

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON
September 21, 2015

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Vogelgesang at approximately 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Earl L. Starkoff
Susan Vogelgesang

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Jennifer Bielec

2459 NE 4th Way, Boca Raton

Ms. Bielec, a resident living in the City limits, representing herself and the Soccer Association of Boca Raton (SABR), addressed the Board about the increase in user fees for non-residents adopted by the Boca Raton City Council. She stated that the increase from \$40.00 to \$55.00 per player/per sport will have a drastic impact on the community. SABR has worked hard over the years to keep the cost of registration down low to allow over 2,000 children to be involved in a sport in this community. The increase to non-residents who are our friends, neighbors, and volunteers is "offensive". The fee of \$40.00 was reasonable for families with multiple children; however, the increase, and future increases, will prevent the children from playing sports in our community. Children with idle hands will fall into trouble. She asked the Board to do their best to fight the fee, keep the fees down, or control the fees in future years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS: None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for design of an additional field house at Sugar Sand Park

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director sought Board authorization to advertise for proposals from qualified designers for professional services to begin the investigation to determine all of the necessary approvals that would be required for a new, second field house at Sugar Sand Park.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to authorize a Request for Proposals for architectural/engineering services for design of an additional field house at Sugar Sand Park as described by the Executive Director.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for design of three artificial surface rectangular fields at Patch Reef Park

Mr. Koski sought Board authorization to advertise and engage an architectural/engineering designer for the three artificial fields at Patch Reef Park.

It was the consensus of the Board to defer this item to a future agenda pending receipt of the DeHoernle Park Interlocal Agreement.

3. User Fees

Mr. Koski advised that he has researched communications between the City and the District on user fees for the last four years. Copies of this information will be provided to the Board for review. These historical documents will assist the Board in making decisions and having discussions as to how to proceed going forward.

Secondly, the Board will also be provided a current statistical analysis of user fees to determine those charges that are currently and historically been levied on all users of all of the facilities. The information will identify the users of the facilities; determine the historical demand being placed on these facilities by the public; and determine what portion of those scheduled activities are on City fields. A preliminary finding indicates that the majority of activities scheduled by the City take place on District owned or funded facilities.

Commissioner Starkoff requested Mr. Koski to contact the City to obtain the written directive that staff follows stating that there are no non-resident youth sports user fees collected for Beach & Park facilities at the direction of the District.

The Board will continue to have philosophical discussions on basic concepts such as whether user fees are good, or not good, for the community; whether taxpayers are paying enough in their taxes; whether additional user fees are warranted; and, the definition of a resident and a non-resident.

Mr. Koski will provide a broad outline of questions and issues that the Board needs to discuss.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$65,747.18.</p>

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Mr. Koski stated that he has received a revised set of bid documents [the drawings are in incomplete form] for the repackaging of the Sugar Sand Park Science Playground. He anticipates issuing the initial bid for the “super structure” at the playground within the next ten days; bids to be received within 4 to 6 weeks. He is optimistic that the project will come in close to budget. A September/October 2016 opening is envisioned.

Interlocal Agreements

Mr. Koski stated that he has not received the interlocal agreements for beach renourishment or DeHoernle Park Phase II.

Commissioner Starkoff confirmed that there is a statement in the City's CIP budget documents pertaining to beach renourishment that an agreement for 50% participation by the District "has been" reached.

Gumbo Limbo

Mr. Koski stated that the District can expect a second Work Order from Miller Legg as it relates to the construction of the boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo. During the project/conditions review, wiring for a call box and PA system, and PVC pipe for water access for cleaning was observed under the boardwalk. The previous City plans and current design scope did not include water or electrical design. Additional work will be required for these two items.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Commissioner Rollins addressed the following issues:

Spanish River Athletic Facilities

Signs designating the athletic fields should only be in numerical form; omitting the compass directions.

Ocean Strand

Initiate discussion on Ocean Strand by placing the item on a future agenda. Maintain the seawall vista by trimming the seagrapes and mangroves.

User Fees

Determine whether the \$55.00 non-resident youth sports fee approved by the Boca Raton City Council which goes into effect on October 1st, will not be collected by the organizations that have already collected their \$40.00 non-resident registration fees.

Residents/Non-Residents

Commissioner Rollins commented that not only do Boca Raton residents have a wonderful place to play, but what makes the places so special are the organizations that operate the programs. The sports organizations are run by volunteers and they contribute a lot to the youth of our community with their leadership skills and demand for excellence.

Introduction

Chairman Vogelgesang introduced Mr. Jeff Solomin who is on the Board of Directors of the Soccer Association of Boca Raton.

Status of Museum Rental Deposit

Chairman Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the \$5,000 rental deposit which the District has not received from the Brooklyn Children's Museum. Ms. Harms responded that the Brooklyn

Children's Museum is currently booked two years out. The Explorium staff is researching some of their exhibits that may be available in the future.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

October 5 – User Fees
Authorization to issue RFP for artificial fields at Patch Reef Park
Ocean Strand

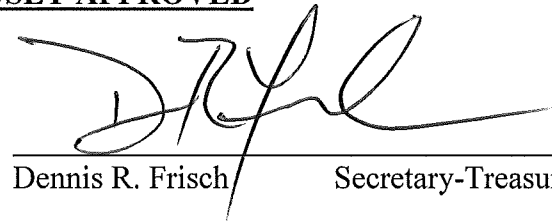
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Susan Vogelgesang Chairman



Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer