

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
November 6, 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: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Michael Mann, 10227 Fresh Meadow Lane, Boca Raton

Mr. Mann enthusiastically expressed his love for Patch Reef Park stating that it is a great place to garner new relationships and lead a healthy lifestyle. He was concerned with a rumor that Raphael Nadal was going to purchase Patch Reef Park. Chairman Rollins appreciated Mr. Mann's sentiments and assured him that the District is not selling Patch Reef Park and will not limit the access of the public to this facility.

Dr. Dennis Brown, 2234 N. Federal Highway #301, Boca Raton

Dr. Brown, a tennis player at Patch Reef Park, showed concern that the Raphael Nadal group would build dormitories at the park; compromise the use of the trails and picnic areas; end the children's summer camp programs and that public access would be denied at the tennis facilities. Chairman Engel clarified that Patch Reef Park is a public facility that is not for sale and that there will be no interference with community access to the facilities.

Bill Gillis, 2674 NW 38th Street, Boca Raton

Mr. Gillis asked the Board what is being considered at Patch Reef Park. Chairman Rollins explained that the District has had general discussions with the Nadal Group regarding the possibility of building an indoor facility with four clay courts and two outdoor clay courts. The new facilities would have earlier hours for the public to have more open access time. Mr. Gillis requested that the District consider opening the Swim and Racquet Center at an earlier time when the pool is complete.

Tom Thayer, 4821 North Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer does not feel that Mizner Park needs a restroom facility for \$500,000. He would prefer that a portable facility be used until the construction of the Phase 2 project commences. Mr. Thayer extended an invitation to the public to attend the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner's Association meeting, November 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. where the following topics will be discussed: Addison Mizner; Odyssey Middle School; Sales Tax; 350-unit development on Camino Real and Veterans Day festivities.

Milena Denic, 16 Tam O'Shanter Lane, Boca Raton

Ms. Denic spoke very highly of Patch Reef Park. She feels it is a great park for children with many wonderful events. As an aspiring tennis player, Ms. Denic would love for Patch Reef to stay open to the public.

Oi Flash, 9143 Pine Springs Drive, Boca Raton

Ms. Flash has lived and played tennis all over the world and feels that nothing compares to Patch Reef Park and its tennis teams. She was ecstatic to hear that Patch Reef Park is not for sale and will tell all of her teammates the good news!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Joint District/City Council meeting of September 26, 2017.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2017.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Executive Director

2016-2017 Budget Amendment # 2

Mr. Timberlake, Financial Advisor, explained that the District, in approving the budget for the year ending September 30, 2017, placed the City of Boca Raton Capital Improvements in a Reserve Account. During the current budget, a portion of these projects were approved and completed. The District needs to move the Budget Reserve appropriation of \$878,600 to the Park Operation operating budget for the year ending September 30, 2017. In addition, the District needs to move funds set as the Reserve for Beach Renourishment to the Capital Projects budget for the year ending September 30, 2017 to cover payments for the Central and South Beach Projects [\$2,806,100].

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Amendment #2.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Patch Reef Park -FPL Service Relocation

Mr. Koski recommended relocating the water utility lines and the FPL service line that have been discovered underneath the grass area where the artificial surface will be installed at Patch Reef GBRB&PD Minutes: November 6, 2017

Park. This would prevent any disturbance to the artificial surface should any repairs need to be done in the future. Commissioner Engel suggested that the District do a survey of the rest of its properties to find the location of existing utility lines. Mr. Koski explained that the older facilities that are located on as-built drawings are over 30 years old and were not done or not completed at that time. In all of its new facilities, the District will have an accurate location of all the underground utility systems. The design fee for this relocation service will be \$5,970.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Additional Services Agreement with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. for \$5,970.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Ocean Breeze

To assure the City that the District's plans for the Ocean Breeze facility will not conflict with the City's Debt Management Policy, Mr. Koski authored a letter to the District's Bond Council and Financial Advisor to explain the District's plans in preparation of the anticipated questions by City staff at the meeting on November 15, 2017. The District is proceeding with the City of Boca Raton for the financing of the acquisition of Ocean Breeze through an Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Koski requested the approval of the 2nd extension on the Ocean Breeze contract closing with Lennar Homes, LLC.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Engel to extend the closing date with Lennar Homes, LLC by thirty (30) days, from November 27, 2017 to December 27, 2017.

Commissioner Ehrnst queried if the City of Boca Raton does not provide the District with long term financing, could they provide bridge financing and if it would be subject to the same ordinance requirements. Mr. Koski explained that there is no difference with the length of financing, it is whether the District can use borrowed funds from the City under tax exempt or taxable status for private business activities, irrespective of the term of the borrowing.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Update on Patch Reef Park Tennis Facilities

Mr. Koski confirmed that Patch Reef Park is not for sale. The District is currently looking into potential renovations of the park which could include the Community Center, enhancements to the Tennis Facility and possible relocation of the Maintenance Facility to the southwest corner of the property. Mr. Koski stated that it will be the middle of 2018 before any plans or modifications to the park will be brought before the Board.

Swim & Racquet Center Groundbreaking

The Board decided to forego the groundbreaking of the Swim & Racquet Center and will have a ribbon cutting ceremony when the facilities have been completed.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Secretary-Treasurer Vogelgesang provided an invoice disbursement list and recommended approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$896,734.59

Melissa Dawson, Facilities Manager, explained that the increase of the final payment for the Beach Renourishment project was due to the shoal issue caused by Hurricane Matthew. Repair of the shoal should pushback future South Beach Renourishment until 2022-2023.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired if any Federal or State Funds were available for this project. Ms. Dawson explained that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection contributed \$1,600,000 to the Central Beach project and that funds have been requested for the South Beach project.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director-

Board Meeting Date

The Board agreed to Mr. Koski's request to change the regular meeting on November 20, 2017 to November 27, 2017.

Boca Raton Championship Golf Tournament

Mr. Koski presented the logo for the Boca Raton Champion Golf Tournament to the Board for approval. The logo will be used for the signage, hats and advertising for the tournament (February 6-11, 2018).

District Counsel-None

Commissioners-

National Recreation Group

Commissioner Ehrnst recommended that the District sign up for emails from the National Recreation Group. He spoke of a recent article regarding connecting parks in communities that might be of interest to the District. Chairman Rollins asked staff to investigate the possibility of meeting with the Citizen's Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Board to discuss the various options that may be available.

Arbor Day

Commissioner Ehrnst attended the Arbor Day event at Patch Reef Park and encouraged everyone to attend this community event in the future.

Mizner Bark Restrooms

Commissioner Ehrnst supports the concept of restrooms at Mizner Bark, but feels that the cost is excessive. Currently, there is no commitment for Phase II between the City and the District. In an effort to move the project forward, he spoke with Assistant City Manager Mike Woika and suggested consideration be given to separating some of the components in Phase II, one being the roadway, which will help solve utility issues. Design/engineering work can then proceed to construct the restrooms. He was advised by Mr. Woika that the City would consider the separation of elements in Phase II if the Board would entertain the concept. Mr. Koski will contact Mr. Grippo, City of Boca Raton Municipal Services Director to further discuss the matter.

Employee Hierarchy/Manual

Commissioner Wright suggested that a hierarchy of the roles of District employees be prepared. Mr. Koski advised that the District's Records Custodian, Briann Harms, will have a complete policy manual in place shortly.

Joint Meeting with City Council

Chairman Rollins requested that a meeting be set with City Council in the first quarter in 2018.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM -

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Susan Vogelgesang

Secretary-Treasurer