

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
September 3, 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:

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, extended an invitation to two upcoming events: September 4, release of "Turf" the turtle at 4:30 p.m. at Spanish River Park; November 8th, "Sea Coast Toast" fundraising event.

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer thanked Commissioner Engel and acting interim Executive Director Arthur C. Koski for attending the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners meeting today. He commented on the increases in general government expenses and compensation. He encouraged the Board to get a second opinion before separating the pool pump equipment and locker rooms from the main building formerly occupied by Chuck's Steakhouse. In his opinion, the building is salvageable.

Commissioner Starkoff responded that administration compensation was based on facts, not emotions.

Mr. Koski responded to Mr. Thayer's suggestion to solicit a second opinion by stating that in 2009, the District engaged Kenneth R. Carlson-Architect to review the former Chuck's building. Mr. Carlson concluded that to renovate the building to make it useable would cost between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million. Additionally, Mr. Zimmer of Zimmer Construction Consultants, Inc. will be beginning work to develop a revised master plan for the Swim & Racquet Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Formal Adoption of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget**

Mr. Koski stated that the Board is required to formally adopt the tentative budget prior to its first public hearing on September 17, 2013.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt the tentative 2013-2014 budget summary as presented by Mr. Koski for presentation at the first public hearing.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$1,793,040.18.

Discussion:

Commissioner Frisch noted that the majority of disbursements are to the City of Boca Raton for operation and maintenance for June and July 2013.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

North and Central Beach Renourishment

The City is preparing an interlocal agreement for work to be done on the north and central beach based upon a 50% contribution by the District. Historically, the District contributed 33 1/3%.

Spanish River Athletic Facilities – Phase II

The City has advised that they are in agreement with the District's Phase II proposal to construct four additional rectangular fields with grass surfaces.

Both the City and the District are working towards a completion of the interlocal agreement for DeHoernle Park Phase II, as well as completion of a beach renourishment interlocal agreement that will make the District an equal partner with the City for the upcoming and future beach renourishment projects.

Sale of Fixed Assets

A three-year review of fixed assets purchased by the City with funds from the District has resulted in the District receiving a credit of \$16,500 in the current fiscal year from the sale of disposed items. In the future, fixed asset items funded by the District will have a specific identification number and correspondingly receive credits when items are disposed of by the City. The subject of leasing versus purchasing equipment will be reviewed and analyzed.

DeHoernle Park Theft

Mr. Koski advised that copper wiring had been removed from 32 pedestrian light poles in the park. The District's insurance company has been notified about the theft. Security cameras will be considered in Phase II of the park.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Commissioner Engel stated that he and Mr. Koski attended the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners meeting this morning. Ms. Jennifer Bistyga of the City's Municipal Services Department gave an overview of beach renourishment and addressed some of the pertinent issues including the shortage of usable sand. Members of the "Protect our Beaches" also attended. Bids for the north and central beach renourishment are expected on September 13th; the contract will be awarded at the end of September.

Commissioner Vogelgesang noted that the consistency of the sand used for beach renourishment is so compact that it makes it very difficult for turtles to nest.

Ms. Peel, President of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo remarked that, in her opinion, it was not the quality of the sand, but the process of putting it down. She will contact Dr. Kurt Rusenko, Gumbo Limbo Marine Conservationist about the matter.

Commissioner Frisch raised the following issues:

- 1) The quality of the water of one of the three salt water tanks is significantly and noticeably different which is a problem associated with the pump. Mr. Koski responded that he has contacted the City about the matter and is attempting to resolve the issue.
- 2) The District pays a monthly rental fee for storing athletic equipment. The possibility of using the meeting rooms at DeHoernle Park as a storage area should be explored. Mr. Koski will determine the number of meetings held at the park.

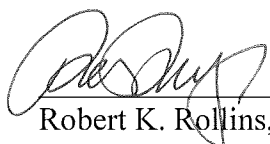
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

September 16 – Amended Budget for 2012-2013
Patch Reef Park RFP
September 17 - First Public Hearing on 2013-2014 Budget & Taxes
October 7 - Gumbo Limbo Strategic Plan

ADJOURNMENT:

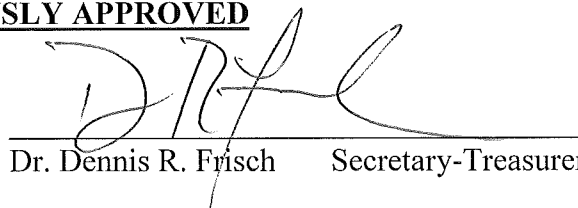
MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Starkoff to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Dr. Dennis R. Frisch

Secretary-Treasurer