

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
December 14, 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:

A large number of individuals attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the closing of the tennis courts at the Swim & Racquet Center during construction. Chairman Vogelgesang addressed the issue by stating that the District is currently working on a plan and would do everything possible to keep the tennis courts, pool and any other part of the facility open during construction.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Jerome Reinert,
1401 So. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton

Candy Donnelly
5949 Bartram Street, Boca Raton

Mark Rosenthal
500 NW 6th Avenue, Boca Raton

Dale Oliver
23367 Water Circle, Boca Raton

Brad Gelbart
775 Jeffery Street, Boca Raton

Carole Oliver
775 Jeffery Street, Boca Raton

Commentary received on the closing of the tennis center during construction included: the need for better communication between the District, City staff and patrons; concern about potential staff and Tennis Pro layoffs; the detrimental effect on tennis league schedules; the substitution of courts and the inability of members to play on hard surface courts. The following suggestions were made to minimize disruption at the facility: timing construction in the summer months which are less active as opposed to the peak usage winter months; utilization of the employee parking lot during construction; prorating fees; and making the minutes of meetings more readily available.

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director advised that within three to four months the schematic drawings for the improvements and modifications at the S&RC will be completed. The majority of the work that will be undertaken at the facility will be the demolition of the existing building [former restaurant]. A new community center will be constructed at that location, available for use by both swim and tennis center patrons. In time, the storage trailers on-site will be eliminated. The process will not include any renovation to the existing tennis courts or lighting. Improvements to the tennis center will include a new tennis pro shop with a covered seating area and locker rooms for tennis members. Those improvements to the building will not impact the

availability of the tennis courts. He noted that the electrical for both the swim center and the tennis courts are contained in a portion of the restaurant building. A plan is being devised to provide two separate electrical lines into the building. If the task can be accomplished, the project can be done in phases and the tennis courts can be kept open during construction. At the current time, there is no intention to close the tennis facility. When the parking area undergoes repair, the District will attempt to explore alternate parking on site to keep the tennis center operable. The District will also endeavor to schedule major improvements during the off-season of 2016, or, possibility, the project may be postponed until the beginning of the summer of 2017.

Ms. Harms, Assistant Director advised the public that the agenda and minutes of Board meetings are posted on the District's website.

Commissioner Rollins suggested that the tennis players have a representative attend District meetings to obtain information. The Board does not discuss any items at the meetings that are not published on the agenda. If there is any major interruption in court availability during construction, the Board would address the issue of fairness as it relates to the proration of fees.

Mr. R. Zimmer, the consultant engaged by the District for the Swim & Racquet Center project, explained that about two and a half months ago a portion of the roof of the building collapsed. City building officials were ready to "red tag" the building which in essence would have shut down the entire facility because the building contains the electrical service. Immediate steps taken by Mr. Koski to stabilize the building and make the necessary repairs has resulted in keeping the entire facility open.

Joe Pedalino

2121 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton

Mr. Pedalino offered holiday greetings and thanked the Board for its continued service to the community. He commented that as an elected body, you surpass not only listening to your constituents, but are responsive to their needs and requests.

Jim Miller

480 East Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, thanked Commissioner Vogelgesang for attending its recent Board meeting. Progress and achievements made over the past year were discussed at the meeting. Although progress on the boardwalks and pumping and piping system was less than anticipated, the Friends are encouraged that those projects will continue to move forward. He noted the progress on the Interpretative Plan which the Friends is committed to fund and develop with the City. A report on the Interpretative Plan will be available January 5; final report due mid-April 2016. The Interpretative Plan will be helpful in working with the District on the Red Reef Park Master Plan.

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel commented that progress on the Red Reef Park Master Plan update is taking longer than anticipated. She noted that the City has taken Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for Gumbo Limbo out of the budget in anticipation of new facilities potentially being replaced. Due to the heavy usage at the Center, and to prevent an emergency situation, she would encourage CIP be put back into the budget process, even mid-year. In addition, she encouraged the Board, and will also encourage City officials, to continue to find ways to move projects forward while negotiating new ways to conduct business with each other.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2015.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 30, 2015.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Interlocal Agreements with the City

On December 9th, Mr. Koski and Ms. Briann Harms met with Boca Raton City Manager Leif Ahnell and Assistant City Manager Mike Woika. This was an introductory and exploratory meeting. A number of factors were discussed regarding the historical relationship between the two entities and future meetings will be planned to obtain more detail on the subject matters raised in the interlocal agreements. Mr. Koski is preparing some information that will be submitted to the City Manager's office.

2. Sugar Sand Park – Discuss Second Field House Proposals

The District received six proposals in response to its request for architectural/engineering services for design of a second field house. It was the consent of the Board to hear proposals from all six proposers at the January 19, 2016 Board meeting.

3. Ocean Strand – Removal of Exotic Vegetation

At the request of the District, Mr. Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Director, provided several quotes from Real Tree Trimming & Landscaping, Inc. for the removal of exotics and vegetation at Ocean Strand. Three options were presented for Board consideration.

Commissioner Frisch favors Option B. In addition, he believes it is unfair for taxpayers to incur an additional expense for the off-site grinding of stumps and vegetation.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt Option B as proposed in the December 14th agenda packet to proceed with the removal of non-native vegetation at Ocean Strand.

Mr. Gomez stated that the quotations and options provided were for informational purposes only and that the project would still have to go out for bid. Mr. Koski stated that he would prepare an RFP to bid the project with the scope of work being Option B.

Commissioner Starkoff felt that an RFP would provide better cost information. He would like to: 1) understand how the project impacts the budget; 2) whether to schedule the removal at a certain time so that the least amount of people are affected; 3) communicate with the neighbors outlining the reasons for undertaking the removal project.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to amend the main **MOTION** to have Mr. Koski prepare an RFP to bid the removal of non-native vegetation at Ocean Strand utilizing the scope of work in Option B.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Swim & Racquet Center – Repair Contract

Mr. Koski sought Board authorization to have CJM Construction, Inc. proceed with the exploratory ceiling demo at the former restaurant building at the subject property at a cost of \$2,000. If the cost increases, it will be under a separate contract. The Board authorized the expense.

5. Approval of Proposed Schedule of District Board Meetings & Office Closings for 2016

Mr. Koski requested Board adoption of the 2016 calendar of District Board Meetings & Office Closings. This information will be transmitted to the Palm Beach County Administrator and the Clerk of the Court for filing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt the 2016 calendar of District Board Meetings & Office closings as presented.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

Commissioner Frisch submitted a revised invoice disbursement list and recommended approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$1,162,931.12.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Bids for the first phase of the subject project will be received on January 15, 2016. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for January 8th with prospective bidders.

Swim & Racquet Center Improvements

Mr. Doug Mummaw, the architect of record for the subject project, is moving on beyond schematic drawings and will be contacting the Via Verde Homeowners Association to make sure that they are in agreement with the overall project concept and aesthetics.

Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements

Mr. Zimmer, the consultant engaged by the District for the subject project, has provided Mr. Koski a proposal for the acquisition of light fixtures. Once the prospective supplier is confirmed as being on the state's vendor list, Board approval will be sought to complete the purchase of the fixtures. Mr. Gomez is checking the City's vendor list to see if someone is available to perform electrical services to do the installation. If an installer is not available through the City's vendor list, the District will prepare an RFP for an electrical installer. It is envisioned that the installation will commence in January 2016.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

Commissioner Rollins referred to Ms. Peel's comment under Public Requests relating to the heavy usage of the center and maintenance and safety issues. He would like staff to address those issues and correct any deficiencies.

Commissioner Vogelgesang stated that she attended the Board meeting of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo; it was very informative. She would like to place on a future agenda for discussion, the project of relocating the temporary sea turtle rehab facility to a permanent location.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

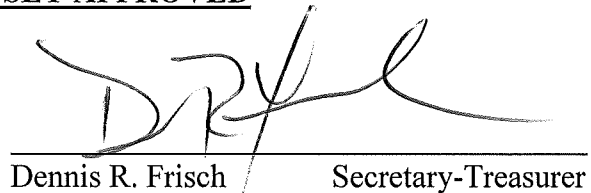
January 19 Presentation by Proposers for Sugar Sand Park Second Field House

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer