

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

At the request of Interim Executive Director Arthur C. Koski, item number one under Regular Business was removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC RQUESTS:

Tom Thayer
4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer extended an invitation to attend the monthly Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners meeting to be held on July 8, at 8:30 a.m. at the Boca Raton Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Highway. The topic of discussion is "Cyber Security".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 29, 2015.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Work Order from Motre & Stantec

This item will be placed on a future agenda.

2. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

For information purposes, Mr. Koski furnished a draft of the budget for the year ending September 30, 2016 with an operating millage rate equal to the roll-back rate for next year. He proceeded to review the line items in the budget draft.

It is anticipated that the District total estimated revenues and balances for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be \$44,582,000.

Both Mr. Koski and Mr. Timberlake are working on an investment policy for the District which will be presented for Board consideration within the next sixty days. The investment policy will allow the District to be fully in compliance with State law and offer the District an opportunity to

invest funds in financial instruments other than Certificates of Deposit and Money Market accounts.

The District has been advised by City of Boca Raton officials that the City is not going to proceed with either the Gumbo Limbo piping and pump replacement or the Red Reef Park boardwalk capital improvements. The City has requested that the District assume the responsibility for the design and construction of both capital projects. Mr. Koski and Ms. Harms, Assistant District Director, met with City staff to discuss the mechanism that would be utilized to transfer both capital projects from a City project to a District project. The issue of the City assigning its contract with its consultant for both projects (Applied Technology Management – ATM) to the District, or whether ATM will cease their relationship with the City and become a sub-contractor of the District's consultant, Miller Legg, needs to be determined. No interruption in the schedules that were previously identified for completion of Phase I of the boardwalk is anticipated.

Recreation Technical & Supervisory

Negotiations with the City are on-going to reach an understanding that Recreation Technical & Supervisory expenses will be a percentage of District operation and maintenance expenses, rather than a portion of the total Recreation Administration budget.

Vehicle & Equipment Replacements

In addition to the City's proposed operation and maintenance budget request of \$14,843,400, the City is seeking additional funding in the amount of \$1 million for vehicle and equipment replacement.

Commissioner Rollins requested a detailed list of the vehicles and equipment to be replaced, indicating where they are to be located, and determining if some of the existing equipment could be relocated. He supports funding the equipment needed even if it reduces capital reserves.

Park Fees & Services

Commissioner Starkoff requested Mr. Mickey Gomez to provide additional information regarding the 2014-2015 estimated revenues collected to-date for park fees and services totaling \$1,005,900 as the figure represents a 15% increase over the 2014-2015 budget.

Patch Reef Park

Commissioner Frisch felt that the \$3 million allocated in the budget for the construction and maintenance of three artificial turf fields and master plan improvements at the subject park may not be a realistic number. He is equally concerned about the limited capital reserves in the budget.

Tax Revenues

Mr. Koski referred to a chart previously furnished by Mr. Merv Timberlake, District Financial Advisor, indicating the tax revenues generated at the current rate [\$1,243,000] vs. going to the roll back rate [\$243,000]. For the past eight years, the District has gone to the roll back rate and has incurred no debt. Keeping the current rate will require the District to advertise a tax increase.

City Personnel Health Insurance

Commissioner Vogelgesang commented on the high cost of City full time employee health insurance which approximates to \$8,400 per employee. In an effort to obtain a reduction in health insurance costs, she asked Mr. Gomez to review the expense.

Commissioner Rollins noted that the Affordable Care Act has not reduced health insurance costs.

Meeting Schedule

It was the consensus of the Board to meet on July 29th to further discuss the budget.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$40,492.55.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

District Interlocal Agreements

The Board was dismayed about the City returning the two interlocal agreements [DeHoernle Park Phase II and Beach Renourishment] as unacceptable, indicating that there will have to be significant changes to the terms and conditions of the agreements, redesigns, and other issues that will need to be resolved. Mr. Koski will seek a clarification of the issues with City officials.

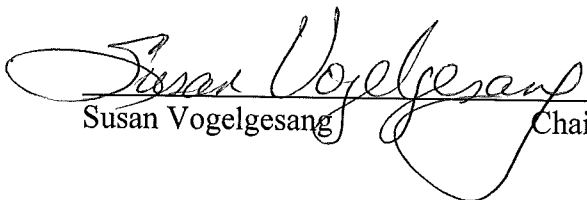
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM


July 29 - 2015-2016 Budget Discussions
Gumbo Limbo Project Update
City/District Interlocal Agreements – Update

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer