

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
March 24, 2014

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

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

At the request of Chairman Vogelgesang, item number two under Regular Business: Approval of Budget Amendment for Year Ended September 30, 2014 was moved to item number one.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Michele Peel
7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel stated that the most diverse portion of Red Reef Park is Gumbo Limbo and that the Board should consider selecting a firm with experience working with nature centers and museums.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2014.

Note: Commissioner Frisch arrived.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2. Approval of Budget Amendment for Year Ended September 30, 2014

Mr. Merv Timberlake, District Financial Advisor, stated that the District was under budget by an additional \$832,165 at the end of the September 30, 2013 fiscal year. He recommends an amendment to the District's 2013-2014 budget to increase capital reserves in the amount of \$832,165.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to amend the District's budget for the year ended September 30, 2014.

Discussion:

Mr. Koski, Interim Executive Director, noted that the District was \$2 million under budget at the end of the September 30, 2013 fiscal year.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

1. Red Reef Park Short-List Presentations:

The Board heard oral presentations from the following seven firms to provide Architectural/Engineering Services for Revisions to the Red Reef Park Master Plan:

Chen-Moore & Associates – Chris Betancourt, Director of Landscape Architecture; Eric Harrison, Deputy Project Manager; Chris Zimmerman, Project Architect, CPZ Architects.

Slattery & Associates – Paul J. Slattery, President; Bob Halula, Partner/Architect; Grant Thornbrough, Landscape Architect; Representatives of Greg Norman, Golf Course Design.

Studio Sprout - Connie Fisher, Principal; Steven Borah; JLRD; Brian Rheult, Bridge Design Associates; Gerald Wenta, Certified Arborist; Gabriela Fojt, Landscape Architect; Fred Roth, Michael B. Schorah; Francis Lussier, Stephen Boruff Architects + Planners, AIA; Harry Ragan, JLRD

Miller Legg – Michael Kroll, Principal/Project Manager; Abbas Zackria, Architect/Walters Zackria Associates; Harry Bowers, Golf Course Architect/Signature Design Services

Synalovski Romanik Saye – Manny Synalovski; Merrill Romanik; Traci Scheppske, Keith & Associates

Donaldson Group Architects, P.A. – Barry Donaldson, Project Manager; John Harrigan, Landscape Architect/ECO Plan; Matt Mitchell/ Environmentalist/Chappell Group; Jorge Reyes, Engineer/TLC Engineering; Melissa Perlman, Public Relations/BlueIvy Communications

Arquitectonica GEO – George Fogg, Senior Vice-President; Margarita Blanco, Director; Marc Bell, Associate; Brady Walker/Kimley-Horn & Associates

Mr. Koski referred the Board to Chapter 287.55, Florida Statutes, and the section known as the Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act. He stated that the Board is required to rank a minimum of three firms, but can at their discretion rank any number of firms.

The Board debated the qualifications of each firm. Each Commissioner ranked the firms numerically from one (top ranked) to seven in order of preference.

Commissioner Frisch	Miller Legg	1.5
	Chen-Moore	1.5
	Synalovski	3
Commissioner Starkoff	Arquitectonica	1
	Miller Legg	2
	Slattery	3

Commissioner Engel	Chen-Moore	1
	Miller Legg	2
	Arquitectonica	3
Commissioner Rollins	Synalovski	1
	Arquitectonica	2
	Miller Legg	3
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Synalovski	1
	Miller Legg	2
	Arquitectonica	3

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to strike the two firms that did not receive any points: Studio Sprout and Donaldson Group.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to delete Slattery & Associates and Chen-Moore from the ranking list.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

In further discussion, the Board ranked the three remaining firms:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff to select **Arquitectonica** as **number one**.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins to select **Synalovski** as **number one**.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to select **Miller Legg** as **number one**.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Starkoff felt that Miller Legg had a very good concept of the master planning process. However, he felt the presentation by Arquitectonica took the planning concept to a higher level than any other firm. He stated Arquitectonica thought imaginatively about the space. He urged the Board to defeat the motion and consider all three firms and then rank the firms first, second and third. Following the comments of the other Commissioners' diverse discussion, Commissioner Starkoff indicated that he would support the Motion.

Commissioner Frisch commented that he chose Miller Legg as his number one selection because of their strength in working with the public and that they were certified on charrettes. He stated

they had a timeline that they understood and did not deviate from the timeline. He felt that some of Arquitectonica's ideas were unique and could be discussed with the firm selected.

Commissioner Engel thought that Arquitectonica had some very unique ideas; however, they may not fit the District's vision. He liked the fact that they addressed the entire park, especially the par 3 golf course. His concern exists that Arquitectonica will think so far out of the box that they could not be adequately confined to the District's concepts.

Commissioner Rollins felt that Miller Legg did a nice job with the presentation but they were not his number one selection. He liked the structured approach by Synalovski, the first firm to mention technology in the park. They expressed very sharply the continuity and connectivity of the park. Of importance to him was the start to finish date of 12 weeks, as opposed to others talking about a six month process. He stated that Arquitectonica's ideas do not fit his vision for the park.

Commissioner Vogelgesang remarked that she originally favored Arquitectonica, but did not agree with their idea of not having such a unique golf course on the ocean.

Mr. Koski reminded the Board that the City of Boca Raton is their partner and that they would be a significant entity in the review process of the plans that will be submitted by the selected consultant.

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Engel	Yes
	Commissioner Frisch	Yes
	Commissioner Rollins	No
	Commissioner Starkoff	Yes
	Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes

MOTION PASSES 4-1

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to rank Synalovski Romanik Sayre as number two .

Roll Call Vote:	Commissioner Engel	No
	Commissioner Frisch	Yes
	Commissioner Rollins	Yes
	Commissioner Starkoff	No
	Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes

MOTION PASSES 3-2

By acclamation, Arquitectonica GEO was ranked number three
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APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$141,951.91.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

DeHoernle Park – Phase II

Mr. Koski stated that he met with Phase II designers to consider some building footprints for both the building to be constructed at the west side of the new four rectangular fields and the maintenance building. Site plans will be made available for submission to the City to initiate the review process.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners - None


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:


April 7 – Zimmer Consultants Presentation – Swim & Racquet Center
Approval of Motre Contract

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer