

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
February 16, 2016

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. 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 Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director, and with Board concurrence, the following items were postponed under Regular Business: item 2) District Investment Policy and item 5) Review Explorium Exhibit Rental Agreement.

Commissioner Starkoff requested the postponement of items six and seven under Regular Business to provide the Board an opportunity to discuss the three options proposed by Miller Legg for the Red Reef Park Master Plan. He suggested discussing items six and seven as one topic at a future meeting.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff to move Regular Business item number 6) Discuss Beach Renourishment and 7) Discuss Available Beach Front Property to a future meeting.

MOTION fails for lack of second

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Dan Hodgeman

2461 Queen Palm Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Hodgeman, a member of the Board of Directors of the Boca Raton Little League, thanked the Board for providing the nicest fields in South Florida for the League and the children of the community. He requested that the Board give consideration to the following ball field improvements at Sugar Sand Park: 1) on fields 3 & 4, install grass on the in-fields; 2) extend the out-field fencing on fields 3 & 4 to a distance of 225 ft.; and 3) relocate or replace the scoreboards on fields 3&4, and off-set the scoreboards from center field on fields 5&6. He noted that an earlier request to remove foliage between fields 5&6 has been accomplished. A wish-list item would be for two additional fields (7 & 8). He noted that the age of the children involved in the League range from five to seventeen. An invitation was extended to the Board to attend the Boca Raton Little League opening night event on March 4th.

Caroline Linden

2447 NW 62nd Street, Boca Raton

Ms. Linden stated that children are evaluated in mid-August. Some of the tournament play will be lost this summer due to the anticipated improvements.

Commissioner Starkoff stated that he would like staff to meet with representatives of Boca Raton Little League to review their wish-list items and timeline, in an effort to achieve the least amount of disruption.

Commissioner Frisch asked if the modifications being requested are “universal”. Mr. Hodgeman responded “yes”.

Jim Miller

480 East Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Sea Turtle Day Festival at the center on March 5th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2016.</p>
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MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Groundbreaking for Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Mr. Koski advised that he anticipates receiving the appropriate bonds and insurance documents from the low bidder by the end of the week. Upon receipt, the District will execute the agreement which was approved by the Board at a prior meeting, and be ready to commence construction. It would be in the interest of the community to schedule a groundbreaking before construction is ready to get underway.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a groundbreaking for the Science Playground on Sunday, February 28th at 2:30 p.m. Invitations will be issued and the event will be advertised.

2. District Investment Policy – This item was postponed.

3. Ranking of Sugar Sand Park Field House Architects

Using the District’s smart board, the Commissioners ranked the following firms for the subject project:

Number	Name of Firm
1	Barretta & Brewer
2	Walters Zackria Associates
3	Synalovski Romanik Saye
4	Slattery & Associates
5	West Architecture + Design, LLC
6	CPZ Architects, Inc.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to accept the ranking of the firms for the Sugar Sand Park Field House Project as displayed on the file for the smart board.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Consider a Motion to Execute Resolutions for a Bank Account at Regent Bank

Mr. Koski sought Board approval to open a bank account at Regent Bank. Regent Bank is a qualified financial depository in Boca Raton.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve Regent Bank as a depository of District public funds.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

5. Review Explorium Exhibit Rental Agreement – This item was postponed.

6. Discuss Beach Renourishment

Mr. Koski provided a document furnished by the City of Boca Raton indicating the anticipated cost of renourishing the three beach project areas [North, Central, and South] including the City dredging, from Fiscal Year 2015/16 through and including Fiscal Year 2024/25. The document estimates that over a ten-year period of time, a 50% participation rate by the District of the City’s dredging costs and design, would be in excess of \$40 million. In addition, over the same time period, the District’s local share cost (at a participation rate of 50%) would be approximately \$10 million. The Board considered the following issues: 1) its degree of participation in the beach renourishment projects [historically, the District has participated in the North and Central renourishments at a rate of 33%, 50% and 100% and normally would not pay engineering costs] and 2) the term of the commitment [make a ten-year commitment, or accept participation on a project by project basis].

The Board discussed the City's request for a 50% contribution of \$3.5 million, plus an additional \$500,000 for engineering costs, for the current Central Beach Restoration Project [total \$4 million]. The District annually contributes \$300,000 to its sinking fund for beach renourishment which currently totals \$2.6 million; however, the contribution could be increased. A \$4 million contribution would necessitate taking \$1.4 million from another project or capital reserves. In the event of a hurricane the District's cost could increase substantially. As the District has limited resources and is dependent upon ad valorem taxes, it may be prudent for the District to participate on a project by project basis and continue to make contributions to the sinking fund. It appears that the District is the smallest governmental entity on the City's funding list and has the least ability to raise funds. Contributions from the State and Palm Beach County are anticipated, but not mandated by law. After much discussion, Mr. Koski made the following recommendations: 1) the District should contribute 50% of the construction and engineering costs to the current Central Beach Project; 2) remove from the analysis any costs associated with the inlet dredging until such time as an agreement or understanding has been reached with the City, and 3) review 2016/17 budget contributions for beach renourishment and increase the District's contribution to the sinking fund twofold. The District should advise the City in writing of their degree of participation in the Central Beach Restoration Project.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to advise the City of Boca Raton that the District will commit to 50% participation in the current Central Beach Restoration Project [less the dredging costs], and will increase its annual sinking fund contribution.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Frisch	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Starkoff	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

7. Discuss Available Beach Front Property

Using the District's smart board, Ms. Harms identified several beach front properties for possible acquisition by the District. Staff was directed to contact the owners of the identified properties, including two beach front duplexes, to see if there is any interest in selling.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

Commissioner Frisch furnished a revised invoice disbursement list in the amount of \$16,268.92. He questioned the expense [without Board approval] for conducting a participation survey at Patch

Reef Park. Ms. Harms, Assistant Director explained that the Patch Reef Park survey was conducted at two different fields and at two different time slots to determine if any fields were available. The City reported that no fields were available. Commissioner Frisch requested information comparing the District survey to the City's report.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$16,268.92.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Gumbo Limbo Phase I

On February 12, bids were received for the Gumbo Limbo Phase I Boardwalk and Observation Tower Project. Bids ranged from a low of \$581,680 to a high of \$1,188,000. The low bidder is currently being evaluated. Due diligence will be performed and the necessary approvals from the City will be obtained to award the contract.

Red Reef Park Master Plan

At a meeting on February 10th, Miller Legg presented three options to District staff. Staff has requested a meeting with the City to get their opinion on the three alternatives. Miller Legg will present all of the options to the Board shortly thereafter.

Swim & Racquet Center Project

The architect of record, Mummaw & Associates, has been in contact with the Via Verde Homeowners Association. The association would like the District to consider altering the motif of the building to better fit in with the surrounding community. A "Mediterranean" style of architecture was suggested. The architect is working on the requested design change.

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

The District will concurrently start work on Phase II of the playground by obtaining all of the equipment and preparing for continued activity so that there is no break between the completion of Phase I and Phase II.

Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements

With the assistance of Mr. Mickey Gomez and the City, it has been determined that the installer of the fixtures, Imperial Electrical, is on the City's pre-approved vendor list. Once a revised proposal from Imperial Electrical is received, the District will commence the acquisition of the material and the engagement of the installer.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Ocean Strand Vegetation

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the clean-up of the vegetation at Ocean Strand. Mr. Koski stated that no action has been taken and that the District will have to bid the project.

City Workshop Agenda

Commissioner Engel asked if a response was received from the City regarding Commissioner Rollins' request to address the City Council at an upcoming Work Shop. Commissioner Rollins reported that no response has been received to-date. In addition, he placed a phone call to Mayor Haynie last week and has not heard back yet.

Spanish River Athletic Facilities

Commissioner Rollins remarked that bicyclists are racing around the perimeter on the east side of the parking lot area. Mr. Gomez will pursue the matter.

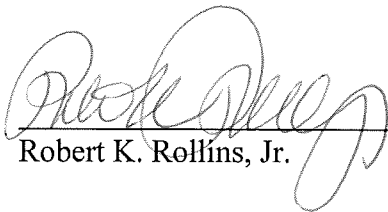
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

March 7 Red Reef Park Master Plan Alternatives – Miller Legg

ADJOURNMENT:

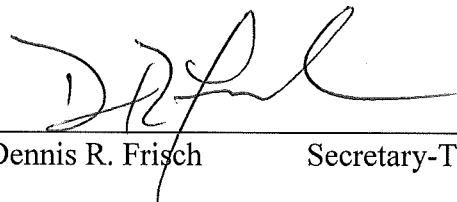
MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Dennis R. Frisch

Secretary-Treasurer