

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
October 5, 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:

Harold Chaffee

6200 NW 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton

Mr. Chaffee, representing “*Keep Golf in Boca*” stated that a contingency plan is needed in the event that Lennar’s offer to swap the Ocean Breeze/Boca Teeca Golf Course with the City’s Municipal Golf Course does not materialize. He felt that another entity [preferably the District] should step-in to keep Ocean Breeze as a public golf course. In his opinion, with the right ownership, the economic benefits of the 27-hole Osprey Golf Course could be replicated at Ocean Breeze.

Jim Miller

480 E. Boca Raton Road, Boca Raton

Mr. Miller, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, thanked the Board for its support of the 2016-2017 budget proposal and the items requested by the City for Gumbo Limbo. He noted that the deteriorated Observation Tower has been demolished.

Commissioner Frisch advised Mr. Miller that he has received several comments from the public regarding the reflection off the glass on the new big tanks.

Mr. Miller responded that the Friends has changed the lighting in one of the tanks; new lighting will be installed in the other three tanks. In addition, exhibits will be installed to limit the reflection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the following Board meetings:

Regular Board Meeting - September 6, 2016

First Public Hearing on 2016-2017 Budget & Taxes – September 12, 2016

Final Public Hearing on 2016-2017 Budget & Taxes – September 23, 2016

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Amend District Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Koski stated that the District is required to submit a year-end budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. He provided an amended budget which was prepared and reviewed by Mr. Merv Timberlake, District Financial Advisor. He recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to amend the District's 2015-2016 Budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Ocean Breeze

Commissioner Starkoff requested the placement of this item on the agenda to clarify a statement made at the Boca Raton City Council workshop held on September 26th by Mr. Craig Ehrnst, a candidate running for election to the GBRB&PD. Mr. Ehrnst suggested that the District could issue debt and buy the Ocean Breeze property regardless of the disposition of the Municipal Golf Course. The District has never borrowed money to achieve purposes. To say "regardless" of what happens to the west course may be impractical, as Wells Fargo already owns the Ocean Breeze course. In addition, Mr. Starkoff is not sure whether the public interest in public golf is served by holding two golf courses.

To resolve some of the issues, Commissioner Starkoff requested further information from staff: 1) to evaluate whether the District will participate with the City as it has in the past, determine the price for Ocean Breeze. 2) determine the cost to retro-fit the property to bring it up to District standards; 3) prepare a report analyzing the community's ability to service two municipal golf courses; 4) evaluate the economics of the acquisition by the District or in conjunction with the City; and 5) determine the benefit the City would achieve with the sale of the western golf course and having a renowned golf course within the City.

Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested that information on the development, operation and maintenance of the successful Osprey Golf Course be included in the report.

Commissioner Engel stated that Mr. Ehrnst, in his editorial in the Boca News, discussed the opportunity of the District to acquire the Mizner Trail Golf Course. Commissioner Engel advised that he and Mr. Koski met with Palm Beach County Commissioner Steve Abrams and were told that the County had no interest for such a project; likewise, the City also expressed a lack of interest as the property is outside the City limits and they had their own priorities. He noted that the District required the approval of the City Council before embarking upon such a purchase. One of the difficulties with Mizner Trail was the infrastructure and the logistics of the facility not having the public parking that was necessary.

Commissioner Frisch would like Mr. Koski to determine from Palm Beach County the ability to develop the current Municipal Golf Course.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct Mr. Koski to study the current Ocean Breeze/Municipal Golf Course situation to enable the District to take a firm position on the issue.

3. Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo

Ms. Briann Harms, Assistant Director, furnished Change Order No. 2 from Close Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$45,500 and proceeded to explain the addition of the new boardwalk access.

Commissioner Frisch requested written communication from the City approving the new boardwalk access.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve Close Construction Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$45,500.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$2,914,476.04

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Mr. Koski gave an update on the following items:

- The Swim & Racquet Center received final approval from the Boca Raton City Council. Drawings are being prepared. The project should be advertised within the next 30 to 45 days.
- Sugar Sand Park Playground – the project has been impacted by the weather [the walk-thru was cancelled for today]. The contractor is making good progress.
- Negotiations will begin shortly with Assistant City Manager Mike Woika on the Master Plan Interlocal Agreement.
- The final report for the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Pipe & Pumping Project has been received; it was performed by ATM. Before giving approval to the final plan, Mr. Koski will discuss the conclusions with Ms. Jennifer Bistyga and Mr. Peter Sydell of ATM. A \$2.5 million permanent structure will be built on the east side of A-1-A. A better location of the structure will be explored.
- The District received a document from FAU relative to developing an additional rectangular field for District usage at that location. The District will provide funds for restrooms and bleachers.

District Counsel – None

Commissioners

Joint City/District Meetings

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the joint City Council meetings. Ms. Harms advised that responses have not been received from all Council Members for the fall 2016 meeting. The 2017 Joint meetings have been scheduled. Ms. Harms will codify the meeting dates.

Changes to the Enabling Legislation

Commissioner Starkoff stated the issue of annexation and expanding the District’s boundaries needs to be addressed. Mr. Koski advised that an amendment or modification to the District’s Enabling Legislation would be required to correct some infirmities that have passed as a result of changes in the law. The first step would be to have the amendment in the hands of the local delegation members by December 2016. He will propose an amendment with the changes to the election process and any other changes that maybe necessary.

Public Relations

Commissioner Starkoff suggested that early next year, the District engage a professional in public relations and communications to advise on how to make the District’s mission and actions better known to the public.

Non-Resident User Fees

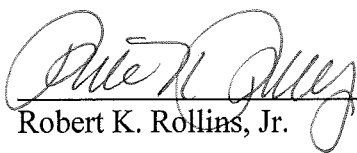
Chairman Rollins stated that he attended the Boca Raton City Council Workshop and meeting last week and addressed the subject of “non-resident user fees” [the City wants to change the fee for non-resident users from \$55 to \$75 per child/per sport]. He asked the City Council members to defer any changes to this fee until the joint City/District meeting so that a discussion on the philosophy of who is a non-resident can be had. The City Council did pass a change in the non-resident fee of \$65 per child/per sport.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

ADJOURNMENT:

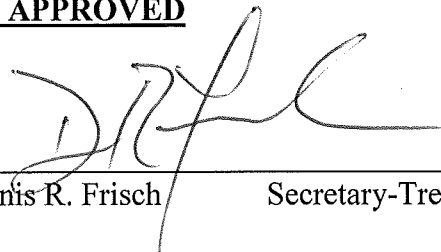
MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Dennis R. Frisch

Secretary-Treasurer