

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON**  
**August 14, 2017**

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at 5:30 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:**

Joe Pedalino - 2121 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton

Mr. Pedalino encouraged the Board to continue its financial support of operational and capital improvements for Gumbo Limbo. He addressed the need for three major capital improvement items: 1) the completion of the water pumping system; 2) the completion of the boardwalk and tower, and 3) completion and implementation of the master plan.

Michele Peel - 7391 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel thanked the Board for approving \$50,000 in the 2017-2018 Budget to commence the master plan process for Gumbo Limbo. She hopes that the District will commit funding for all three years of the \$12,800,000 capital improvement project. Before taking on any additional projects, it is hoped that the District will take care of its existing projects.

Susan Walker - 6879 Giralda Circle, Boca Raton

Ms. Walker, a longtime resident of Boca Raton, thanked the Board for its past and present work in providing a fantastic park district. She supports the capital improvement projects at Gumbo Limbo.

Bronwen Devilliers - 61 Via Floresta Drive, Boca Raton

Ms. Devilliers stated that she and her husband support the capital improvement projects at Gumbo Limbo; the District should keep it as a priority.

Al Zucaro - 561 Golden Harbour Drive, Boca Raton - President of Boca Watch

Mr. Zucaro inquired as to how the Board follows up on requests made by the public. Chairman Rollins responded that this item will be discussed under Commissioner Reports. Noting that several individuals spoke about the Gumbo Limbo Master Plan, he questioned if it was included in the City's 14 park master plan process and how the District is interacting with the City. Referencing the 2500 and 2600 North Ocean Blvd. parcels, he advised that the landowners are moving forward and unless there is a legal reason not to grant the variances, those buildings will be constructed. He hopes that the District addressed the issue with its Legal Counsel.

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

Referencing Ocean Breeze, Mr. DuKate asked the Board if a date for the joint District/City Council meeting has been scheduled. Mr. Koski advised that a tentative date of September 26<sup>th</sup> is being discussed.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 2017-2018 Budget and other financial matters.

**Municipal Services**

Mr. Mickey Gomez, City of Boca Raton Recreation Services Director presented the City’s Proposed 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Items. He introduced Mr. Dan Grippo, City of Boca Raton Municipal Services Director who reviewed and summarized each of the proposed Municipal Services items on the list totaling **\$5,550,000**.

<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDING -FY 2018</u></b>
Gumbo Limbo Boardwalk Renovations	\$800,000
Countess DeHoernle Park – Phase II	\$900,000
Seawall Repairs	\$25,000
Gumbo Limbo Pump Renovations	\$2,650,000
Gumbo Limbo Master Plan	\$200,000
Spanish River Park Maintenance Facility Renovation	\$75,000
Countess DeHoernle Maintenance Facility	\$280,000
Red Reef Park Restroom Renovations	\$400,000
Countess De Hoernle Park Site Lighting	\$220,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,550,000</b>

Commissioner Engel expressed concern about the significant increase in funding required in FY 2019-20 (approximately \$28 million) for capital improvement projects. Mr. Grippo suggested that cash flow could be managed by doing master planning and phasing project construction.

*DeHoernle Park*

Referencing DeHoernle Park, Commissioner Ehrnst questioned why the taxpayers are being asked to fund \$900,000 in design costs for something that has already been designed.

Mr. Koski offered that the elements of the previous plan which included four rectangular grass fields are now proposed to be replaced with three soccer fields, eight pickleball courts and four sand volleyball courts.

Chairman Rollins questioned if there was a recognized need for converting a rectangular field of grass into a field for sand volleyball and pickleball, especially since pickleball players prefer indoor space. If there is a need for sand volleyball courts, space exists within the park to accommodate that need. He felt that the District deserves an explanation as to why they are not receiving a credit for the drawings that have already been designed.

Commissioner Wright asked if the DeHoernle Park maintenance facility [\$280,000] was already included in the Phase II design. Mr. Gomez responded that it was an additional expense.

Mr. Koski, Mr. Gomez and Mr. Grippo will meet to review the DeHoernle Park drawings done by Schnars & Associates to determine the need to fund \$900,000 for Phase II and whether that amount can be reduced.

#### *Gumbo Limbo Pump Renovation*

Mr. Grippo stated that the concept with the pump house on the east side of A1A is established. ATM is now designing and pulling permits.

Ms. Jennifer Bistyga, City of Boca Raton Coastal Program Manager, advised that permitting should take between 6 and 9 months from final design by ATM; out to bid in mid-2018 encumbering the \$2.5 million funds for construction. Bid awarded in September 2018. Construction to commence late 2018 early 2019.

#### **Beach Renourishment**

Mr. Grippo explained the permitting required for physical and biological monitoring for the Central Beach [\$9,900]; South Beach [\$41,800] and North Beach [\$15,900] renourishment projects totaling **\$67,600**.

#### **Capital Vehicles**

Mr. Gomez advised that capital vehicles are over \$35,000 and have a 7-year life expectancy. He proceeded to review and summarize the following list of items:

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>FUNDING - FY 2018</b>
Specialized Maintenance Equipment Purchases-Replacement Program	\$105,000
Beach Cleaning Equipment Purchase-Replacement Program	\$31,100
Dump Truck Purchase/Replacement Program	\$149,200
Spray Truck Purchase-Replacement Program	\$92,500
Aerial Lift Truck Purchase-Replacement Program	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$412,800</b>

Mr. Gomez asked the Board to consider funding the following replacement vehicles: Three Athletic Field Mowers [\$105,000]; One Dump Truck at Sugar Sand Park [\$61,500]; and one Spray Truck for athletic field maintenance [\$68,500]. **Total cost: \$235,000.**

At the request of Commissioner Vogelgesang, Mr. Gomez will explore a leasing program.

Commissioner Ehrnst queried Mr. Gomez on whether all of the capital vehicles totaling \$412,800 were necessary and if there were any studies that support the purchases.

Mr. Gomez offered that the City maintains 25 athletic fields within the District that are cut four times a week. The replacement vehicles are needed to continue the current level of service.

Mr. Grippo listed the following factors that are considered when replacing a vehicle: age; maintenance costs (must exceed a certain percentage) and mileage.

**Information Technology**

Mr. Gomez presented the City's information technology requests totaling \$115,000. He stated he would provide a list of the locations for the 25 replacement computers [\$37,000].

Mr. Koski and Ms. Harms, Assistant Director, will discuss the requested Information Technology items and will make a recommendation to the Board at the Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Board Discussion:**

Mr. Koski stated that all of the items contained on the City's Municipal Services request are for valid projects that need to be undertaken. He recommends approval of the Municipal Services request subject to adjustment of the \$900,000 for DeHoernle Park Phase II pending further discussions with Mr. Gomez & Mr. Grippo.

Commissioner Wright inquired about the planning of the DeHoernle Park maintenance facility. Mr. Koski advised that the maintenance facility was not included in the schematic plan for Phase II as previously discussed; it was a project to be done after the completion of the park (Phase III).

Commissioner Ehrnst is concerned about cash flow issues and whether the District can commit to all of the projects envisioned; the interlocal agreement should be a part of the process. Other funding entities need to be involved in the Gumbo Limbo project as opposed to the District funding 100%. Project priorities need to be balanced.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the Municipal Services Capital Improvement Projects subject to the adjustment of the \$900,000 for DeHoernle Park Phase II.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve \$67,600 for beach renourishment.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve vehicle replacements in the amount of \$235,000.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**Executive Director**

*Board Meeting Dates:*

Mr. Koski advised that the final budget will be presented to the Board for discussion on August 30 (5:30 p.m.); the Board will meet on September 5 (5:15 p.m.) to finalize the budget; and the final budget will be presented to the public at the first hearing on September 7 (6:00 p.m.).

*Beach Front Properties (2500 & 2600 N. Ocean Blvd.)*

In response to Mr. Zucaro's public request for follow-up information on beach front properties, Mr. Koski stated that he anticipates potentially receiving a further request from the City Manager sometime during the week of August 21 relative to those properties.

*Ocean Breeze Golf Course*

The City is awaiting information from the District relative to Ocean Breeze. The District anticipates having all the necessary information to appropriately answer the City's questions by the first week in September. This item will be discussed at the joint meeting on September 26.

Chairman Rollins stated that it is his understanding that the City Manager has been fully informed that the District will deliver all of the information pertaining to the Ocean Breeze Golf Course at one time.

*Sugar Sand Park*

Ms. Harms advised that the Sugar Sand Park Playground has been selected by the FRPA (Florida Recreation & Park Association) to be featured in its facilities showcase for this year. It will appear in one of its fall journals in the State of Florida as well as on its website.

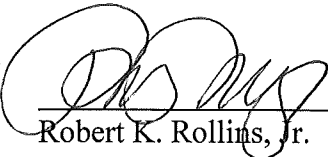
*District Response to Public Commentary*

Chairman Rollins stated that if questions from the public cannot be answered at the podium, they are usually addressed under the section of the meeting titled "Reports and Discussion Items." Responses are also published in the minutes. If additional information is required, District staff will be directed to investigate and work with City staff to resolve matters.

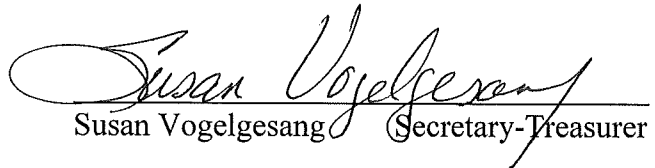
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman

  
Susan Vogelgesang

Secretary-Treasurer