

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
March 19, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at 6:55 p.m.

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

The following items under Regular Requests were deferred:

Item number 1 – Resolutions for Approval of Employee Pension

Item number 2 - Presentation by Mr. Shannon Easter of Broken Sound

Item number 3 – Discussion of Oceanfront Properties

PUBLIC REQUESTS: [*Commentary on Architect Selection for Boca National*]

Mr. Angelo Sands advised that Florida Atlantic University will be hosting a major golf event at the Osprey Golf Course. He noted the special attributes of the East Course at Boca National.

Mr. Neil Haynie directed his comments on providing safety at Boca National; the use of reusable water (IRIS); the crossing of NW 2nd Avenue from west to east; and golf course maintenance.

Mr. Robert DuKate remarked that the National Golf Foundation Report is a blueprint for a successful golf course; Learning Centers are not revenue producing; a short course can be found at the Red Reef Golf Course; there are a sufficient number of hotels in the area; and expressed concern about NW 2nd Avenue traffic/parking issues. He favors Jack Nicklaus designed courses.

Ms. Lenore Wachtel stated that the fee structure at Boca National should be affordable for retirees to play. She does not support Governmental agencies getting involved in commercial enterprises.

Mr. Harold Chafee, representing “Keep Golf in Boca”, believes that the main goal for Boca National should be “golf-golf-golf and nothing else.” A Learning Center does not generate revenue. Boca National should be a 27-hole course with reasonable fees for residents.

Mr. Greg Galanis represents the Boca Golf Association. His organization produced an analysis to establish a vision for Boca National by organizing the 17 bidders into categories and comparing attributes. Staples is its preferred architect.

Mr. Brian Stenberg advised that he and his group of taxpayers are vehemently opposed to relocating Addison Mizner Elementary School at Sugar Sand Park. The school should be rebuilt at its current site.

Ms. Lenore Wachtel complimented the Board on all the elements that Sugar Sand Park has to offer the community. She is opposed to relocating Addison Mizner Elementary School at Sugar Sand Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

The minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 5, 2018 were deferred until the April 2, 2018 meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

4. Discussion of Format of Golf Course Architect Selection

It was the consensus of the Board to use a matrix program to individually rank all 17 presenters to establish a short list of the top 10 firms. The Board will proceed to select firms 1 through 8 (possibly 12) for the final ranking.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$148,004.62 as presented.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Ocean Breeze Hotel

The Board gave permission to the Boca Raton Police Department and the Boca Raton Fire Department to utilize the vacant Ocean Breeze hotel for training exercises.

Ocean Breeze Building Demolition

An asbestos study and other environmental reports are currently being prepared. Building demolition is anticipated to commence in May 2018.

Eminent Domain of Oceanfront Property

Mr. Koski will report on the City's intentions in pursuit of the four oceanfront properties on A1A at the April 2, 2018 meeting.

Rafael Nadal Camp

Mr. Koski advised that Rafael Nadal is interested in constructing an indoor tennis facility at Patch Reef Park. Facility usage would be 60% public/40% private. Conversations with the Nadal Group will continue.

District Counsel

Mr. Koski addressed the matter of receiving a fee of \$120,000 for his involvement in the Ocean Breeze acquisition and apologized for any misunderstandings. He furnished a copy of the 1991 Agreement that he has with the District which explains the structure of his legal fees.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the \$120,000 payment to Mr. Koski for his involvement in the Ocean Breeze acquisition.

Discussion:

The 1991 District Agreement for legal fees will be updated.

A job description for the position of Executive Director will be prepared.

Correspondence from outside counsel [Mr. Goren] will be sent to Mayor Haynie stating that there have been no ethical state or local law violations.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel that upon receipt of correspondence initiated by Mr. Goren, indicating that there were no ethical state or local law violations, the funds in the amount of \$120,000 will be disbursed.

MOTION TO AMEND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Water Cannons

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Engel to accept quotes from Rain Deck and Splash Pads USA for three small steel water cannons for Pirate's Cove playground [subject to installation discussions with City staff] at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Commissioners

Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested a \$10,000 raise for employee Joann Miller due to the increase in her scope of work.

District employee job descriptions and recommended compensation benefits/packages will be furnished to the Board for consideration and discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM –

April 16 – District Employee Job Descriptions and Compensation Packages

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer