

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL  
**January 5, 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:**

Jim Miller

480 E. Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, advised that Gumbo Limbo had 172,000 visitors in 2014; a 20% increase over 2013. December visitations totaled 15,000.

**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 December 22, 2014.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Delivery of the Cost Benefit Analysis: Natural vs. Artificial Turf Report – Motre**

Ms. Tinu Pena, Principal of Motre, distributed to the Board of Commissioners the final report of "A Review of Benefits & Issues Associated with Natural Grass & Artificial Turf" which was developed jointly by Motre and Stantec. The Board will review the content of the report and will participate in a dialogue with Motre at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The report will be uploaded to the District's website for all interested parties to review. A dialogue between the Board and members of the public regarding the report will be scheduled for February 2. On February 17, the Board will discuss internally all of the input including the report and may or may not make a decision at that time.

**2. Election of Board Officers for 2015**

***Chairman***

Commissioner Rollins nominated Commissioner Vogelgesang for the position of Chairman. Commissioner Engel seconded the nomination.

**Commissioner Vogelgesang accepted the position of Chairman**

***Vice-Chairman***

Commissioner Starkoff nominated Commissioner Engel for the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Rollins seconded the nomination.

**Commissioner Engel accepted the position of Vice-Chairman**

***Secretary-Treasurer***

Commissioner Engel nominated Commissioner Frisch for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Commissioner Rollins seconded the nomination.

**Commissioner Frisch accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer**

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

<p><b><u>MOTION</u></b> was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$20,659.93.</p>
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**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director**

*Sugar Sand Park Science Playground*

On January 12, Mr. Koski anticipates receiving all project documentation. After reviewing the documents for completion, the District will advertise for bidders. He anticipates being under contract with a contractor by March 1. Mobilization and work should commence the first two weeks in March.

*Swim & Racquet Center Improvements*

Mummaw & Associates is preparing the Planning & Advisory Board submittal. Final plans are anticipated in sixty days. The project will be advertised sometime during the month of May.

*Patch Reef Park & DeHoernle Park Phase II*

The District and the City will need to reach an understanding on whether to install artificial turf or grass before moving forward on the above projects.

**District Counsel - None**

**Commissioners**

*Athletic Field Conditions*

Today, Commissioner Starkoff visited DeHoernle Park and Patch Reef Park to observe field conditions. He commented that after a three week hiatus, the fields at DeHoernle Park are “lush” green – “they look as good as the day we opened it”. Fields at Patch Reef Park were closed for eight weeks, and did not show the recovery that DeHoernle experienced – “the difference is striking”. He sought an explanation as to why one park was closed for eight weeks and did not recover, and the other park was closed for three weeks and looks as good as new.

Commissioner Rollins offered that it is not the growing season for Celebration grass at DeHoernle Park and that the fields were seeded with rye grass, which does not last long, but produces a rich green color.

*Athletic Field Usage*

Commissioner Rollins felt that there is obviously something wrong between our expectations and the product that is being delivered. He expressed concern that several constituents have reported to him that they could not play “pick-up” games with their children at DeHoernle Park due to signs posted stating “Fields are closed from 6 a.m.to 2:30 p.m. unless you have a permit”. The fields were built to be played on; there should be a place if someone wants to kick the ball around with their children. At Patch Reef Park, a sign was posted “Fields closed for maintenance” and in front of the sign was a big bald spot even though the fields were closed for eight weeks.

Commissioner Frisch suggested that if a field is closed, signage should indicate which fields are open for play.

*Sugar Sand Park Tree Trimming*

Commissioner Engel referenced the tree trimming in the parking lot and roadways in the park and was advised that the City is looking for a vendor. He inquired why a vendor was needed when the District is purchasing a bucket truck. Mr. Koski will discuss with City officials the quality of maintenance at District facilities.

*Field House*

Commissioner Vogelgesang advised that over the weekend she visited the field house and the air temperature inside was “freezing”. City staff reported that the building temperature fluctuates from either being too hot or too cold. Mr. Koski stated that the chillers are on order through a state approved vendor list.

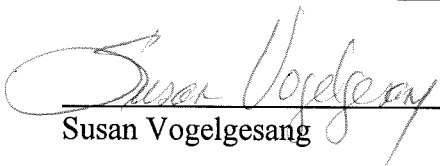
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**


- January 20 - Board Dialogue with Motre on Artificial vs. Grass Surface Report
- Maintenance Policies

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
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Susan Vogelgesang                      Chairman

  
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Earl L. Starkoff                      Secretary-Treasurer