

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WILLOW THEATRE-SUGAR SAND PARK-300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON
August 20, 2018

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at 6:20 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin A. Wright

Chairman Rollins welcomed everyone to the second community input meeting on Boca National.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Chairman Rollins advised that the Golf Course Architect Report will be the first item of business, followed by commentary and questions from the audience under Public Requests.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Status Report from Golf Course Architects

Chairman Rollins introduced Mr. Wayne Branthwaite, Golf Course Architect for Price/Fazio. Mr. Branthwaite reviewed the objectives of the project. He introduced the members of his team: Tom Fazio, Charles Putnam, Charles Putnam & Associates, Inc.; Jeff Schnars, Schnars Engineering/Perimeter Survey & Mapping; Mary Lindgren, EW Consultants, Inc.; Jorge Garcia, Garcia Stromberg; and Carol Perez, A. Grant Thornbrough Landscape Architects, who provided brief updates on their participation in the project. Tom Fazio gave a power point presentation on what can be accomplished on the property. He explained three available options.

To meet objectives, the Price/Fazio team concluded that Option #1 was the best alternative. Option #1 includes an 18-hole championship golf course with driving range and a short 9-hole course. All of the amenities are located around the intersection of Jeffrey St. & N.W. 2nd Avenue. A park or conference/event center was suggested on the southwest corner. Refinement of the option can be completed once a decision is made on locating a clubhouse or hotel on site. A traffic study has not yet commenced.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Ms. Dottie Provenzano expressed concern about the ability to maintain the course as a world renown golf course. Remarked that Red Reef Park is nearby and has a short course.

Aimee Neff, Head Women's Golf Coach at FAU, stated that one of the big assets of Option #1 is that the short course can accommodate all skill levels and offers the ability to have different types of outings/events. The range is key for teaching and instruction and would be beneficial in promoting the game within the community.

Sandra Mula felt that there is a need for an up-scale fitness center on the property. She also suggested building a parking deck.

Ryan Jamison, Head Men's Golf Coach at FAU, felt that the short course/driving range caters to all types of golfers with opportunities to create revenue. Hopes that the FAU golf program will be able to call Boca National "home".

Jason Hagensick, President and CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, stated that the YMCA would like to partner with the District in whatever way possible and appropriate on Boca National and any other District projects such as programming at Ocean Strand.

James Ciliberti stated that everyone was happy with the layout of the previous 27-hole golf course and driving range. The problem was that there were too many golfers, and the property was not properly maintained.

Joel Buoy stated Option #1 meets their needs to a "T" – it's just perfect! He questions whether a hotel is the highest and best use for the site.

Harold Chaffee prefers a 27-hole course as it offers more "flexibility" than an 18-hole course. He would omit the passive park and make the site strictly for golf.

Tom Vasell stated that due to space limitations at Boca National, the proposed benchmark should be the Boca Raton Municipal Golf Course; not Osprey. To create additional parking spaces, eliminate the hotel concept and construct a clubhouse.

Steve Putnik supports Option #1. The short course is pivotal not only for kids, but also the elderly. He does not see the benefit of a park. Inquired about the extension of Jeffrey St. east.

Lily Herbert asked for definitive information on the layout of Option #1.

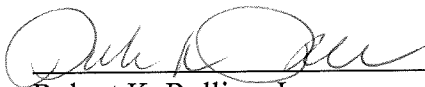
Robert DuKate is opposed to the operation of a hotel on site. He noted that the 155 parking spaces at Ocean Breeze accommodated 300 golfers a day without any problems. He supports a 27-hole golf course as recommended by the National Golf Foundation.

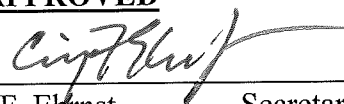
Chairman Rollins thanked the audience for their commentary and advised that a third public input meeting date has not yet been scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Chairman


Craig F. Elfrnst Secretary-Treasurer