

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
April 7, 2014

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Steven M. Engel
Dennis R. Frisch
Earl L. Starkoff
Susan Vogelgesang

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Jim Miller

480 E. Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, commented that during the First Quarter of 2014, the center had 54,000 visitors; a 25% increase from last year.

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer referred to the seven Red Reef Park presentations on March 24, and made several suggestions to simplify and shorten the selection process. In addition, he cautioned the Board about the possible deterioration of playground equipment/structures due to weather elements.

Mr. Richard Zimmer, engaged by the District to perform safety inspections at District facilities, noted that inspections, in concert with the City's Recreation Services Department, will commence in May.

Gene Folden

800 NE 39th Street, Boca Raton

Mr. Folden, Chairman of the Boca Raton Marine Advisory Board advised that, in the past, his organization had recommended floating docks be placed in the Red Reef Park lagoon area, creating about 390 ft. of potential dockage. The Marine Advisory Board supports having tour and water taxi boats, and the lagoon area could be a potential destination for this type of activity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

Commissioner Starkoff requested the following insertion to his comments made under *Discussion ensued*, page 3, last sentence: "Following the comments of the other Commissioners' diverse discussion, Commissioner Starkoff indicated that he would support the Motion".

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2014 as amended.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Zimmer Consultants Presentation – Swim & Racquet Center Program Elements

Mr. Douglas Mummaw of Mummaw & Associates summarized the progress of the Swim & Racquet Center master plan to-date. To advance to the next phase of design, he sought guidance from the Board on the proposed program elements/ideas.

Discussion focused on the reconstruction/refurbishment and/or replacement of the maintenance facility.

Commissioner Starkoff noted that the gravel/dirt road is “poorly marked”. Improvements to the driveway entrance to the maintenance facility/staff parking area requires enhancement; however, its use as an alternative entrance should be discouraged. He would like to improve the vision of the littoral zone to provide a natural view for the residents. The South Florida Water Management District should be consulted regarding the waterway easement/plantings.

Mr. Zimmer advised that feedback from residents to the south indicate that they do not want a lot of improvements to the maintenance area.

Commissioner Engel expressed concern about the neighbors to the south seeing gravel and cement. He suggested an aesthetically pleasing camouflaged enclosed supply area.

The maintenance trailers on site are in need of repair or replacement. The pricing of cement and/or steel structures and concealing them with landscaping or fencing was discussed. The consultants will pursue schematic ideas to mitigate some of the issues relating to the maintenance area.

Mr. Koski advised that as members of the Via Verde Homeowners Association, any improvements that are made on the property will require its approval. Before proceeding with the overall schematic design, he suggested that the consultants proceed to design the most sensitive areas, and solicit the informal approval of the residents to the north and south of the project.

2. Approval of Explorium Exhibit: “Secrets of Circles”

Mr. Koski furnished an agreement from the Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose in San Jose, California to lease the subject exhibit for the period from January 20, 2015 through May 15, 2015. The cost of the exhibit for the period is \$25,000 plus shipping charges, with an initial deposit of \$2,500.

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to authorize the execution of the contract with the Children’s Discovery Museum for “<i>Secrets of Circles</i>” for a price of \$25,000 plus shipping charges, with an initial deposit of \$2,500.</p>
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MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Approval of City Budget Request for Beach Tractor Purchase

Mr. Koski advised that the City of Boca Raton has purchased one beach cleaning tractor at a cost of \$122,773. The District’s 35% share of the purchase price is \$42,970. He recommends a 2013-2014 budget adjustment in the amount of \$42,970.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to amend the 2013-2014 Budget for the purchase of one beach cleaning tractor at a cost of \$42,970.

Discussion:

Mr. Koski stated that the City has been requested to furnish vehicle identification numbers on all vehicles purchased, either in whole or in part, by the District. A file will be created listing the location of the vehicles and the date they are retired. This procedure which will enable the District to recoup any salvage value for the vehicles.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Approval of District Contribution for Broken Sound Blvd. NW Turn Lane

Mr. Koski explained that when the District originally received development approval from the City of Boca Raton for DeHoernle Park that was formally adopted by the Parks and Recreation Board, one of the conditions was that the District would contribute to the Arvida Park of Commerce property owners the cost of re-striping a right turn lane at Broken Sound Blvd. and Yamato Road. He noted that the original contribution amount was \$60,000 but it has since been reduced to \$3,075. He recommends approval of \$3,075 for the restriping.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the expenditure of \$3,075.00 to APOC West Association, Inc. for striping the Broken Sound Blvd. NW turn lane.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$29,122.12.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Mr. Koski, Interim Executive Director gave an update on the following items:

Gumbo Limbo Pipes & Pumps

In late March, Mr. Koski and District Information Supervisor Briann Harms attended a meeting at the City's Utility Department. The issue discussed was the ability of current facilities to deliver fresh seawater to the four existing tanks at the nature center. Preliminary plans had been developed by the consultant engaged by the City to act as a "stop-gap" measure. Mr. Koski explained that the District was not looking for a quick fix method, but needed to know what the issues are and design the necessary hydraulics and structures so that we can be certain that the nature center and tanks will have fresh seawater for quite some time to come and the problem would not have to be confronted again in the foreseeable future. The City will issue a new work

order to the consultant to develop a permanent solution to the problem. Once the plan is approved, the District will undertake the procurement process.

Agronomist Report

Dr. Busey's report on athletic field maintenance at District facilities will be available at the April 21st Board meeting.

Patch Reef Park Project

Approval of the Motre' Agreement will be placed on the April 21st Board meeting agenda.

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground Project

Currently awaiting a progress report with 65% to 70% drawings from Leathers & Associates.

Red Reef Park Project

City staff has been contacted regarding input into the contractual relationship between the District and Miller Legg. Initial discussions with Miller Legg will commence shortly.

DeHoernle Park – Phase II

Currently awaiting a review of schematic drawings by City staff for the building to be constructed at the new rectangular field area and the maintenance buildings.

Electronic Bulletin Board

The cost and efficiency of installing an electronic bulletin board at the entrance to Sugar Sand Park will be investigated.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Estridge Middle School

Commissioner Frisch remarked about the deteriorating condition of the athletic fields at Estridge Middle School. Mr. Koski will investigate the matter.

Budget Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Vogelgesang requested a schedule of future budget meetings.

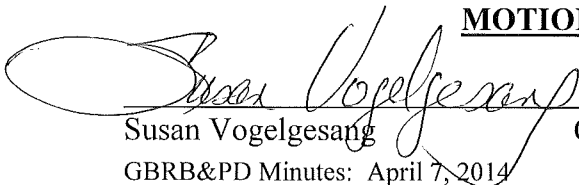
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

April 21 - Approval of Motre' Agreement for Patch Reef Park Improvements
Agronomist Report

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman
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Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer
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