

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
April 17, 2017

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at approximately 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin A. Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

At the request of Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Executive Director, item number two under Regular Business: District Facilities Safety Inspection Report by Mike Fichera, District Construction Project Consultant, was addressed as the first item of business.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Doug Collier
5701 NW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton

Mr. Collier advised that he is Co-President of the Boca Teeca Unit Owners Association and Vice-President of Boca Teeca Condo No. 1. He shared an article recently featured in CCIM Institute - Commercial Investment Real Estate Magazine entitled "Jumping through Hoops". The information contained in the publication pertained to assessing real estate values (appraisals versus site analysis). He hopes that the community is supportive of the study Mr. Koski is undertaking to determine the true site value of the Ocean Breeze property.

Mr. Robert DuKate
5351 NW 3rd Terrace, Boca Raton

Mr. DuKate provided copies of the Palm Beach County Golf Financial Report which indicates the structure of the different golf courses that Palm Beach County operates. He pointed out that Osprey Point, a well-maintained 27-hole golf course in Boca Raton, was the most profitable, earning approximately \$2 million in 2016. He acknowledged that the credit worthiness of the City of Boca Raton to borrow funds is very good, and that the District has the ability to pay the debt acquired by the City through ad valorem taxes without raising the tax rate. The valuation, borrowing and repayment ability of the District is significant. He commented that the District allocates \$16-\$17 million to the City for the operation and maintenance of its facilities and does not generate a profit. The District now has the ability to generate a profit at Ocean Breeze.

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 April 4, 2017.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. District Facilities Safety Inspection Report

District Construction Project Consultant Mike Fichera summarized his January 2017 report. He stated that, in general, District properties are very well maintained with only a few minor issues. City staff has received a copy of the report and is performing the necessary repairs.

At the request of Commissioner Vogelgesang, Mr. Fichera will revisit Patch Reef Park to determine if roots are causing damage to the pathways.

Commissioner Engel inquired about the cost to regrade the parking area at Mizner Park as there are significant water retention areas. Mr. Fichera responded that the cost would be “less than \$10,000”.

Commissioner Rollins expressed concern about the exit being blocked by the charging of the Ranger golf cart inside the Patch Reef Park Tennis Center. Mr. Fichera advised that there is an existing charging station outside the building which will be utilized once it is repaired; it is a procedural matter.

2. Patch Reef Park – Calvin Giordano & Associates – Contract Execution

Representatives of Calvin Giordano & Associates: Mr. Curt Keyser, Project Manager and Mr. Michael Conner, Landscape Architect, addressed the Board regarding the pros and cons of three different types of artificial surfaces [crumb rubber; organic, and hybrid]. Samples of the various infill materials and the fiber carpet were presented for Board examination. Discussion focused on field usage [soccer/football/lacrosse/rugby]; maintenance tasks [grooming of the surface; infill replacement, matting/compaction; irrigation [using potable water as opposed to reclaimed water; sanitation and cleaning]; drainage [vertical drainage prevents “floatation”]; and health concerns [no scientific data proven that crumb rubber causes cancer]; cost estimate [approximately \$1 million per field].

It was the consensus of the Board to install “organic” infill material on the three rectangular athletic fields at Patch Reef Park. Potable water will be utilized to irrigate the fields when needed. All utilities will be placed outside the fields. Field utilization will include soccer, football and lacrosse. Shock-absorbent padding will be installed.

Mr. Keyser and Mr. Conner will proceed to design the fields as directed by the Board.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$17,873.74.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Gumbo Limbo Pump/Piping & Boardwalk Timeline

Mr. Koski provided a copy of the tentative timeline for the above referenced projects furnished by Ms. Jennifer Bistyga, Coastal Program Manager for the City of Boca Raton. Pump/Piping Project: out to bid

in late summer 2018; Construction commencement in late 2018/early 2019. Boardwalk Project: Project awarded in June 2017; completion date February 2018.

District Counsel-None

Commissioners

Red Reef Park

Commissioner Wright stated that she received correspondence from Mr. Larry Cellon suggesting the District re-establish a living reef at Red Reef Park. Mr. Koski advised that the State of Florida prohibits the District and/or the City from placing any sand at Red Reef Park. He explained that the littoral drift of the sand from the north covers the reefs and over time, the reefs become exposed again.

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Commissioner Wright visited the playground between 10 a.m. – Noon over the weekend and reported that there was quite a bit of shade by the tot area. Other areas north of the train and around the tree are in need of shade. Mr. Koski advised that the District is exploring shade around the sitting areas as well as a gate at the entrance.

Gumbo Limbo Parking

Commissioner Vogelgesang advised that the Friends of Gumbo Limbo are willing to help with parking at the facility. Mr. Koski responded that the District does not have the authority to get involved in the matter; the City can negotiate with the Friends regarding payment.

Beach Clean-Up

Commissioner Ehrnst participated in the *Boca Save Our Beaches* clean-up and reported that collectively over 300 lbs. of garbage was removed. He noted that there was a lot of garbage in the mangroves. The water was rough this weekend and there was a lot of erosion.

Athletic Fields

While in Orlando, Commissioner Engel viewed the huge ESPN Sports Complex. He remarked that the District does a better job of maintaining its fields.

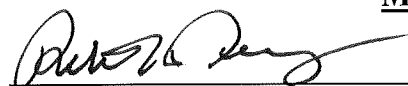
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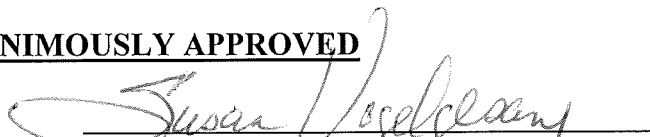
- May 1 Ocean Breeze Update
- Patch Reef Park Artificial Surface Update

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman


Susan Vogelgesang Secretary-Treasurer