

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
February 4, 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
4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners meeting on February 5, at 8:30 a.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center. Discussion topic: "Development".

Jennifer Ligeti
2679 NW 23rd Way, Boca Raton

Susan Caruso
2001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton

Ms. Ligeti and Ms. Caruso, representing Sunflower Creative Arts, requested that the Board consider the "Nature Playscape" concept at one of its parks.

Michele Peel
7391 NE 8th Court Boca Raton

Ms. Peel, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, updated the Board on the progress of the Gumbo Limbo Strategic Plan. As a change in City policy has reduced the part time hours of two crucial staff positions at the center (Aquarist and Marine Turtle Specialist II), she requested that the Board consider approving the positions full-time.

Steve Alley
380 NE 5th Avenue, Boca Raton

Mr. Alley, a volunteer at Gumbo Limbo, stated that he has provided many specimens of fish for the tanks. He supports the request made by Ms. Peel that the Board consider approving the Aquarist and Marine Turtle Specialist II positions full time.

Dr. Nathan & Fran Nachlas
2427 NW 49th Lane, Boca Raton

Dr. Nachlas extended an invitation to all in attendance to participate in the "5K Run/Walk" race on April 21st at 7:00 a.m. at DeHoernle Park. All proceeds go to charity.

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 January 22, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Experis Technology Proposal & Recommendation for:

a) *Audio/Visual Equipment Purchase*

Mr. Robert Pawa and Mr. Dave Maxfield of Experis Technology gave a presentation on upgrading the audio/visual capabilities in the Board Room and in alternate meeting rooms to accommodate larger groups. He recommends a digital system for the Board Room and a self-contained mobile audio/visual cart.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Frisch to approve the expenditure of \$36,000 for the digital system in the Board Room and \$17,000 for a portable system plus associated installment and training costs.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

b) *Mobile Computer Equipment Purchase*

To eliminate the need for the Board and staff to use their own personal computing devices for District business and to improve efficiency and communication, Mr. Pawa recommends purchasing the Apple iPad with an AT&T Group Data Plan. This equipment will be used solely for District business; not personal use.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize the mobile devices as per the sixth page of the PowerPoint presentation with the software and data plan as supported on the 4th and 5th pages of the PowerPoint presentation. In addition, if a cost savings can be achieved, an 8th iPad will be purchased.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

c) *WiFi at District Facilities*

Mr. Pawa advised that efforts will resume to study and evaluate the needs of the District to provide WiFi broad-band access at District facilities.

2. DeHoernle Park – Phase II Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, presented the First Amendment to the May 13, 2011 Interlocal Agreement between the District and the City for DeHoernle Park. The interlocal agreement allows the District to proceed with the design phase of Phase II and then into the construction phase. Phase II will include four additional athletic fields, associated infrastructure and a larger, more functional, building. The Interlocal Agreement will be placed on the Boca Raton City Council agenda for approval at its first meeting in March. He recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the First Amendment to the May 13, 2011 Interlocal Agreement between the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District and the City of Boca Raton.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Pumps at Gumbo Limbo

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Parks, City of Boca Raton Deputy Recreation Services Director, stating that the pumps/in-take lines at Gumbo Limbo are in need of repair or replacement. The City is requesting consent from the Board to engage its consultant, TLC, to work out design and potential construction costs for repair/replacement of the pumps/in-take lines for a fee of \$30,000.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to verbally approve an expenditure up to \$30,000 for the City of Boca Raton to engage a consultant for the repair/replacement of the pumps at Gumbo Limbo.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

At the second Board meeting in February, Mr. Koski plans to furnish the Interlocal Agreement between the City and District for Gumbo Limbo. He anticipates that the content of the document will provide that the District is the ultimate authority at the facility.

Discussion ensued about the part time employment status of the Aquarist and Marine Turtle Specialist II at Gumbo Limbo.

Mr. Koski will contact the City to insure that those individuals critical to the operation of Gumbo Limbo are assured that they will remain at the facility under terms that are acceptable to them.

It was the consensus of the Board to do whatever is necessary to maintain the quality and integrity of Gumbo Limbo.

4. Maintenance Rental Agreement

Mr. Koski confirmed that no additional space is available at the Sugar Sand Park Maintenance Facility to accommodate the upcoming maintenance at DeHoernle Park. He recommends approval of the Lease Agreement between the District and Lewis Rental Properties.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the Lease Agreement with Lewis Rental Properties at \$1,100 per month commencing March 1, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

5. Approval of TW Signs Proposal

A proposal in the amount of \$3,000 was received from TW Signs for updating the names of the Board of Commissioners on five signs at District parks. Mr. Koski recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve Proposal No. 13-012 from TW Signs with the addition of the District's website on the signs at a cost not to exceed \$700 per sign.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$1,591.03.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Beach Renourishment Request

Mr. Koski, Interim Executive Director, furnished information from the City regarding its Post Sandy Emergency Dune Project. The project involves restoring the dune which is located near Ocean Strand and is referred to in the project as the North Segment Alternates at a price of \$73,983.60. Offsite material would be transported to the dune. The City is not requesting funding at the present time, but offering the District the opportunity to participate in the restoration project with the City.

The Board agreed to continue dune restoration discussions with the City.

District Counsel

Receipt of Proposals for Accounting & Financial Services

On February 4, the District received five responses to the RFP for Accounting & Financial Services. Copies of the responses will be distributed to the Board for review, and the item will be placed on the February 25th agenda.

Non-Resident Field Usage

Mr. Koski met with Mr. Mickey Gomez, City Recreation Services Director and Mr. Greg Stevens, City Recreation Superintendent to discuss the fixed costs associated with maintaining the fields and to quantify additional expenses to compare them against non-resident fees to determine if there are any benefits to having non-residents use the fields.

Commissioners

Nature Playscape

Commissioner Vogelgesang stated that she was impressed with the Nature Playscape program offered by Sunflower Creative Arts. She advised that the group is applying for a grant, and is seeking a park site to enhance its application.

Commissioner Engel attended a recent function sponsored by Sunflower Creative Arts. He stated that at this time, the group is seeking support for their efforts; not a financial commitment. The District is being offered the opportunity to consider the Nature Playscape concept at one of its parks. In his opinion, it is a worthwhile addition to existing park amenities.

Commissioner Frisch stated that a presentation was recently made at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to develop a park for individuals with disabilities. He suggested exploring the concept of combining Nature Playscape with amenities for the disabled.

Commissioner Starkoff supports the project but is not prepared to obligate District land as opposed to other useful sites in the City. Additional information needs to be provided.

Commissioner Rollins supports the project; however, further evaluation is required.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize Mr. Koski to prepare a letter stating the desire of the Board to consider the Nature Playscape concept within a District Park facility.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

February 25 –Review of Certified Public Accountant Proposals
– Gumbo Limbo Interlocal Agreement

ADJOURNMENT:

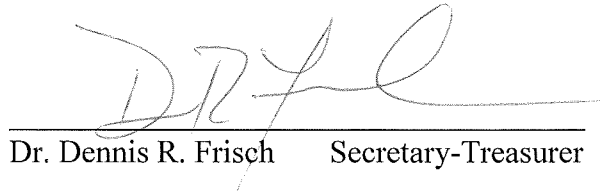
MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Dr. Dennis R. Frisch

Secretary-Treasurer