

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
April 21, 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:

Glenn Gromann

2201 NW Corporate Blvd., Boca Raton

Mr. Gromann stated that he was excited about the proposed renovations to various District properties. To minimize the impact of taxes on residents and business owners in the City, he suggested that the Board explore opportunities to create revenue. District/City facilities are a selling point for potential relocations and businesses.

Lenore Wachtel

828 Forsyth Street, Boca Raton

Ms. Wachtel suggested that the District operate the Boca Raton Children's Museum in conjunction with the Children's Science Explorium.

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel advised that the recent Green Turtle Gallop event had over 500 runners at Gumbo Limbo. She stated that the Gumbo Limbo Strategic Plan survey denotes how much the parks contribute to the economic development of the City and that the science education at Gumbo Limbo is something that incoming businesses and families feel is very important.

Andy Thomson

23161 L' Ermitage Circle, Boca Raton

Mr. Thomson stated that he recently moved into the District. He complimented the Board on its excellent beaches and parks; the facilities are "fantastic". As a member of the public, he appreciates the efforts of the Board.

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 April 7, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

Commissioner Rollins abstained from voting as he was absent from the April 7, 2014 meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

**1. Presentation by: Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Director –
Re: Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. Koski stated that Mr. Gomez has advised him that he will require additional time to prepare a summary of the Ad Hoc Committee issues for presentation to the Board. This item will be placed on the May agenda.

2. Approval of Motre' Agreement for Improvements to Patch Reef Park

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Acting Interim Executive Director, presented the agreement to engage Motre' Co., LLC to perform consulting services for Patch Reef Park improvements. He recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the agreement between Motre' Co., LLC and the District for Patch Reef Park improvements.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch requested monthly project updates.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

Commissioner Starkoff presented a "revised" invoice disbursement list for approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$64,545.43.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch suggested that staff and the public be educated on the operation of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) equipment.

District Information Supervisor Briann Harms will provide a website linkage to the AED provider for tutorial instruction.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Interim Executive Director

Swim & Racquet Center

Mr. Zimmer and Mr. Mumshaw will attend a Board meeting in May to finalize the schematic plans for the subject project.

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Leathers & Associates has developed a three-dimensional plan of the existing facility and is incorporating the new improvements into the three-dimensional model of the facility. They anticipate 50% completed drawings by the end of May. Mr. Koski will meet with City staff to

confirm the “building permit” requirements for the project. The District will then determine the method of procurement – community effort, low bid, or possibly a Request for Qualifications.

Red Reef Park

Negotiations have commenced with Miller-Legg. Mr. Koski is awaiting input from the City regarding the proposed consultants’ agreement.

DeHoernle Park – Phase II

The City’s preliminary response regarding the two buildings in Phase II has been positive. We are currently awaiting the City’s comments on the proposed Maintenance Building. Once approved, the buildings will be incorporated into the final site plan for the land use process.

Commissioner Frisch inquired about the material construction of the maintenance building.

Mr. Koski responded that \$1 million is budgeted for construction of the maintenance facility. It will be a permanent facility in a style compatible with the existing development.

Patch Reef Park Improvements

Motre’ will provide a cost comparison and cost benefits analysis of natural surface versus artificial turf for discussion with the City.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Boca Raton Children’s Museum

In his correspondence dated April 17, 2014, Mr. Mike Woika, City of Boca Raton Assistant City Manager, advised the District that the Boca Raton Children’s Museum is in need of financial assistance to continue its operation. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Starkoff would like Mr. Koski to discuss with City staff what might be done in the short term, including some due diligence on the state of the Museum’s financial affairs and its organizational structure. He felt that the Board needs a more comprehensive solution before committing to a long-term decision.

Commissioner Rollins noted that the Boca Raton Children’s Museum came before the Board several years ago with the vision of relocating its facilities to Sugar Sand Park. Due to the existence of land-use issues the request was not approved. He supports finding a creative way to manage the Museum without obligating the District to contributions to other non-profits that may have a similar need.

Commissioner Engel would like to see a partnership between the City and the District to make the Museum a viable entity. He does not want to establish a precedent whereby other entities would seek funding from the District.

Mr. Koski will discuss the issue further with Mr. Woika and representatives of the Children’s Museum. He will monitor what transpired at the Boca Raton City Council meeting with regard to the Museum’s request for funding, and he will explore what opportunities might exist for synergy between the Museum and the Explorium.

Commissioner Frisch supports the Museum; however, he is concerned about the impact on the District's budget if the Friends of the Children's Museum fail to operate the facility.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

May 12 – Presentation by Mickey Gomez – Re: Ad Hoc Committee

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer