

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
November 18, 2013

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Rollins 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:

Tom Thayer

Office at 4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer noted that the preview presentation given by Mr. Zimmer of Zimmer Consultants on November 4, 2013 supported all of his suggestions. He suggested possibly moving the Pro Shop into the existing building and including a snack bar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

Referring to the November 4, 2013 minutes, Commissioner Starkoff stated that his comments on page one, paragraph five, should be amended as follows: "At the time, economic conditions did not warrant an expenditure of \$1.25 million *as venues that had any real success in public spaces or in some private spaces were beachfront*".

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2013 as amended.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS AMENDED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of 2014 District Calendar

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, Interim Executive Director, provided the 2014 District calendar of Board meetings and office closings for approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the 2014 District calendar.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Presentation by Zimmer Consultants – Swim & Racquet Center

Mr. Richard Zimmer of Zimmer Consultants and Mr. Douglas Mummaw of Mummaw Architects, gave a power-point presentation on proposed conceptual elements, features, and improvements in the development of a master plan for the Swim & Racquet Center. *Highlights:*

Swim Center

The existing pool equipment does not need to be relocated. The jacuzzi would be relocated to the north end of the property and lushly landscaped. Two new elements will be added to the east: an interactive fountain and a playground.

Main Community Building

The ground floor would consist of a central point of access to the site with a concierge desk to direct patrons to either the swim or tennis facilities. The remainder of the ground floor would consist of new swim locker rooms, restrooms and classrooms which could be used to protect campers from adverse weather conditions. The second level could accommodate the District office in addition to a series of flexible community rooms. Installation of a large covered wrap around veranda facing both north and east to provide patrons with protection from the elements.

Pavilions

Two new pavilions are envisioned: 1) The Bridge Pavilion would be located over the existing bridge to allow patrons to enjoy the scenic lake views; 2) The Event Pavilion would be located across from the bridge pavilion encompassing views of the stadium/special event courts. The pavilion would be a functional covered space with multi-use options.

Tennis Pro Shop

New rest room and locker room facilities will be installed. Verandas on the east and west side of the building will be extended to offer patrons protection from the elements and additional seating. A proposed air-conditioned multi-purpose room to accommodate tournaments, camper activities, instructions and shelter would also offer limited catering.

Parking Area

Expansion of the parking area to the north will create approximately 80 new spaces.

Commissioner Frisch suggested the addition of a few pavilions around the new playground area.

Commissioner Rollins noted the list of District projects (Patch Reef Park-RFP; Red Reef Park-RFP; DeHoernle Park Phase II; Sugar Sand Park Playground, and the Swim & Racquet Center) and inquired about the timeframe for implementation and the resources available to commence project construction.

Mr. Koski responded that he wants to offer the Board flexibility as to how they are going to develop all projects. The construction of Phase II of DeHoernle Park will not commence until the end of the current fiscal year thereby providing some available funding. Depending on costs, adjustments could be made to District finances which would allow the Board to select the priority of projects to develop. Having master plans and associated costs in place, gives the Board the flexibility as to how to develop each of the facilities.

Commissioner Starkoff stated he would like to have a more comprehensive view of the District facilities justifying the usages of facilities instead of directing where the usages might go. In addition, he requested an operations view of the use of the tennis center to make sure that all courts are needed, or whether some can be used to expand the maintenance and parking areas.

Mr. Koski stated that the plan presented is a functional master plan that can be implemented at the discretion of the Board based upon available funds.

Commissioner Frisch would like to maximize the usage of the lake view utilizing expanded verandas and pavilions. The playground should be handicapped accessible. He would like to “design the facility for the patrons, not for more tournaments”.

Commissioner Rollins stated he does not want any tennis courts removed for a maintenance area. He felt a nice balance exists; mature individuals like clay courts and younger people prefer hard courts.

Zimmer Consultants will prepare a report with back-up data for Board review based on input from swim, tennis and park management regarding the expansion and need of amenities.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$43,600.56.</p>

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

OTHER MATTERS:

Representative Irving Slosberg attended the meeting and offered two suggestions for Mizner Bark: 1) install a bathroom for patrons and 2) keep the facility lighted, especially during the winter months. To generate revenue, he proposed selling advertising on doggie pick-up bags.

Mr. Koski responded that the interlocal agreement for Phase II of DeHoernle Park includes the installation of restrooms; increased lighting; improved security and additional parking at Mizner Bark. Time frame: Construction to commence August 2014.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Patch Reef Park RFP Submittals

Mr. Koski advised that the District received twelve proposals for the master plan review for Patch Reef Park. The Commissioners will review each of the twelve proposals, short-list the proposers at the first meeting in January, and schedule presentations at the second meeting in January.

Agronomist

For informational purposes, Mr. Koski furnished correspondence from Mr. Phil Busey, Agronomist. He will review the subject information and prepare an agreement for Board consideration.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Red Reef Park RFP

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the Red Reef Park Request for Proposals. Mr. Koski responded that the item would be addressed at the December 2nd Board meeting.

District Financial Institutions

Commissioner Engel inquired about the status of the change in financial institutions. Mr. Koski responded that accounts are open and active.

Beach Restoration Project

Mr. Koski advised that the City will not be doing the Central Beach Project Restoration this fiscal year. The District had budgeted \$1.8 million for the project.

City's Departmental Report

Commissioner Starkoff expressed concern about the City's lack of urgency on District projects as illustrated in the City's Monthly Departmental Report. Several projects, specifically the Red Reef Park maintenance enclosure and the Gumbo Limbo boardwalks, commenced in 2010 and to-date, have not been completed. He is concerned that the Gumbo Limbo pumps and interpretative exhibits could follow the same path.

Mr. Koski stated that he will invite a City official to a Board meeting to explain the long delay in purchasing the pumps and exhibits. The opportunity for the District to purchase the pumps and exhibits will also be discussed.

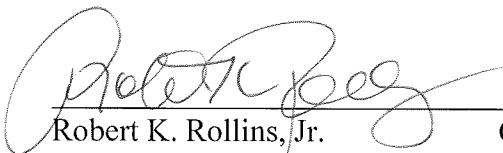
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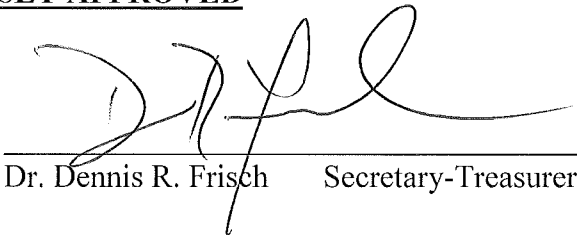
- December 2 – Gumbo Limbo Pumps and Exhibits
- Approval of Red Reef Park RFP
- Approval of Agronomist Agreement
- Resurfacing of the Basketball Courts at Sugar Sand Park

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman


Dr. Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer