

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
October 6, 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:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to table Item No. 3 under Regular Business: Change in Briann Harms' designation from Information Supervisor to Deputy Director.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch felt that tabling Item No. 3 would give the Board a better opportunity to review and discuss employee job descriptions.

MOTION PASSES – 4-1
Opposed - Commissioner Rollins

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Jim Miller

480 East Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, reported the following: during the month of September, 10,000 people visited the center; four turtles were released from rehab into the ocean on September 25; one has a tracking device. The Friends look forward to the opportunity to work with Miller Legg on the Red Reef Park Project.

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer extended an invitation to attend the candidate forum on Tuesday, October 7th at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. Candidates from Congressional District 22; State Senate District 34 and State House District 89 will be present.

Frank Chapman

1000 Royal Palm Way, Boca Raton

Mr. Chapman thanked the Board of Commissioners for all of their efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2014.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the First Public Hearing on Proposed 2014-2015 Budget & Taxes held on September 16, 2014.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Final Public Hearing on Proposed 2014-2015 Budget & Taxes held on September 23, 2014.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Motre Presentation – Patch Reef Park

For informational purposes, Tinu Pena, Principal of Motre, gave a presentation on the three conceptual plans that were developed for Patch Reef Park. All of the infrastructure in the park has been evaluated. Activity zones were created that facilitate a greater usage of the park. To create a unique park identity, some of the landscape material at the entrance way was removed and entrance signage was redefined. Interconnected sidewalks have been provided to access the park at any point by walking.

Highlights of Concept 1 include: An electronic board sign and new park signage at the entrance way. A pedestrian access point off of Yamato Road by the batting cage with reduced, replicated front entrance signage. A pedestrian drop-off and access area with covered awnings and site furnishings. A distinctively redefined access from the parking lot to the multi-use sports fields. A café ambiance at the concession building offering Wi-Fi and vending machines. A new, separate all-inclusive playground to accommodate children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12. A redesign of the interior of the community center to provide more space with a distinctive free-flow design. Parking at the southern end of the community center will be eliminated and replaced with a large pavilion and green space which could generate revenue. The addition of a “Nuptial Garden” area with a waterfall feature. Existing pavilions will be renovated and additional large and small pavilions will be added. A traffic calming circle will be installed to aid pedestrians and reduce traffic congestion. The interior of the Tennis Center building will be renovated and the woman’s and men’s locker rooms and lounge area will be reconfigured to provide for more storage. The maintenance storage yard has been redesigned to provide storage areas for materials and golf cart parking. Eighty additional parking spaces have been created without impacting the site of the retention area. A staging area for food trucks will be provided. Solar generated fixtures will be

used in some areas as well as solar panels. LED lights will be utilized. Bollard lighting along paths is envisioned. Solar powered emergency pulls will be used in remote areas

Note - Concepts 2 and 3 represent upgrades/enhancements to Concept 1.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch suggested that the rest rooms by the ball fields should have a discreet area where adults coming from work can change their clothes. Motre will explore this added feature.

Commissioner Starkoff inquired about the use of recharging stations for public devices within the park. He requested information on the use of propane/natural gas for the barbecues.

Commissioner Frisch offered his opinion that pergola's are aesthetically pleasing but do not provide sufficient shade; they require a high degree of maintenance. He would prefer a different type of covering at the multi-use fields to protect patrons from the elements.

Commissioner Starkoff agreed that pergola's were unnecessary and that alternative coverings should be explored. In addition, there is no need to add amenities to accommodate green markets and street fairs. He liked the concepts presented. Choices will need to be made between the best liked elements from all three concepts.

Commissioner Engel felt that the presentation was excellent and that each of the concepts presented had elements that he liked.

Commissioner Rollins stated that he found it difficult to follow the concept, design and layouts of the Community Center due to the lack of a directional legend. The concepts appeared to take on a "country club" ambiance by offering pergola's and entry way features such as a clock and sculptures. He feels that aesthetics are important, but the purpose of the park is recreational in nature. Design flows are important to him and they have been incorporated into the concepts. The needs of constituent parking have been addressed. The issue of food trucks and their location needs further attention. Due to past experience, he is uncertain about the use of a concession area and offering Wi-Fi. The location of the maintenance yard is good. He is concerned about the location of the all-inclusive playground as it is separated from where all the main activity takes place. He would like to have one playground that meets the needs of everyone. The concept of adding large pavilions are a nice addition.

Commissioner Vogelgesang commented that the sidewalk at the drop-off area that goes out to the fields should be stabilized and large enough to accept maintenance and emergency vehicles. She suggested that Motre contact the community group that contributed their expertise in the redesign of the all-inclusive Sugar Sand Park Science Playground.

Commissioner Frisch noted that a lot of parents use the north/south access to drop off their children. He suggested a small north/south drop-off area to accommodate them.

Motre will start the process of trying to highlight the type of improvements desired and incorporate the selected elements. Public commentary will be sought. Still to be resolved is the outstanding issue and investigation on artificial surface vs. natural grass on the rectangular fields.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the project cost. Mr. Koski will review the vendor price list and present a more detailed report to the Board.

2. Staff salary increases pursuant to City Resolution

Mr. Koski stated that the District routinely follows employment benefits consistent with those of the City of Boca Raton. On September 23, 2014 the City adopted a resolution which includes a base wage increase of 4% and a one-time bonus of 2.5% of a full time employees' salary. He recommends approval of the City increases for District employees with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to authorize District employee wage increases as outlined in the City's Resolution adopted September 23, 2014 with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Change in Briann Harms' designation from Information Supervisor to Deputy Director – This item was tabled.

4. Consideration of Third Amendment to Leathers & Associates Contract

Mr. Koski stated that Leathers is at 100% of design drawings. The City has advised that it will not require a building permit for the Science Playground renovation project. He reviewed the four additional services contained in the Third Amendment which total \$21,600.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement for Services between Leathers & Associates and the District.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$23,665.90.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Mr. Koski anticipates receiving sometime this week 100% drawings along with the contract and technical specification documents. After a final review, the item will come before the Board for approval to bid the project. A target date of November 15th to advertise is envisioned.

Patch Reef Park Project

Mr. Koski will advise Motre that the cost of the subject project should be in the range of \$2.5 million to \$3 million. In the Willow Theatre at 7:00 p.m. this evening, Motre will solicit public input on the project.

Swim & Racquet Center

The subject project is in the design process. Land use issues will be discussed with the City's Development Services Department relative to using the building for District offices.

DeHoernle Park – Phase II

To-date the City has not approved the subject Interlocal Agreement. It appears that the City is awaiting the final comparison study of natural vs. artificial surface from an economic viewpoint and also the desire of the users' viewpoint. This is an independent study being conducted by the District's consultant Motre. A community input meeting will be held within the next 60 days.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Patch Reef Park Improvements

Commissioner Engel stated that the focus needs to be on how to make the park the best possible park we can by concentrating on the things that the public wants. He would like to see the renovation of the exercise trail.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:


October 20 – Discuss Patch Reef Park Project Cost
Beach Renourishment Interlocal Agreement

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer