

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
July 1, 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: None

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 June 17, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Budget 2013-2014:

a) Red Reef Park

Information Technology: Mr. Koski will discuss with City of Boca Raton Director of Information Technology the increased charges for Information Technology and Telecommunications at all District facilities.

Equipment: Mr. Koski advised that Mr. Gomez has been requested to furnish a list of pieces of equipment that he considers essential. Operational equipment scheduled for replacement will not be approved now. The District will establish a City Capital Reserve item and will consider those items as they become necessary during the fiscal year.

Maintenance Facility: Funds were included in the 2012-13 budget for improvements to the existing maintenance facilities. Mr. Gomez has received bids for the project and will forward a request for approval of the funds. Mr. Koski recommends approval.

Master Plan: Mr. Koski recommends an expansion of the Red Reef Park Master Plan with emphasis on Gumbo Limbo and meeting its needs for the foreseeable future; including structures for maintenance vehicles.

Education/Training/Travel: Mr. Koski will review with the City its policies and allowances to determine whether continuing education and certification of employees are being uniformly applied at all facilities.

Ocean Rescue: Overtime will be reviewed.

b) Gumbo Limbo

Strategic Plan: Both Commissioner Starkoff and Mr. Koski met with Friends of Gumbo Limbo President Michele Peel to review its Strategic Plan. To insure that Gumbo Limbo remains the “Crown Jewel”, a master plan will be developed to preserve the facility in perpetuity. Funding will be increased to address all issues and to provide direction to the Board and associated entities.

c) Red Reef Park Golf Course

It appears current economic conditions have suppressed the sport. Better maintenance may result in increased usage. Ways to increase revenue will be explored.

2. Approval of Leathers and Associates Agreement

Mr. Koski presented the agreement to engage Leathers and Associates as the consultants for the renovation and addition of elements to increase accessibility at the Sugar Sand Park Science Playground. The project will include suggestions and recommendations made by Ms. Sandra Gottfried, a member of the City’s Advisory Board for People with Disabilities. It is envisioned that when the project is completed, it will be a project of “national acclaim.” He recommends approval.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to approve the Leathers and Associates Agreement as presented.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$23,953.10.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Mr. Koski, acting Executive Director, furnished copies of the District’s Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2012 prepared by Grau and Associates.

Mr. Koski noted that information provided by Mr. Merv Timberlake is a result of the recalculation of the rolled-back rate due to changes in the final taxable valuation.

Mr. Koski will provide recommendations for an “agronomist” to assist at District facilities.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Community Recreation Websites

Commissioner Starkoff commented that he visited several community recreation websites in the tri-county area, and noted that many have a more fully implemented on-line system to make reservations, order tickets for performances or reserve pavilions. In his opinion, the District needs to implement this type of system. Additionally, he felt that the District's website content needs to be improved.

Commissioner Engel suggested that the District consider a Facebook page.

OTHER MATTERS:

The Special Meeting scheduled for July 8th was cancelled.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

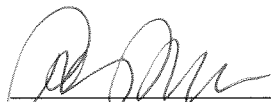
July 15 - Budget 2013-2014:

- a) Swim & Racquet Center
- b) Sugar Sand Park
- c) Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate

ADJOURNMENT:

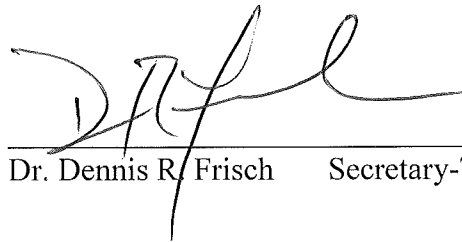
MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Dr. Dennis R. Frisch

Secretary-Treasurer