

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL**  
**September 15, 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:**

Tom Thayer  
4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer reminded the Board that the public meeting on Hillsboro El Rio Park will be held on September 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the downtown City Library.

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

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2014

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2014

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Leathers Presentation – Sugar Sand Park Science Playground**

Mr. Marc Leathers, Principal of Leathers & Associates introduced the project architect, Daniel Brewer of Barretta & Brewer Associates and thanked Ms. Sandra Gottfried and her community contacts for their participation. For informational purposes, he gave a presentation on the playground improvements, noting that additions to the original scope of work include more equipment and educational science components. Highlights: Decking material has been replaced. The structure is approximately 20% to 30 % larger due to the installation of ramps to allow complete access to the third floor and the giant slide. Play elements include an interactive weather station, trains, planets and custom made swings. The entryway has been enhanced and is now more conducive to traffic flow and access. The estimated project cost is \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million. A construction start date of Feb. 1 is anticipated, with completion within six months. The next step is completion of the drawings and specs, a thorough review, and approval from the Board to advertise the project to the construction community.

Commissioner Rollins likes the openness of the design. Noting the complexity of the drawings, he inquired as to where the community could be involved in the project. Mr. Leathers responded that the project is better left to professionals to construct; however, community involvement could be considered at the artistic stage.

Commissioner Frisch inquired about maintaining the first build donor/volunteer boards. Mr. Koski responded that elements of the first build: tiles, named pickets and donor /volunteer boards will be maintained. There will be opportunities available for community involvement and recognition in the second build.

Commissioner Starkoff would like the community to see that the culture of the District and the history of the playground has been maintained. He would like to show the community that the District has stayed true to its past and that elements of the original community build have been maintained in the expansion.

Ms. Gottfried stated that the human head structure identifies the park and the expansion areas provide increased shade. She offered that the community could be involved in the mosaic features of the park as well as participating in planting “sensory gardens”.

## **2. Budget Discussion**

Mr. Koski brought forth the proposed 2014-2015 budget for discussion. As no commentary was received, the budget will be presented at the First Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

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| <p><b><u>MOTION</u></b> was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$7,500,435.28</p> |
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### *Discussion:*

Commissioner Starkoff noted that the majority of disbursements (approximately \$7.3 million) were to the City of Boca Raton for operation and maintenance expenditures for the months of January through August 2014.

## **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **Executive Director**

#### *Beach Renourishment Interlocal Agreement*

Mr. Koski stated that he received an e-mail from Assistant City Manager Mike Woika indicating that the City Attorney had approved the modifications that he had suggested to the Interlocal Agreement for Beach Restoration. The District will now be a full 50% partner with the City of Boca Raton on all on-going beach restoration projects. The agreement will be placed on an October agenda for Board approval.

### *Swim & Racquet Center*

Mr. Koski, Mr. Zimmer of Zimmer Consultants and Mr. Mummaw of Mummaw Associates, will meet with representatives of the City's Development Services Department to determine if there are any land use changes that will be required for improvements envisioned for the site. Mr. Zimmer and his associates are actively engaged in the design phase and within sixty day they will make a presentation to the Board.

### *DeHoernle Park – Phase II*

Mr. Koski is still awaiting confirmation from the City of Boca Raton for commencement of the final design of DeHoernle Park Phase II. He is uncertain about the project delay. The City may be waiting for Motre's report and recommendation on artificial vs. natural turf for the rectangular fields at Patch Reef Park which is due in October.

### *Red Reef Park*

Miller Legg has begun its review of Red Reef Park. A great deal of infrastructure needs to have evaluation and consideration: Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, beach areas, parking, concessions. As the park systems are entwined, Mr. Koski discussed with City staff the possibility that Miller Legg may find it necessary for the betterment of the Red Reef Park Project, to consider some of the infrastructure at the two adjoining parks. There will be no expansion of their scope of work until discussed and approved by the Board.

### *Electronic Update*

Mr. Koski was advised by Briann Harms, District Information Supervisor, that the District now has the capability through the use of Skype to allow communication between absent Board members/staff to attend a Board meeting electronically.

### **District Counsel - None**

### **Commissioners**

Having received an e-mail regarding facility usage issues at Patch Reef Park, Commissioner Rollins visited the park over the weekend and found the facility "running smoothly". To improve the appearance of the park, he requested the work schedule of maintenance personnel to determine if there are gaps in coverage when events are scheduled.

Both Commissioners Vogelgesang and Starkoff also visited Patch Reef Park over the week and offered that park activities were low-keyed and no issues were observed.

Mr. Koski stated that he has discussed the issue of staffing with Mr. Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Director, and he has been assured that that the City will staff District facilities as the need arises and the occasion dictates.

### **Pickleball**

Having heard from both residents and non-residents requesting Pickleball courts at the Swim & Racquet Center, Commissioner Engel suggested exploring the cost to convert one court.

Commissioner Rollins stated that his investigation of the sport has revealed that Pickleball can be played indoors at the Sugar Sand Park Field House from September through July, and outside on

the basketball courts at Boca Tierra and Woodlands Parks. In addition, 80% of the participants at the Field House are non-residents. He believes that residential demand for Pickleball is currently being met with available facilities.

*Tennis Center Award*

Commissioner Vogelgesang advised that she was at the Swim & Racquet Center last Saturday as the City was given an award for their outstanding tennis facilities.

*Ocean Strand*

Commissioner Vogelgesang noted the article on Ocean Strand which appeared in the Coastal Star. She felt that the all-inclusive playground at Sugar Sand Park is an opportunity to serve the special needs community

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

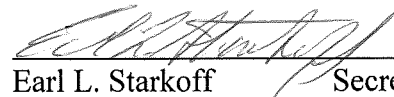
October – Motre' Report on Artificial Vs. Natural Turf  
User Fees  
Scheduling of Facilities

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
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Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

  
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Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer