

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
June 15, 2015

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:

Mr. Tom Thayer
4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer commented on items discussed at the June 9th joint District/City meeting. Referencing the artificial fields vs. natural grass fields, he noted that there was no consensus among the user groups. He felt that the City Council made a concession by agreeing to install natural grass at DeHoernle Park in exchange for three artificial turf fields at Patch Reef Park. Aside from the turf debate, he felt that no progress was made on other pertinent issues. To eliminate a duplication of efforts such as those exhibited at Gumbo Limbo regarding the boardwalks and pumps, and to expedite City payments, he suggested a written document be established between the District and the City which specifies the responsibilities of each entity regarding its facilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS: None were presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Review of Joint District/Boca Raton City Council Meeting

Chairman Vogelgesang stated that she felt that the meeting went extremely well and that lines of communication are open.

Commissioner Frisch stated that the meeting was a good start, and that additional meetings should be scheduled more often. There are still some items that need to be clarified, such as the role of the District as a funding agency. He believes that the District is fair, considering that it negotiated to pay \$7 million for the artificial turf fields. Noticing that one of the fields at DeHoernle Park is small, he suggested looking at one artificial turf field at that location. He made a request to be copied on all future City /District correspondence.

Commissioner Rollins commented that the scope of the field at DeHoernle Park does look smaller, but actually is the same size as one of the large fields at Patch Reef Park. He stated that he would not like to mix the usage.

Commissioner Starkoff stated that if a joint meeting is pursued, it must be arranged through direct communication with the City Manager. For a more productive meeting, both entities should agree on the topic, the agenda items to be discussed within that topic, and the format. Any background materials should be jointly developed for all elected officials.

Commissioner Engel requested a tentative schedule of joint meetings with the City.

Commissioner Frisch stated that one of the agenda items he would like to discuss at an upcoming joint District/City meeting is "user fees".

Commissioner Starkoff stated that he would like both the DeHoernle Park Phase II Interlocal Agreement and the Beach Renourishment Interlocal Agreement approved and submitted to the City Council as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. Koski advised that after the June 29th Board meeting, the two executed interlocal agreements will be hand delivered to City Hall for Council action; hopefully, in the month of July.

At the joint meeting, there was commentary that the District does not conduct its meetings properly with regard to public requests. Mr. Koski assured the Board that the District is in full compliance with Florida Statute 286.0114 regarding public meetings and public input at those meetings.

2. Status Report on DeHoernle Park Phase II and Patch Reef Park

Since the joint meeting, the following has transpired:

DeHoernle Park

Mr. Koski has been in touch with the local design team, Schnars Engineering and Slattery & Associates, and the lead designer, Stantec. All of the Phase II files have been moved from Stantec's Jacksonville office to its local office in Boca Raton. A meeting between Mr. Mickey Gomez, City Recreation Services Director and all three designers has been scheduled for the week of June 22. He is confident that within the next 90 days the District will have a full and complete set of plans and specifications for Phase II. Project funding is available and, hopefully, the project can go out to bid in this calendar year. A copy of the proposed Phase II Interlocal Agreement will be circulated to the Board for review and commentary. This item will be placed on the June 29th agenda.

Patch Reef Park

Mr. Koski has met with Stantec and Tinu Pena, Principal of Motre. Both have agreed to accept a work order from the District to Motre for the three artificial fields with the work to be sub-contracted to Stantec for design and the preparation of bid documents. In addition, there is an immediate need at Patch Reef Park to bring some facilities into ADA compliance. Motre will try to identify what work needs be accomplished and then package the work with the next phase of the three artificial turf fields. A work order to begin the design phase will be available at the June 29th meeting.

To determine the look of the park, Commissioner Starkoff suggested reviewing the three motif options presented by Motre at the beginning of the project.

Commissioner Frisch stated that problems voiced by user groups regarding infrastructure should be addressed early in the project.

3. Discuss Board Summer Meeting Schedule

The Board will meet on the following dates: July 6; August 3 and 17.

4. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

The Board will make its roll back rate decision at the July 6th meeting.

Mr. Koski will circulate the City's proposed 2015-2016 budget when available.

Mr. Merv Timberlake, District Financial Advisor, stated that the District finished last year with approximately \$900,000 more than anticipated.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$226,111.</p>

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director - None

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Commissioner Rollins touched upon the comment made under public requests that the District and City should develop a document outlining the responsibilities of each entity. He stated that the District and City already have established interlocal agreements that address those concerns in a timely manner.

Mr. Koski added that the District now requires CIP request forms be completed by the City to fund budget items.

In an effort to improve communication, Commissioner Vogelgesang stated that she anticipates attending future Boca Raton City Council meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

June 29	Approval of DeHoernle Park Phase II and Beach Renourishment Interlocal Agreements.
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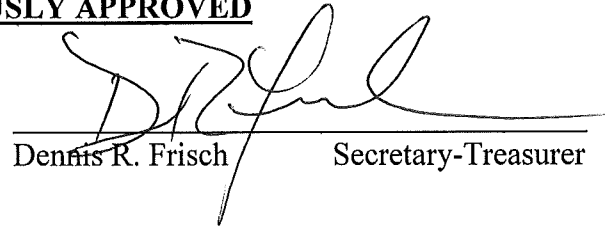
July 6	Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Discussions
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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer