

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL**  
**October 28, 2013**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Dennis R. Frisch  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
Earl L. Starkoff  
Susan Vogelgesang

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

At the request of the Interim Executive Director Arthur C. Koski, item number two under Regular Business: Adoption of Bank Resolution for Beach Renourishment Sinking Fund at BankUnited was deleted from the agenda.

Commissioner Starkoff requested that approval of the invoices be addressed immediately after the approval of the minutes.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Michele Peel

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

Ms. Peel, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo noted several items of interest: 175 people attended Halloween in the Hammock. Commentary she received from a Gumbo Limbo volunteer indicates that many bikers and runners use the rest room facilities and water in the morning at the Red Reef Park Golf Course. The Friends are preparing to do an asset transfer to the City from previous years' purchases at the end of the year. The Sea Coast Toast fundraiser will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Spanish River Library.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2013.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$27,038.34.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. **Sugar Sand Park Science Playground Presentation**

Mr. Marc Leathers of Leathers Associates gave a presentation on the renovation and addition of elements to increase playground accessibility for special needs children and adults. *Highlights:* wear and weathered wood will be replaced. To minimize maintenance costs, recycled plastics will be used in wood contact areas. Wood stain will be used to enhance the playground appearance. Fencing will be replaced. The tot lot will be rebuilt to make it more age appropriate and challenging. New poured rubber safety surfacing will be installed. Minimal park area expansion was requested. The estimated project cost is \$1 million. Time frame to completion is six weeks.

The Board was favorably impressed with the design concept presented and instructed Mr. Leathers to proceed with more definitive drawings. Noting the history of the community built playground, the Board is sensitive to maintaining the community sponsored memorials like the engraved fence pickets and tiles. Mr. Leathers was asked to provide pictures of the new play equipment. In an effort to expand the park, Mr. Koski will explore modifying some of the property limitations. The installation of security cameras will be considered.

Ms. Sandra Gottfried, a member of the City's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities, stated that the enhancements to the playground will make it the "coolest" park in the tri-county area. Children will be living science through all the proposed elements. It will be magnificent for the City and South Florida.

#### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director** - None

**District Counsel** - None

#### **Commissioners**

##### *Shriek Week*

Commissioner Vogelgesang engaged in the Halloween festivities at the park and commented that the event was very well done, very detailed, and staff did a tremendous job. Briann Harms, Information Supervisor commented that attendance figures for the event were in the 7,000 to 8,000 range.

##### *Sugar Sand Park Speed Bumps*

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the speed bumps in the park. Mr. Koski responded that he is working with the City's Traffic Engineer regarding traffic calming devices.

##### *Spanish River Athletic Facilities*

Commissioner Rollins noted the absence of speed limit signs in the park. Mr. Koski advised that a full signage package is being developed in Phase II.

##### *Propane Tanks & Blood Mobile*

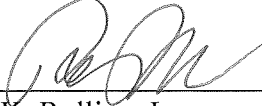
Commissioner Frisch requested the City policy regarding the use of propane tanks in the parks. In addition, if blood mobiles are allowed in the parks.

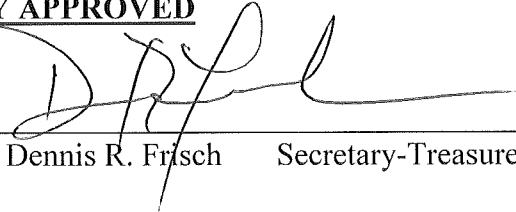
#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
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Robert K. Rollins, Jr.                      Chairman

  
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Dr. Dennis R. Frisch                      Secretary-Treasurer