

**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**  
**September 6, 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:**

Robert DuKate

5351 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, Boca Raton

Mr. DuKate gave an update on the status of the Ocean Breeze Golf Course property. Mr. Harold Chaffee, a resident of Boca Teeca, is the President of a newly formed non-profit organization called "Keep Golf in Boca." At the September 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Shop, proposals that have been received will be evaluated relative to the Municipal Golf Course. In that process, there is the potential of the City acquiring the Ocean Breeze Golf Course property with the cooperation of the District.

Raul Travieso

1037 W. Royal Palm Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Travieso, a long-time resident of the City, addressed the Board regarding the expansion of "Pickleball" facilities in the City of Boca Raton. He stated that he has been approved by the U.S. Pickleball Association to become an Ambassador for the City of Boca Raton in terms of promoting the sport.

**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 August 15, 2016.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Adoption of Proposed 2016-2017 Budget**

Mr. Koski, Interim Executive Director, advised that prior to the First Public Hearing on 2016-2017 Budget and Taxes scheduled for Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Sugar Sand Park, it is necessary for the Board of Commissioners to adopt a budget which will be

presented to the public at that time. He reviewed the line-items in budget. Based upon the millage rate of 0.9147 which was furnished to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser, he recommends approval of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget Summary for presentation to the public at the hearing. He noted that the budget is 3.3% less than last year's total operating expenditures.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget Summary for presentation at the First Public Hearing on 2016-2017 Budget and Taxes on September 12, 2016.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**2. Interlocal Agreement for Beach Renourishment**

Mr. Koski advised that the District and the City have reached an agreement in principle for Beach Restoration and Beach Renourishment for the City of Boca Raton for the next ten years. The District will contribute 50% of the local share for all beach restoration that is conducted within the City over the next ten years which includes: North Beach; Central Beach; the Inlet Dredging; and the South Beach Restoration. The agreement is subject to City Council approval. The City will provide the District with periodic updates on beach conditions. Mr. Koski has reviewed the agreement and recommends approval.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Beach Renourishment subject to the concurrence of the Boca Raton City Council to give authority to the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to execute the document upon such approval by the Boca Raton City Council.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**3. Approval of Change Order to Remove Tower at Gumbo Limbo**

Mr. Koski presented a Change Order from Close Construction in the amount of \$93,136.85 for the demolition of the current Gumbo Limbo Observation Tower due to severe deterioration.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Close Construction Change Order for the demolition of the Observation Tower at Gumbo Limbo in the amount of \$93,136.85.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**4. Status of Swim & Racquet Center**

Mr. Koski advised that the City's Planning & Zoning Board unanimously approved the Swim & Racquet Center plans at its August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Final approval of the project has been placed on the September 13<sup>th</sup> agenda of the Boca Raton City Council. Upon approval by the City Council, the architect will complete all of the necessary contract documents required for the bidding of the project. During the week of September 5<sup>th</sup>, two trailers will be placed on-site; one for showers and restrooms the other for office staff. The building has been fenced off until such time as demolition is ready to commence.

## **APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$1,220,928.25.

## **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **Executive Director**

##### *Sugar Sand Park Science Playground*

Mr. Koski stated that prior to one of the upcoming District Board meetings, the contractor will be instructed to put down some plywood or planking at the playground to allow the Commissioners and the public to gain access to the site to observe what is happening and what the project entails. A complete set of plans for the playground project was made available for public review.

##### *District/City Items*

Ocean Breeze Property - Mr. Koski stated that he reiterated to the Boca Raton City Manager that as the City considers what action they wish to take on the Municipal Golf Course or the Ocean Breeze property [whether it involves a swap or outright purchase] that the District is a willing participant with the City in order to maintain further open space and recreational facilities in the community.

Interlocal Agreements –Mr. Koski discussed with the Boca Raton City Manager the success obtained in reaching an understanding on the Beach Renourishment Interlocal Agreement. Further discussions are contemplated shortly with staff on the Master Interlocal Agreement.

Communication - Recently, the District received a Public Records Request for e-mails between the City and the District over an 18-month period of time [January 2015 to July 2016]. The District gathered the information which resulted in 2,600 communications between the City and the District during that period of time.

#### **District Counsel - None**

#### **Commissioners**

##### *Ocean Strand*

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the clean-up of the walkway to the beach at Ocean Strand. Ms. Harms reported that the walkway has been cleared.

##### *Waterfront Plan*

Commissioner Vogelgesang asked Mr. Koski if he and the Boca Raton City Manager had an opportunity to discuss the City's Waterfront Plan.

Mr. Koski responded that the District provided a letter to the City addressing two items: 1) the identification of three dates for a joint meeting in 2017, and 2) a suggestion to schedule a bi-weekly meeting with the Boca Raton City Manager and the Executive Director. To-date, the City has not replied to the three joint meeting dates; however, a reply was received with regard to the bi-weekly meeting. The reply was not between the City Manager and the Executive Director, but between

City staff [Mr. Mickey Gomez and Ms. Jennifer Bistyga] and the Executive Director. Specifically, Ms. Bistyga could keep the District advised about the status of the Waterfront Plan.

Commissioner Starkoff suggested that the Executive Director undertake the bi-weekly meetings with Ms. Bistyga and see what response there is to the District's offer and willingness to be involved in master planning.

Commissioner Engel is concerned that decisions may be made by the City prior to being discussed at the bi-weekly meetings.

Mr. Koski suggested that staff meet once every two weeks and that it does not have to be between the Executive Director and the City Manager. However, if staff meets twice a week, there has to be at least one meeting a month between the Executive Director and the City Manager or the City Manager's designee with the authority to give the District direction as to what is transpiring and what the various roles will be of the two agencies.

#### *DeHoernle Park*

Commissioner Frisch advised that the Melanoma Foundation has expressed an interest in installing a sun-screen dispenser at the pavilion which they will supply and maintain. City staff is evaluating the offer.

Commissioner Frisch commented that in conversations with the public, it was brought to his attention that an alligator was seen in the lake at De Hoernle Park. Mr. Koski advised that the only report he received and was aware of was that of an otter sighted in the lake.

#### *Sugar Sand Park Lighting Improvements*

Commissioner Starkoff inquired about the status of the subject project. Mr. Koski reported that some the lights have been installed and the project is on-going to completion. Efforts are being made to try to integrate all of the lighting issues in the new design of the field house and the location of lighting with that project.

#### *Ocean Breeze Property*

Commissioner Starkoff referenced the City's Workshop on September 26 and inquired about the proposals, appraisals and economic estimates. Mr. Koski responded that a wide variety of proposals were received for the acquisition of the Municipal Golf Course property. There are no multiple deals for the Ocean Breeze property as it is under the control of the contract between Wells Fargo and Lennar Corporation.

Commissioner Rollins stated that he is constantly asked about the increasing construction of new residential units in the City and how the recreational needs of the residents will be met once they occupy the units without Phase II at DeHoernle being developed. He encouraged Mr. Koski in his discussions with the City Manager to find some way to jump start the agreement to commence the project sometime during 2016-2017. "The community is growing; the recreational needs are expanding; and the residents need to be accommodated".

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

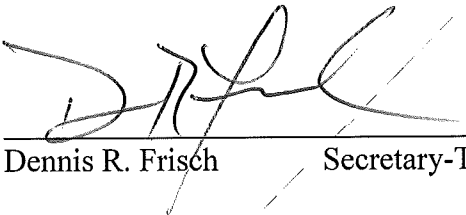
September 12 - First Public Hearing on Proposed 2016-2017 Budget & Taxes – 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
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Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman

  
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Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer