

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

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Earl L. Starkoff
Susan Vogelgesang

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

To accommodate the presence of Boca Raton Assistant City Manager Mike Woika and City of Boca Raton Community Project Manager Nicole Gasparri, item number one under Regular Business: July 4th Event, was addressed after Public Requests.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Michele Peel
7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, advised that a road cycling event will be held on March 23rd with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Gumbo Limbo.

Tom Thayer
4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer referenced two news articles published in the Palm Beach Post relating to beach renourishment funding resources.

Mr. Woika responded that for the last beach renourishment project Federal funding was not available and that recently, Delray Beach experienced the same result.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. July 4th Event

Mr. Woika and Ms. Gasparri were invited to respond to specific concerns of the Board regarding the relocation of the July 4th event from Florida Atlantic University to the Spanish River Athletic Facilities.

Mr. Woika explained that due to FAU's growth and construction, the area for fireworks is steadily shrinking.

Ms. Gasparri, working with Becky Self, City of Boca Raton Special Events Coordinator, evaluated alternative relocation sites:

Beach Parks -Having no central location, the beach area limits family activities. Parking would need to be spread out amongst all of the beach front parks and would impact the neighborhoods. The event is also in the middle of the turtle nesting season.

Spanish River Athletic Facilities – It was determined by the City that the Spanish River Athletic Facilities site had all logistics required to host the July 4th event: spectacular fireworks view over the lake; parking (use of shuttle service from Boca Corporate Center; Spanish River Library; Broken Sound parking areas); appropriate location for family activities (southeast section of the asphalt parking area). The City is working with traffic control and the Police Department to insure the safety of patrons.

Florida Atlantic University

The stadium was considered, however, FAU envisioned doing some type of ticketed event/concert. Charging for the FAU event would make it difficult for the event to remain free and open to the public. In addition, FAU wants to limit the number of people and events on the stadium field at one time: no rides; no bands.

Commissioner Starkoff requested a cost analysis for holding the July 4th event at FAU, and inquired about the other types of events that could be held at the stadium. He remarked that it “may be time to consider a different type of event.” He requested an analysis of how long it will take patrons to exit the park when the event is over.

Commissioner Engel expressed concern about accommodating 10,000 individuals when only 1,200 parking spots are available. He was advised by Ms. Gasparri that approximately 4,000 people participate in the event (3 or 4 persons per vehicle) and 6,000 others watch from other areas.

Commissioner Vogelgesang raised the question of liability insurance. Mr. Woika stated that the City would be responsible for any damage incurred to the park as a result of the event and that the City would make any necessary repairs.

Mr. Woika stated that the City is obtaining insurance for off-site parking locations. The District would be named as an additional insured.

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 March 4, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2. **Consider Kaufman Lynn Construction Change Order No. 17**
This item was deferred.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$155,124.57.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Spanish River Athletic Facilities – Phase II

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, interim Executive Director advised that a Phase II design team “kick-off” meeting is scheduled for March 19th.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

Commissioner Vogelgesang advised that to avoid paying for an annual beach parking sticker, individuals are parking at Gumbo Limbo (at no charge) and walking across A-1-A to Red Reef Park. The installation of parking meters at Gumbo Limbo and Red Reef Park would resolve the problem. Mr. Koski will investigate the matter with City staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

User Fees

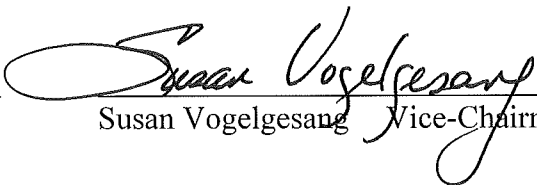
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman


Susan Vogelgesang

Vice-Chairman