

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A *SPECIAL* MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON
November 30, 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:

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8 Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel spoke on behalf of Jim Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo who was unable to attend the meeting. She stated that 1) the Friends has expressed an interest in the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan and will provide its comments to the City and District going forward, and 2) the Friends supports the joint meeting of the City and the District and hopes that the dialogue will continue in the future.

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer expressed his dissatisfaction with the progress and work of the consultant engaged by the District for the Swim & Racquet Center project. In his opinion, the slab, shell and trusses of the 9,600 sq. ft. building should have been preserved with modifications to the roof. After working on the project for two years, the consultant just recently advised that the building houses an electrical room which controls the Swim Center and the Tennis Center. Mr. Thayer referenced the joint City/District meeting and suggested that the entities not get into a public discussion of artificial turf vs. natural grass, but address items of "substance". He also extended an invitation to the December 1st, holiday meeting of the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners held at the Boca Raton Community Center at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Rollins asked Mr. Thayer what items he would like discussed at the joint meeting. Mr. Thayer responded that the responsibilities of operation and maintenance for each park should be discussed and delineated in writing.

Commissioner Starkoff asked Mr. Thayer to extend an invitation to all attendees at the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners meeting to attend the joint City/District joint meeting on December 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boca Raton Community Center.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss interlocal agreements with the City of Boca Raton and to discuss the agenda for the December 7, 2015 joint meeting with City Council.

Mr. Koski advised that he was furnished draft copies of two interlocal agreements, Beach Renourishment and a General Agreement, from Assistant City Manager Mike Woika [upon receipt, the Board was provided copies]. He has reviewed each of the agreements. The general agreement changes the relationship between the City and the District that has been in existence for the past 40 years. Given the complexity and seriousness of the general agreement, a significant amount of dialogue and discussion will be required by the Board. The Board will not be in a position to respond to the City Council by Dec. 7 as to whether the agreement in its current form is acceptable or subject to rejection.

Commissioner Rollins recommends that Mr. Koski discuss the agreement with the City Manager to see whether it is a final or negotiable instrument. If the agreement is negotiable, the Board will need an opportunity to discuss it prior to attending the Dec. 7 meeting. He recommends that the item be deferred and not placed on the Dec. 7 agenda. The Board concurred.

Mr. Koski advised that the District has powers granted to it in the original 1974 Enabling Legislation, and has adhered to each one of those powers for the past 41 years. The District represents individuals residing in both inside and outside the City limits, and it has an obligation that each and all of its constituents be entitled to be heard before this agency.

Commissioner Frisch felt that the review process of the interlocal agreements should not stop the next phase of construction at DeHoernle Park; the fields need to get done. He suggested going back to the original document to get the fields built, and then flesh out the other items in the general agreement.

A brief review of the District's capital improvement projects currently underway will be presented to the City Council at the meeting.

Mr. Koski will suggest to the City Manager the following agenda items:

1. District participation in Waterfront Master Plan
2. Annexation of Royal Palm Polo Property
3. DeHoernle Park – Phase II
4. Schedule meetings for elected officials and staff on an on-going basis.

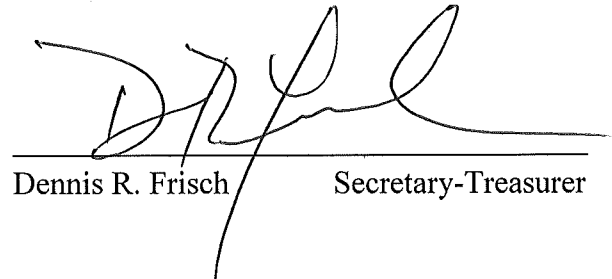
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Susan Vogelgesang Chairman



Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer