

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
August 1, 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:

To allow for public commentary on the District's Proposed 2016-2017 Budget, it was the consensus of the Board to move item number one under Regular Business: Discuss Proposed City Operation & Maintenance Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to after the Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 25, 2016.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Proposed City Operation & Maintenance Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director, furnished draft copies of the District's Proposed 2016-2017 Budget which was prepared by Mr. Merv Timberlake, District Financial Advisor. He noted that the District is going to the rolled-back rate of 0.9147 mills, and proceeded to review each line item. Highlights of the 2016-2017 Budget are as follows:

- \$16,415,700 is the total amount of **all** of the funding requested by the City of Boca Raton for 2016-2017 District park operations.
- The District is also providing to the City the **exact** amount of money which they requested for: Park Operation & Maintenance; Special Interest Activities; Red Reef Golf; Mizner Park; Recreation Technical & Supervisory; and General Fund Administration.
- \$359,000 - This expenditure to Florida Atlantic University is for the use of some of their athletic fields.
- \$7,000,000 to construct Phase II of the Spanish River Athletic Facilities. The District is prepared to move forward with the project subject only to the City's consent and agreement to likewise move forward with the project.

- \$2,775,000 for the re-construction of the Swim & Racquet Center.
- \$3,000,000 to construct three rectangular artificial surface fields at Patch Reef Park.
- \$650,000 for possible field construction at Florida Atlantic University.
- \$300,000 to go into a sinking fund for Beach Renourishment
- \$894,100 for the mandated tax increment payment to the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency
- Total Appropriated Expenditures and Reserves: \$50,405,600. Total Expenditures/Expenses: \$37,465,600. The difference of \$12,940,000 is held in the Reserve account. Approximately \$4.5 million is available to construct and develop other District projects.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Al Zucaro

561 Golden Harbour Drive, Boca Raton

Mr. Zucaro stated that he has made a public records request to the District and the City of Boca Raton to establish how anything that has been sent to the District in the last year is an official document of the City of Boca Raton. To his knowledge, there has never been a meeting of the City Council in the public to discuss the terms of an interlocal agreement. It is his opinion, that the documents that the District is considering are not the official position of the City of Boca Raton. The documents may be the official position of the administration of the City of Boca Raton, but until and unless the City Council comes into the public view and allows their thought processes to be known, and then directs staff to extend the document to the District, they are not official documents of the City. He will continue to monitor the issues.

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The following individuals contributed to a Power Point presentation on the Wildflower property which captured the vision of a unique urban “place making” public green space, offering recreational amenities, meandering pedestrian walkways, events, water features, boating/dockage, food availability and art.

Andrea O'Rourke
317 NE 3rd Street
Boca Raton

Margaret Fitzsimmons
1015 Spanish River Road
Boca Raton

Jose Berrera
55 SW 2nd Avenue
Boca Raton

Chairman Rollins noted that the District expressed its interest to the City in participating in the Waterfront Master Plan; to-date, no response has been received.

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel, representing the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, complimented the Board on the comprehensive presentation of the District's 2016-2017 budget. Although her questions regarding the budget for the pipe and pumping system and the boardwalks at Gumbo Limbo were answered in the budget review, the Friends will continue to monitor both of these very important projects going forward. She noted that invitations were sent to the Board regarding the upcoming turtle hatchling release.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2. Discussion of Swim & Racquet Center

Mr. Koski reported that the condition of the former restaurant building is deteriorating rapidly. He met with Mr. Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Director and Mr. Mike Fichera, City of Boca Raton, Development Services, Code Compliance Official to explore options of what to do with the building. Although the consultants will present the plans to the Planning & Zoning Board on August 18th and then seek City Council approval in September, the District may not be able to wait until those approvals are given in order to resolve the issues that currently exist. The issues are primarily water intrusion and questions about the stability of the roof structure. Within the confines of the building are all of the pumping equipment that operates the swimming pool and all of the electrical equipment that operates both the swimming pool and tennis center. It was agreed between the three parties present that the most appropriate and most feasible method of handling the situation is as follows:

1. Two trailers will be brought on site: one for City staff that currently works at the northern part of the building; and one for the patrons of the pool. In addition, a storage unit [POD] will be on site to store all of the items inside the building.
2. The building will be totally enclosed with security fencing to prevent any intrusion by the public into the building.
3. The condition of the roof will be monitored continuously as the architect proceeds with approvals at City Hall.

With project approvals anticipated in September, the project will go out to bid in October, and bids will be opened in November. At that time, the first phase of the project will be a coordinated demolition of the building with separate electrical feeds: one going to the pool pumping area and one going to the Tennis Center.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

Commissioner Frisch presented a "revised" invoice disbursement list in the amount of \$41,387.45.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$41,387.45.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director
Science Playground

Information pertaining to the final completion of the Science Playground will be presented at the August 15th meeting. A plan will be brought forth to complete the construction of the playground by the first two weeks of November.

Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements

Assistant Director Briann Harms stated that the installation of the lighting fixtures will commence on Monday, August 8.

Sugar Sand Park Air-Conditioning System

Assistant Director Briann Harms reported that work to retrofit the existing air-conditioning chiller compressor at the Field House is currently underway. The same work will commence at the Community Center the week of August 15th.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Sugar Sand Park Vegetation

Commissioner Vogelgesang remarked about the dry ground cover at the subject park and inquired if a controlled burn or removal process was envisioned. Mr. Koski stated that there is no plan underway by the City to address the matter.

Meeting Wizard Program

Commissioner Frisch suggested using the subject program to schedule a joint meeting with the Boca Raton City Council. Commissioner Rollins received notification of concurrence from Boca Raton Council Member Robert Weinroth to utilize the scheduling program. It was the consensus of the Board to have Ms. Harms utilize the program to put forth several potential joint meeting dates for consideration and agreement by each entity.

Topics for Joint Meeting

Commissioner Rollins listed several topics for consideration at a joint meeting: Interlocal Agreement; DeHoernle Park Phase II; Waterfront Master Plan; Public Space Planning; Annexation; and the Ocean Breeze property.

Ocean Strand/Waterfront Master Plan Property

Commissioner Frisch commented that the Wildflower presentation did not address the issue of a boat ramp. A boat ramp needs to be addressed as it could affect the development of other District properties. Water taxis need a place to go, and this may develop a use for Ocean Strand. He offered for consideration putting picnic tables at Ocean Strand to allow for public usage, realizing that other items such as maintenance and security need to be addressed.

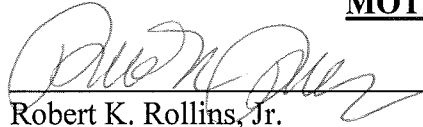
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

August 15 Discuss Proposed City Operation & Maintenance Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017
 Sugar Sand Park Science Playground Phase II

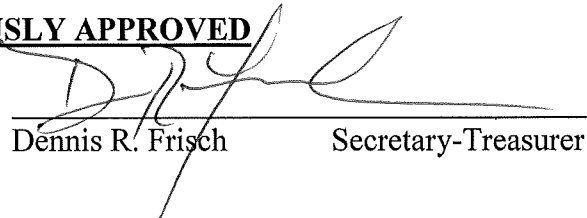
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman



Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer