

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
December 22, 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:

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel gave an update on the status of the pumping system at Gumbo Limbo as reported by Jim Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo. The new pumping system continues to work well; water clarity is very good; the planned installation of meters has not been completed. The limited water pressure from the ocean intake to the pumps necessitates the need to promptly move forward to design the long-term life support system. Several "Friends" members toured the Ocean Strand site recently in an effort to provide the District and Miller-Legg with input on the next phase of the master plan process

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 December 8, 2014.

Commissioner Starkoff noted that on page four of the minutes, under Commissioners, sub-heading "*Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation*", second sentence, the following correction: "Mr. Koski responded that he is was waiting for the November elections results....."

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Sugar Sand Park – Lighting Review – Zimmer Consultants

Mr. Rick Zimmer of Zimmer Consultants was asked by the Board to evaluate the outdoor lighting levels in the parking areas fronting the community center and field house. He performed an Illumination Level Survey and furnished a basic illustration of the lighting deficiencies in the parking areas. His findings indicate that 1) many of the trees planted in the islands and along the perimeter of the parking lot have become overgrown, partially or completely shielding the light broadcast from the pole-mounted fixture heads; 2) several light fixtures were burned out creating dark spots; 3) existing light fixtures should be modified or changed to horizontally broadcast the light; and 4) roadway lighting throughout the park is limited as light poles are only located on one side of the street with "down light" projection. Mr. Zimmer felt that the most efficient and expeditious approach to increase park lighting would be to trim the trees that are shielding the

light. Mr. Koski will work with Mr. Zimmer in the preparation of a proposal to address the lighting issues in the park. A tree trimming program will be initiated immediately.

2. Patch Reef Park – Resurfacing Tennis Courts

Mr. Koski advised that he has received several comments from City staff regarding the condition of the tennis courts at Patch Reef Park. Cracks are appearing on the hard surfaces and several courts are not playable. He requested approval of \$95,000 for the City to resurface all of the courts. Motre has advised that the resurfacing would not interfere with any proposed amended master plan improvements.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the expenditure of \$95,000 for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Patch Reef Park.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Sunshine Law and Public Records Overview

Mr. Koski furnished the Board the Sunshine Manual prepared by the State of Florida. He gave a brief presentation on the subject and will provide a summary of the major points addressed in the overview.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$888,967.91.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Mr. Koski, Assistant Director Briann Harms and members of the Leathers and Associates team met with City staff to determine what, if any, permits were going to be required and whether there were any unknown City review processes that had to be complied with before the project is bid. The City advised that the playground constructed within the fence line would not require a building permit. The widening of the sidewalks and an improved drop off area for buses and automobiles, and some additional handicap parking spots adjacent to the entryway, will require a permit. Mr. Koski stated that the plans will be advertised by January 12th. A late March start date is envisioned.

Patch Reef Park Athletic Fields

Mr. Koski and Ms. Harms met with representatives of Motre and Stantec and have been advised that the Cost Benefit Analysis: Natural vs. Artificial Turf report will be completed and delivered to the District on December 30th. At the January 5th Board meeting, Motre will furnish copies of the report and present it to the Board; Mr. Mickey Gomez, Boca Raton Recreation Services Director will be presented with a copy. Briann Harms will then upload the report to the District website. At the January 20th Board meeting, the Board will partake in a question and answer session with Motre. At the February 2nd Board meeting, all interested members of the public will

have the opportunity to dialogue with the Board on the content of the report. At a later date, the Board will schedule a meeting at which time a decision on the issue will be discussed.

Sand Pine Park Artificial Turf Update

Mr. Koski advised that the City has denied the replacement of the crumb rubber in-fill at Sand Pine Park with organic in-fill. The estimated cost of replacement was \$400,000.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

January 5 - Election of District Officers

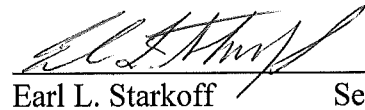
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Susan Vogelgesang Chairman



Earl L. Starkoff Secretary-Treasurer