cage should be evaluated as access exists from the parking lot. The traffic pattern should include a drop off area. The use of LED lighting should be considered. He suggested Motre' work with Mr. Koski to establish an in depth evaluation of natural vs. artificial turf.

Commissioner Frisch requested a study of recycling receptacles. A few youth projects have placed recycling containers in the park, however, usage/economic results are unknown. Using the bins as a unit, along with signage, may make disposal easier.

Motre' time schedule:

September 22 – Deliver schematic master plan alternatives and financials.

October 17 – Deliver illustrative Amended Master Plan & Final Research & Analysis Findings Report

## **2. Swim & Racquet Center Presentation – Zimmer Consultants**

Mr. Rick Zimmer of Zimmer Consultants, furnished an outline of the general scope of work and estimated design costs for the Swim & Racquet Center Renovation Project. The estimated cost is approximately \$3 million. Project Architect Douglas Mummaw of Mummaw and Associates, reviewed the project components: 6,000 sq. ft. building; 80 additional parking spaces; event pavilion at the bridge; reconfiguration of the Pro Shop building; construct new Maintenance Shop and storage sheds and site/pool area development.

The Board concurred to engage Zimmer Consultants to design improvements to the Swim & Racquet Center. Mr. Koski will furnish an agreement for approval at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **3. Authorize payment to City of additional beach renourishment reimbursement**

The District agenda included an item to approve the reimbursement of \$2 million to the City of Boca Raton for beach renourishment. Several years ago, the District agreed to cover the \$4 million beach renourishment shortfall and had previously paid \$2 million. Boca Raton City Manager Mr. Mike Woika, addressed the Board to advise that the City recently received a check from the Federal Government in the amount of \$4 million for reimbursement of the 2009-2010 beach renourishment project. He stated that the City does not want the \$2 million reimbursement from the District, and that after the City has reconciled its statements, the District will receive a large portion of the \$2 million which was previously paid. Mr. Woika advised that the City would still like to have an agreement with the District for future beach renourishment projects.

## **4. Budget Discussion**

Mr. Koski provided a preliminary budget summary for the upcoming year.

In light of the City not requiring the \$2 million reimbursement from the District, Commissioner Starkoff suggested the following budget revisions for informational purposes: Increase the Cash Balance Brought Forward by \$2 million to \$17,994,200; increase Capital Reserves by \$2 million

to \$3,845,000. These revisions would increase Total Appropriated Expenditures and Reserves to \$41 million.

Mr. Woika noted that approximately \$1.5 million would be refunded from the District's initial \$2 million reimbursement.

Mr. Koski will prepare an updated budget summary for review.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

As a result of the City not requiring the \$2 million beach renourishment reimbursement, Commissioner Starkoff presented a revised invoice disbursement sheet totaling \$10,766.23.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$10,766.23.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director** - None

**District Counsel**

*Science Playground*

Mr. Koski stated that Leathers and Associates has advised that design plans should be completed by August 13. Leathers will present the final design for the science playground at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

*Beach Renourishment Agreement*

In the spirit of cooperation, Mr. Koski will circulate for Board consideration, the proposed interlocal agreement for beach renourishment between the District and the City.

**Commissioners**

Commissioner Starkoff felt that the District's offer to provide the \$2 million reimbursement was a nice step to try and get some momentum going between the City and the District. He was glad that the City took the lead. He is hopeful that the momentum will gain traction quickly and tighten the relationship on both sides.

Commissioner Rollins thanked Mr. Woika for the presentation noting that "it is probably the most delightful gift that has fallen into our laps in a long time". It gives the District more comfort with the projects going on. We need to keep our relationship with our friends and partners downtown tight, because we have a lot of things in common. He greatly appreciates what the City has done for the District and is sure that the feeling is mutual.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

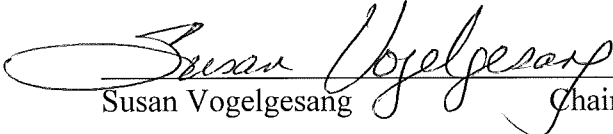
August 18 – Leathers Presentation – Science Playground

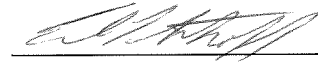
Agreement with Zimmer Consultants for Improvements to the Swim & Racquet Center

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

  
Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer