

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
February 25, 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:

At the request of Chairman Rollins, item number four under Regular Business “User Fees on District Parks” was postponed until budget discussions commence.

Mr. Starkoff requested the addition of the July 4th Fireworks at DeHoernle Park. Mr. Koski will address the item under Reports and Discussion Items, Executive Director, item “d”.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Robyn Morigerato
21809 Marigot Drive, Boca Raton

Ms. Morigerato, Vice-President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, stressed the need for a full time Aquarist and a full time Marine Turtle Specialist II. Currently, both positions are part time. She thanked the Board for its support, and extended an invitation to Sea Turtle Day on March 2nd.

Connie Thoms-Mazur
5645 Rico Drive, Boca Raton

Ms. Thoms-Mazur is the Board Secretary for the Friends of Gumbo Limbo and is also a volunteer at the Turtle Rehab Center. She asked the Board to consider making the Aquarist and Marine Turtle Specialist II positions full time as they are crucial to the operation of the tanks and animals.

Gene Folden
NW 39th Street, Boca Raton

Mr. Folden inquired as to why the Board did not consider holding its meetings in City Council Chambers. In addition, he noted that Guest WiFi service in the community center requires an 8-digit password.

Brian Coleman
6444 LaCosta Drive, Boca Raton

Mr. Coleman, a 25-year resident of Boca del Mar and a member of its Board of Directors addressed the item of the Mizner Trail Golf Course. The 143 acre property is zoned recreation open space. The Board is interested in discussing with the District alternative creative uses for the property. He inquired about the process to begin workshop/discussions.

Mr. Coleman was advised to maintain contact with Mr. Arthur C. Koski, interim acting Executive Director.

Billy Vale

5646 Wind Drift Lane, Boca Raton

Mr. Vale, a 12 year District resident, applauded the Board for protecting green space. Mizner Trail is 143 acres of green space and presents a once in a lifetime opportunity; it must be preserved. The community looks to the leadership of the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1a) Approval of Gumbo Limbo Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Koski furnished the subject agreement and noted that the agreement now makes the relationship for the operation of Gumbo Limbo solely between the District and the City. It incorporates Gumbo Limbo into the definition of Red Reef Park under the existing interlocal agreement with the City of Boca Raton executed June 12, 1984. He recommends adoption.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adopt the Gumbo Limbo Interlocal Agreement between the City of Boca Raton and the District as presented by Mr. Koski.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

1b) Full Time Employees

The Board previously approved, in concept, the Aquarist and Marine Turtle Specialist II positions at Gumbo Limbo as full time positions. The City is requesting written confirmation of these two positions as full time.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to authorize written confirmation from the District to the City of Boca Raton supporting two full time positions at Gumbo Limbo: Aquarist and Marine Turtle Specialist II.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Consider Kaufman Lynn Construction Change Order No. 15

Mr. Koski presented Kaufman Lynn Construction Change Order No. 15 in the amount of \$94,877.17. The majority of work relates to maintenance and game day preparations currently performed by Sports Turf One, and the installation of protective devices and grating over drainage structures at the park. He recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve Kaufman Lynn Construction Change Order No. 15.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch reiterated his request for a cost analysis for Phase I and II of the Spanish River Athletic Complex.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Zimmer Construction Consultants, P.A. – Contract Extension

The original Agreement for Services between Zimmer Construction Consultants, P.A. and the District dated June 15, 2009 has expired, and has not formally been extended, although Zimmer Consultants have continued to do review work on all District facilities. Mr. Koski has reviewed a new one-year agreement provided by Mr. Zimmer and recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to adopt the Agreement for Services between Zimmer Construction Consultants and the District for a period of one-year.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. User Fees on District Parks: a) Adult User Charges - Item postponed

5. Discussion of Responses to Certified Public Accountants RRP

The District advertised through various publications for the services of a Certified Public Accountant to assist the District as financial and accounting advisers; not auditors. Sixteen proposals were distributed; five responses were received. The Board reviewed the five proposals and determined that the responses were not appropriate for the services required by the District. Mr. Koski will explore other alternatives.

6. Consider Approval of Sugar Sand park Explorium Exhibit “Ocean Bound”

Mr. Koski furnished an agreement from Sciencenter Discovery Museum located in Ithaca, N.Y. to lease the subject exhibit for the period from February 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. The cost of the exhibit for the period is \$52,500 plus shipping charges, with an initial deposit of \$10,000.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to authorize the execution of the contract with Sciencenter Discovery Museum for “*Ocean Bound*” for a price of \$52,500 plus shipping charges, with an initial deposit of \$10,000.

Discussion:

Commissioner Starkoff suggested cross-marketing the Ocean Bound exhibit with programs at Gumbo Limbo.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$149,414.34.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

a) *Extension of Temporary Duties*

The six-month contract for acting interim Director Arthur C. Koski expired in February 2013.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to extend the contract with Mr. Arthur C. Koski for an additional six month period.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Koski noted that today was the first time the District's agenda was posted on the website.

b) *Science Playground*

On February 26, Leathers and Associates, the entity that designed the playground in 1995, will be on site to conduct an inspection at no charge. Mr. Koski will meet with the representative after the inspection to discuss items relative to maintenance, renovations and replacements. Leathers and Associates will issue a report on their findings.

c) *Phase II – Spanish River Athletic Facilities*

It is anticipated that the Phase II Interlocal Agreement for the subject facility will be on the City Council's Consent Agenda at the end of March.

Mr. Koski has scheduled a Phase II "kick-off" meeting with all of the design professionals on March 11. Greenhorne & O'Mara will be attending via telephone.

d) *July 4th Fireworks*

Mr. Koski noted that the July 4th fireworks program has been removed from the Parks and Recreation Services Department and is now administered under the auspices of the City Manager's office. A decision has been made by the City of Boca Raton to move the July 4th fireworks program from FAU to DeHoernle Park.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Koski transmit the following specified concerns to the City Manager regarding the July 4th firework event at the Spanish River Athletic Complex: liability/safety issues; inadequate parking; restricted ingress/egress; traffic flow; clean-up responsibilities; damage to the park; additional cost factors; proximity to I-95 and the airport; accommodating large numbers of attendees; the location and explosion of the fireworks. The Board also inquired about the motivation to transfer the event from FAU to DeHoernle Park.

Commissioners

Gumbo Limbo Exhibits

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the Gumbo Limbo interpretative exhibits. In addition, she requested designating Gumbo Limbo as a venue, which would allow events to be held there similar to those held at the library.

Mr. Koski commented that the interpretative exhibits remain in the procurement office. As a result of the Gumbo Limbo interlocal agreement, he will act on the procurement of the exhibit by the District. He will also pursue the venue designation for Gumbo Limbo.

Cross-Marketing Exhibits & Programs

Commissioner Starkoff asked Mr. Koski to effectuate the possibility of cross-marketing District programs and exhibits with other entities such as the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, the Children’s Museum, and the Boca Raton Historical Society.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

April 1 - User Fees

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Dr. Dennis R. Frisch

Secretary-Treasurer