

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
March 14, 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:
City of Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Robert Weinroth

Deputy Mayor Weinroth stated that he was appearing as a resident; not representing the City Council. He addressed two issues: 1) that the Board consider accepting a donation of items from a resident consisting of a submarine, steam engine and robots; and 2) improving communications between the District and the Council.

Chairman Rollins expressed the gratitude of the Board for the offer of the donated items; however, due to space limitations, declined the offer.

Mr. Weinroth noted that the last joint meeting between the two bodies took place in June 2015. Since that time, there has been no agreement on scheduling another meeting. Issues of mutual interest [interlocal agreements, the capital plan for Gumbo Limbo and the seawater pumps] need to be addressed. As elected officials, both bodies need to work together for the benefit of the community. At a time when both bodies are trying to “build bridges” he feels that it is problematic for Mr. Koski to be both the Executive Director and the legal counsel involved in a federal lawsuit against the City.

Chairman Rollins advised that he met with Mayor Haynie on February 24 and it was her suggestion that he meet with City Manager Leif Ahnell. Mr. Rollins placed a call to the City Manager, but to-date has not received a response. A coffee meeting with Councilman Singer has also been offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2016.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Patch Reef Park Athletic Field Participation Count**

Ms. Briann Harms, Assistant Director, stated that over an 8-day period the District hired an individual to count the number of participants (spectators were not included) on the fields at Patch Reef Park. A comparison count indicates that the City counted 218 more participants than the District. She provided the formula that the City uses to calculate participation.

Commissioner Starkoff recalled that last year during March/April/May, the Board discussed the need to optimize scheduling, particularly during peak periods. He is concerned that we are not optimizing, and directed Mr. Koski to contact Mr. Gomez [who was present for that discussion] to find out why it was not conveyed. Specifically, what is it that we don't know that didn't show up in the reports that might mitigate the issue, or is there a better method that we can use. The requested action should be done and understood within 60 days; before the fields go into maintenance.

Commissioner Frisch felt that it was unnecessary to expend funds to undertake the count. In his opinion, an easier approach would have been to get answers directly from Mr. Gomez or the Council.

2. Review Swim & Racquet Center Building Design

Mr. Doug Mummaw, the architect of record, gave an update on the Swim & Racquet Center Renovation Project. The project is currently in site plan approval and the Via Verde PUD is being modified. Timetable: May 19 - Appear before the Planning & Zoning Board; June 14 – Seek City Council approval; fall of 2016 – commence construction; Project completion – the end of 2017. Highlights: *Maintenance Building/Yard* – the trailer and out-shed buildings have been replaced with a hybrid T-shaped building comprised of a manager's office, a maintenance tech desk, locker/shower facilities, data and critical storage needs. The building will be connected with a warehouse building with overhead garage doors to provide enclosed equipment coverage and dry storage areas. *Tennis Building* – additional toilets were added to the women's restroom. No renovations will be made to the lighting or the existing tennis courts so they will remain open. Construction at the tennis center will be phased, to allow for access to the courts and parking. At the request of the Via Verde Homeowners Association, the buildings will be redesigned to reflect a "Florida Mediterranean" motif. The changes will not impact the planning/development timeline.

Mr. Rick Zimmer of Zimmer Consultants reported that the section of roof that collapsed at the former restaurant building has now been demolished and stabilized. The facility's entire electrical system needs to be replaced which will require the pool to be closed for approximately six months. The plan is to use Meadows Park Pool during the closure. The majority of work at the site will be the demolition of the former restaurant building. He noted that the redesign of the maintenance building requires a re-status of the contract with Mummaw & Associates. In addition, the scope and cost of the gazebo and event pavilion needs to be evaluated (choices and options will be presented).

3. District Investment Policy

Mr. Koski presented the District's Investment Policy for Board review. He stated that the document was intended to be "permissive" only; not mandatory. The policy would allow the District the opportunity to take advantage of different investment products. The document still provides for the total control of the finances of the District to be in the hands of the Board of

Commissioners. No staff member has total control over those funds. Both he and Mr. Timberlake will review the policy at the next Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$169,529.02.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Gumbo Limbo

Mr. Koski is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Miller Legg and the low bidder for the Gumbo Limbo Boardwalk Project. He anticipates having a contract available for execution by the Board at the April 4th meeting.

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

NuJak Construction, the project contractor, has submitted its first payment request. Mr. Koski is reviewing the application for processing. Project status: Work is progressing with the removal of decking and railings.

When the science playground project was being designed, the architects engaged by the District (Barretta & Brewer) went before the City's Building Department and were assured [documented in writing] that no permit was required. The District has now been advised by the City that a building permit is required. The architects will meet with City Building representatives to resolve the issue.

Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements

Mr. Zimmer has provided information on the installer of the light fixtures. Mr. Koski is checking with the City's Purchasing Department to make sure that the installer is on the City's vendor list and that the charges included in the proposal are exact with regard to the City charges.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Sugar Sand Park Scoreboards

Commissioner Starkoff inquired about the replacement of the scoreboard on Field No. 5 at a cost of \$31,000 and asked how long the equipment has been inoperable. Ms. Harms will follow-up on the matter and respond.

Communication

Commissioner Starkoff stated that a joint meeting is not warranted. The work of the City or the District [which includes agreements with the School Board and the County] has never been accomplished through a joint meeting. It is staff getting the work done and memorializing it in an interlocal agreement. He believes that the District will accomplish more with its relationship with the City if we do more projects jointly and get things done.

Mr. Koski advised that Mr. Weinroth was provided a copy of an e-mail that he sent on March 3, to Mr. Woika requesting a meeting to discuss the Red Reef Park master plan. Mr. Woika responded affirmatively that evening and said he would call the next day – no further communication was received from him since that time. Mr. Koski stated that it is not only incumbent upon the communicators, but those who direct and control the communicators, to make sure that those individuals are in fact attempting in good faith to deal openly, fairly and honestly between the two agencies. Eleven days have passed, and no reply to the request has been received.

At the request of Mayor Haynie, Commissioner Rollins called the City Manager to schedule a meeting. His objective is to help facilitate communication; especially staff to staff. He would welcome the opportunity to speak to the City Council about issues of mutual concern. “We can do better, and everyone involved with this issue can do better; we must and we shall.”

FAU Engineer

Commissioner Vogelgesang commented that a Structural Engineering Professor at FAU has expressed interest in the Sugar Sand Park Playground structure. If an inspector is required, he would like to be considered.

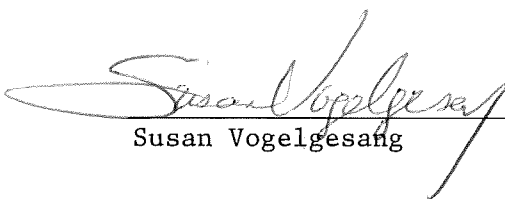
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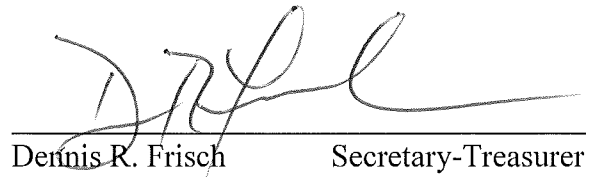
April 4 Initial report on Field Optimization
District Investment Policy

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Commissioner


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer