

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
August 3, 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:

Judy Gire

Representing the Friends of Gumbo Limbo

Ms. Gire, a Board member of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, stated that attendance at the center is up 20% over last year. The center anticipates over 200,000 visitors by the end of the year. Due to the transfer of project responsibilities from the City to the District, the Friends is concerned about the possibility of delays affecting the reopening of access to the tower in the short term; the rebuilding of the boardwalk by early next year; and finding a short term/long term fix for the salt water life support system. The Friends are hoping that an interim arrangement can be reached to move the projects forward. Due to the growth of the facility, there is an urgent need for completion of the update to the Red Reef Park master plan. The Friends supports the City's 2015/2016 budget proposal and would like the District to include the items as City Capital Expenses, not as reserves, and include the \$390,000 for items designated as "for future consideration."

Judy Gire

23121 Via Stel, Boca Raton

Ms. Gire addressed the Board as a resident of the District and a 20+ year volunteer at Gumbo Limbo. Referencing the City's proposed 2015/2016 budget and items designated as "for future consideration," she requested that the Board fund the following positions: one full time weekday Park Ranger; a full time Science Educator; and a Senior Aquarist. Other items pertaining to Gumbo Limbo should remain in the budget, be fully funded, and made available for the City/Gumbo Limbo staff to implement beginning October 1, 2015.

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer advised that both the east and west sides of the Ocean Strand property need to be trimmed. He extended an invitation to the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners meeting on August 4th at 8:30 a.m. at the Boca Raton Train Depot. The speaker will be former City of Boca Raton Mayor and Palm Beach County Commissioner Steve Abrams. Topics of discussion: Updates on Palm Beach County and Uber.

Dr. Jody Forstot

711 Parkside Circle North, Boca Raton

Dr. Forstot, representing Boca Hoops, reiterated the need for a second field house at Sugar Sand Park. He advised that the Boca Hoops travel program has expanded, and that there is a waiting list for the High Five special needs basketball program. To accommodate young players, smaller, outdoor, lit, baskets should be included in the new field house design. Referencing Pickleball, he felt that young players who are learning the game would find the additional lines confusing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

No minutes were presented.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, acting Executive Director, provided a revised 2015-2016 budget summary which included all of the City's budget requests totaling \$390,000 and \$250,000 for design costs of a second Sugar Sand Park field house. With the addition of the two aforementioned items, the District's Capital Reserves total \$1,973,070.

Ms. Briann Harms, Assistant Executive Director, has researched "smart floors." This new technology [floors that use LED lights for changing boundary lines at the touch of a button] could be utilized at the new field house.

Forms have been filed with the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser indicating the District's FY 2015-2016 millage rate of 0.9676 mills. It is anticipated that the Notice of Proposed Taxes will be sent out by the Palm Beach County Tax Collector by the end of August. The District will hold its first public hearing on 2015-2016 budget and taxes on September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Sugar Sand Park.

Commissioner Starkoff is concerned about the rate the District's capital reserves re-accumulate for the future needs of the community. Mr. Koski will prepare an analysis to indicate what would happen if all of the District's projects were built at the same time.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$1,159,504.91.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director/District Counsel

Sugar Sand Park Playground

Mr. Koski advised that bids are due for the subject project on Friday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners

Gumbo Limbo Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Starkoff inquired about expediting the interlocal agreements for the projects at Gumbo Limbo. Mr. Koski responded that he has been informed by Mr. Woika, City of Boca Raton Assistant City Manager, that the Gumbo Limbo interlocal agreement and the DeHoernle Park Phase II interlocal agreement are being prepared. Work on the project is continuing; Miller Legg and ATM are still collaborating.

Swim & Racquet Center

Commissioner Starkoff noted recent structural developments at the center. Mr. Koski stated that the roof of the building is in disrepair; not fit for human habitation or storage. Upon receipt of the City's notification of the incident, he asked the District's designers to make the situation known to Development Services to expedite the land use issues.

Scheduling of User Groups

Mr. Starkoff noted the response received from Mr. Greg Stevens, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Superintendent regarding the scheduling of football user groups at Sand Pine Park. He asked staff to independently review the information provided and determine whether any, some, or all of the user groups who wanted those surfaces to preserve their practice times could be accommodated.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

Commissioner Engel asked if there was anything that could be done to expedite the inspection of the tower at Gumbo Limbo. He would like to see a temporary boardwalk installed as close as possible to the beginning of the school year. Mr. Koski responded that both Miller Legg and ATM are addressing safety issues.

Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the status of the subject project. Mr. Koski stated that Mr. Zimmer will be at the August 17th meeting to provide an update.

Interlocal Agreements

The District is awaiting three interlocal agreements from the City of Boca Raton: 1) Beach Renourishment; 2) Gumbo Limbo Renovations; and 3) DeHoernle Park Phase II.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

August 17th Board Meeting Agenda Items:

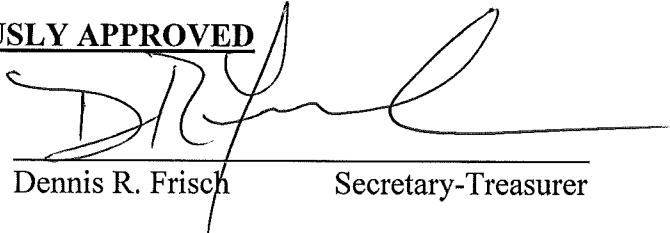
- Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvement update - Zimmer Consultants
- Sugar Sand Park - RFP – Designer for new Field House & Connector to Community Center
- Patch Reef Park Amended Master Plan – artificial turf fields – designer

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer