

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
July 11, 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: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Craig Ehrnst

1500 Parkside Circle S., Boca Raton

As a candidate running for GBRB&PD Commission Seat No. 1, Mr. Ehrnst requested access to the Ocean Strand property. Mr. Koski will make the necessary arrangements.

Christine Cherepy

510 Kay Terrace, Boca Raton

Steve Reiss

630 Phillips Drive, Boca Raton

Both Ms. Cherepy and Mr. Reiss are residents of Golden Harbour. They expressed their concerns and the concerns of the Golden Harbour community regarding the Lake Wyman/Rutherford Park Project, and advised that the issue may come before the Board for funding consideration [in 2012, the District agreed to fund the project with conditions relating to long-term maintenance obligations]. They would like the District to fund an independent comprehensive study of the project.

Jim Miller

480 E. Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, reported that visitation continues to increase; 5%-8% over last year, which was a record year despite the boardwalk being closed and parking complications. For the comfort and safety of the public/staff/volunteers, he asked the Board to approve the City's 2016-2017 budget request for additional personnel: a maintenance supervisor; a part time volunteer coordinator; and one additional Park Ranger.

Jose Berrera

55 SW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton

Mr. Rivera spoke at the June 20th Board meeting and asked the Board to engage in a partnership with the City to preserve the Wildflower property as green space. He inquired about the status of his request.

Commissioner Rollins responded that the Board generally views the Wildflower site favorably as a destination point. The District has advised the City of its interest and willingness to participate in the Waterfront Plan which would take into consideration the Wildflower property, Ocean Strand and Lake Wyman. The District needs to rely on the Boca Raton City Council to engage the District in the Waterfront Plan. An RFP for the Waterfront Plan has been issued. A referendum will be held in November regarding development of the Wildflower site.

Harold Chaffee

6200 NW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton

Mr. Chaffee, a resident of Boca Teeca, advised that the Ocean Breeze Golf Course is now closed; it is not being watered. A petition is circulating in the Boca Teeca community not to lift the restrictions on the golf course. He asked the Board to inquire about the status of the City swapping the Ocean Breeze Golf Course for the Municipal Golf Course.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

At the request of Commissioner Frisch, the minutes of May 24, 2016, page two, were amended to indicate that Commissioner Engel [his name was inadvertently omitted] made the MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the minutes of May 24, 2016.

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the regular minutes of May 24, 2016 as amended, and the regular meeting minutes of June 6, 2016.</p>
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MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Koski, Interim Executive Director, gave an overview of the City's 2016-2017 proposed operation and maintenance budget which totals \$16.4 million. The City is seeking an increase of approximately \$1.5 million over its 2015-2016 budget request. He furnished an analysis of the amounts the City is requesting for each individual park in the 2016/2017 Budget. In addition, the City has also identified an anticipated cost of \$3 million for the pipe and pumping at Gumbo Limbo in Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Koski cautioned the Board in their budget discussions to maintain appropriate reserves for both operating and capital, anticipate the \$3 million Gumbo Limbo expense in 2018, and try to make the budget expenditures as lean as possible without sacrificing the quality of service provided to District residents. The Board will review the City's budget request in more detail over the next several weeks. Mr. Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Director will attend the July 18th Board meeting to discuss the City's budget and answer any questions.

Mr. Merv Timberlake, the District's Financial Advisor, provided an analysis of the funds the District can anticipate to receive by going to the roll back rate [\$21,794,000] or keeping the current tax rate [\$23,055,000]. The District is required to submit its millage rate to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's office by July 27th.

Commissioner Frisch requested a more detailed explanation of the City's Calculated Administrative Fees for FY ending 9-30-16 (Tab "H" in the Budget Book).

At the present time, the Board will have to decide a) if they are comfortable going to the roll back rate; b) prepare any questions for Mr. Gomez when he visits on July 18th; and c) determine the more priority projects that the District needs to accomplish.

Commissioner Starkoff suggested that 1) for the upcoming budget year the District should only approve projects that will be started in fiscal year 2016-2017; 2) utilize the fixed percentages as outlined in the District's proposed interlocal agreement and advise the City to budget its overhead accordingly; 3) Personnel - determine how many unfilled positions in the 2015-2016 budget were filled; 4) tie the "fractional" personnel in the budget back to the personnel as per our invoices so that the District can understand how the fractional designations in the budget correspond to the people we pay; and 5) consider hiring a Facilities Manager.

Commissioner Engel would like to see a budget that truly reflects the number of positions that are filled, and that really are going to be filled, over the next fiscal year. He feels that the City should get away from the "use it or lose it" mentality of budgeting from year to year, and go to the mentality of this is what we expect to expend and only that amount.

Commissioner Vogelgesang requested several corrections to page 7 of the budget book (Aquatics and Ocean Rescue is listed at Patch Reef Park).

Discuss Notice to Freeze CRA Tax Increment Payment

Based strictly as a financial decision, not as a relationship decision, it was the consensus of the Board to freeze its contribution to the CRA at the current level [\$894,000].

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to transmit a notice to the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency that it is the intention of the District to freeze its contribution at the current level.

Discussion:

Mr. Koski will prepare and transmit the appropriate notice to the Boca Raton Community Redevelopment Agency.

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2. Approval of Sugar Sand Park Science Playground Phase II

Mr. Koski advised that he received a change order proposed by NuJak Construction for the subject item and is reviewing it for consideration at the July 18th meeting.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$127,836.75.

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Swim & Racquet Center

Mr. Mummaw, the architect of record, is scheduled to appear before the City's Planning & Zoning Board on July 27th for final approval of the subject project. At that time, the preparation of construction documents will commence. The project is anticipated to be bid on November 1.

Patch Reef Park

Motre' has been contacted to determine how the District would like to accomplish improvements at the subject park.

Beach Renourishment

To-date, the City has not responded to the June 29, 2015 District executed interlocal agreement to fund 50% of the Central Beach Renourishment Project. The City has made a request for \$1.5 million for the Central Beach Renourishment Project; however, the District will not disburse any funds until an appropriate document is in place.

District Master Interlocal Agreement

On June 9th, 2016 the Boca Raton City Council and City staff were furnished copies of the subject agreement. To-date, the District has not received a response.

Ocean Breeze Golf Course

Mr. Koski advised that it is his understanding from conversations with representatives of Lennar Corp. that they will close on the subject project. He is uncertain of the closing date, but Lennar has indicated their intention to close and hold the property. The District is waiting to hear some discussion from the City Council as to what they would like to do regarding an exchange of property between Lennar and the City.

Commissioner Frisch would like to explore the relative cost to keep the Ocean Breeze property watered. He feels it would be more cost effective to keep the property green, rather than leave it fallow for six months; decide that there will be a land swap, and then have to put in a whole new golf course.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the cost to operate a 27-hole golf course. He would like the City to know that the District is interested in assisting with the Ocean Breeze property.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Blue/Green Algae

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the movement of the blue/green algae. Mr. Koski stated that it has stopped at Lake Worth and is residing in areas north of that location. Mr. Koski will investigate the matter.

Mizner Trail

Commissioner Engel supports making Ocean Breeze the City's golf course; however, he noted that the District has no facilities in the reserve area operated or maintained by the District. He noted that the owner is interested in selling the Mizner Trail property and that the District should keep the subject property under consideration. One option suggested for the site was the creation of a park corridor which includes Sugar Sand Park, Mizner Trail and Parque at Placido [which is part of the Boca del Mar Improvement Association].

Waterfront Plan

Mr. Koski will contact the City regarding the status of the subject plan. He believes that there will be an absence of decisions on the part of the City until such time as the referendum takes place in November. However, the District can make its position on the matter known.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Koski draft a letter for Board approval indicating the District's interest and support for the Ocean Breeze, Wildflower and Waterfront Plan.

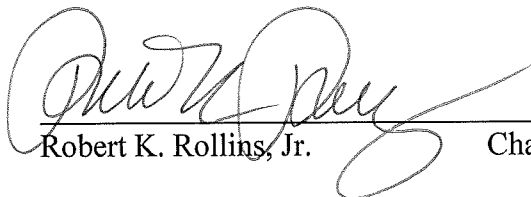
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

July 18 - Discuss City Proposed 2016-2017 Budget
Suggest dates for first and final budget public hearings

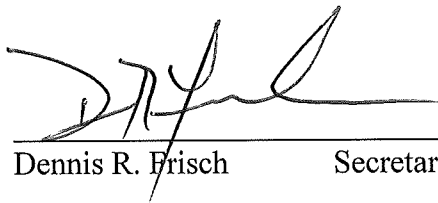
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman



Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer