

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
January 4, 2016

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:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to add under Regular Business, item number 5, "Joint City/District Meeting".

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer extended an invitation to the Board to attend the monthly meeting of the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners on Tuesday, January 5th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center. Boca Raton Police Chief Dan Alexander will address the issue of "security". Representatives of the Harid Conservatory in Boca Raton will also be present.

Jim Miller

480 East Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo advised that Gumbo Limbo had 197,000 visitors for the year ending 2015. The Friends are looking forward to seeing progress on two key District projects: the boardwalks and the supply system for the sea water tanks. He thanked the Board for all of its support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2015.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2015.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by City of Boca Raton on Beach Renourishment

Ms. Jennifer Bistyga, City of Boca Raton Coastal Project Administrator/Financial Administrator, gave a presentation on the impending construction of the Central Boca Raton Beach Renourishment Project. *Highlights:* The project area starts just south of Red Reef Park and extends almost to the Boca Raton Inlet. The project is scheduled to commence in early to mid-February 2016. Construction operations will occur 24/7. Project completion is scheduled by the end of April 2016. The total project cost is \$11,285,000. Palm Beach County and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will share in the costs. The DEP has contributed \$1,700,000; however, efforts will be made to obtain additional financial assistance. It is envisioned that the City and the District will share the local remaining costs of \$7,328,000 equally [\$3,664,000 per entity]. Ms. Bistyga will update the status of the project on the City's website [including photos].

Mr. Koski advised that the District has previously participated in the central beach renourishment project, sharing in one-third of the hard costs. In the absence of interlocal agreements, it has always been a discretionary decision of the District as to what the contribution would be, and what the percentage would be on a project by project basis. Mr. Koski has discussed with Mr. Woika the need for a resolution of the District's participation in the central beach renourishment project; negotiations are continuing. The District has yet to publicly discuss the interlocal agreement executed in June 2015, the contents of which were revised by the City and resubmitted to the District in November 2015. This item will be placed on the January 19th agenda for further discussion.

Commissioner Rollins questioned whether the District would receive a reimbursement if the City is successful in receiving additional funding from the Department of Environmental Protection. Ms. Bistyga stated that the earliest time for a new commitment for the remaining funds would be FY 2017/18. She will advise the District if a reimbursement will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Starkoff inquired about the District's allocation for beach renourishment in the 2015/2016 budget. Mr. Koski responded that the budget allocation is \$2.6 million. Discussion ensued about public access south of Palmetto Park Road and the established mean high water baseline.

For budgetary purposes, Commissioner Frisch asked Ms. Bistyga to provide a guideline of upcoming beach renourishment projects. Ms. Bistyga agreed to furnish the District a ten-year budget.

2. Discussion of Letter from Mayor Haynie dated December 16, 2015

Mr. Koski stated that the December 16th correspondence from Mayor Haynie requested that the District "identify all privately owned vacant buildable ocean front property and evaluate the possible acquisition of those properties for preservation and public use". The District has been informed, via e-mail and verbally, that the Mayor's letter had not been vetted or discussed by the City Council. Referencing the District's Enabling Legislation, Mr. Koski advised that the District has the power to purchase property for beach or park purposes, subject to the concurrence of the

Boca Raton City Council. The Board deferred this item until the City Council indicates their intent to proceed in the endeavor. District staff will develop a list of available properties.

3. Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements

Mr. Koski advised that W.W. Grainger, Inc. is a supplier on the State's vendor list and they will be engaged to provide the lighting fixtures as well as the installation at the subject park. Grainger representatives have reviewed the site, and their count of the fixtures required differs with the number of fixtures proposed by Zimmer Consultants. A telephone conference call between Grainger officials, Zimmer Consultants and Ms. Briann Harms will be held on January 6th to confirm the correct amount and type of fixtures needed. This item will be placed on the January 19th agenda.

4. Joint City/District Meeting

Prefacing the discussion, Mr. Koski clarified either the misinterpretation or intentional misstatements that have been made by various parties relative to the joint meeting of December 7, 2015. He stated that prior to that anticipated meeting date, he consulted with Boca Raton City Manager Leif Ahnell and other respective officials, to discuss a wide variety of topics which included the two circulated interlocal agreements and the relationship between the City and the District. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was "mutually agreed" by those in attendance that it would not be prudent to proceed with the meeting of Dec. 7th, until such time as there had been further discussion on each of the interlocal agreements. Individuals have indicated that it was the District that cancelled that meeting, or there was some inability to communicate; that is patently false. It was a "joint decision" to defer the December 7th, 2015.

District staff is currently engaged in attempting to schedule a joint meeting with the Boca Raton City Council for either February 8 or 22. The District is awaiting a reply from the City Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Starkoff noted the fact that none of the two dozen or more interlocal agreements negotiated by the District with FAU, the City of Boca Raton and the School Board, have resulted from joint meetings. He believes that the relationship between the City and the District could be rebuilt by developing a process to discuss narrowly focused issues. City staff should develop materials for discussion with the District that the City Council has already arrived at a consensus.

Commissioner Engel felt that City and District staff should meet on a regular basis. There are issues that still need to be discussed between the two bodies, such as the final disposition of the Royal Palm Polo fields and whether it will be a part of the District or remain outside the District. Mr. Koski advised that the City has stated that "there is no discussion" about Royal Palm Polo.

Mr. Koski stated that the District needs to talk about what they want, what their goals are, and how they going to obtain them. Current agreements should be reviewed to determine if changes are warranted. The District should convey to City elected officials what the District's position is on issues. It is inappropriate for staff to discuss these items outside of the public forum.

It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the beach renourishment agreement at its January 19th Board meeting.

5. Election of Board Officers for 2016

Chairman

Commissioner Starkoff nominated Commissioner Rollins for the position of Chairman. No other nominations were received; nominations were closed.

Commissioner Rollins accepted the position of Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Frisch nominated Commissioner Engel for the position of Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were received; nominations were closed.

Commissioner Engel accepted the position of Vice-Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer

Commissioner Starkoff nominated Commissioner Frisch for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. No other nominations were received; nominations were closed.

Commissioner Frisch accepted the position of Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

Commissioner Frisch furnished a revised invoice disbursement list.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$2,154,328.39.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Invoice Disbursement List

Mr. Koski noted that the January 4, 2016 invoice disbursement list included the final payment to the City for Operation & Maintenance for the period ending September 30, 2015. Mr. Timberlake will commence working with the auditor.

Science Playground

A pre-bid conference will be held on January 8th. Bids are due on January 15, 2016.

Swim & Racquet Center

Mr. Koski furnished a document for execution by the Chairman for a building permit for the initial demolition work to stabilize the inside of the building.

Sugar Sand Park Second Field House

The six proposers for design of the field house will be notified that the presentation date has been changed from January 19th to February 1, 2016.

District Workshop Discussions

Both Beach Renourishment and DeHoernle Park Phase II will be items of discussion at the January 19th meeting.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Red Reef Park

Commissioner Starkoff inquired about the status of the Red Reef Park Master Plan. Mr. Koski responded that Miller Legg is working on the boardwalk (front-end documents are completed; project is ready to go out to bid in about 45 days). ATM is in the process of engaging a contractor to do the piping work. Once those two items are underway, the master plan process will continue.

Sugar Sand Park Baseball Fields

Commissioner Rollins requested Ms. Harms provide information on several items relating to the baseball program at Sugar Sand Park:

- Verify that the sodding on Fields 3&4 are for the infields and not the outfields.
- Determine the costs involved to accommodate the request of the Little League to extend Fields 3&4, 25 ft. for play.
- The City needs to address the issue of the palmetto bushes located between each side of the pathway at Fields 5&6. The vegetation is extremely thick and players are unable to retrieve balls.
- Provide additional information about the supposedly “30” individual baseball travel teams that are unrelated to one another, using District facilities. Determine how many teams there are, the make-up of the teams, and where they are located.

Commissioner Starkoff requested information on whether the Girls Softball teams are getting all the access to the diamonds they require at De Hoernle Park.

TOPSoccer

Chairman Vogelgesang thanked City of Boca Raton Recreation Director Mr. Gomez and his staff for all of their efforts in assisting with TOPSoccer orientation.

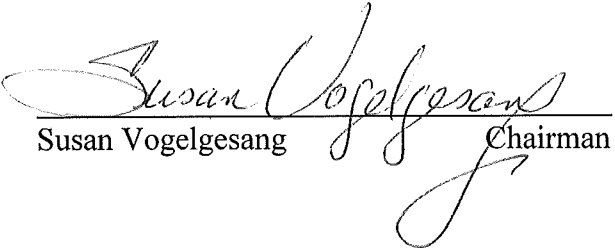
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

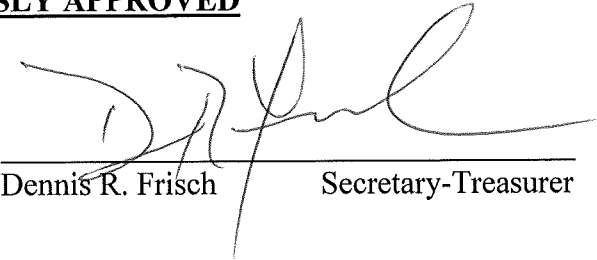
January 19	Discuss Beach Renourishment Interlocal Agreements Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements
February 1	Sugar Sand Park Field House Presentations

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer