

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUGAR SAND PARK- MAPLE ROOM**  
**August 7, 2018**

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at 5:16 p.m.

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

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

Chairman Rollins advised that the Southern Hills Consultant Agreement for the Boca National Golf Club has been executed. He introduced Mr. Wayne Branthwaite from the Price/Fazio Architectural firm. Mr. Branthwaite explained the importance of public commentary to both him and his team. He advised that all of the sub-consulting agreements have been signed, and that they have started the process of the investigation phase which should take approximately one month.

The floor was then opened to the public to provide their commentary regarding the Boca National Golf Club.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Mr. Robert Dukate was happy to hear that an economically viable golf course was desirable and noted that the feasibility study from the National Golf Foundation supports a 27-hole golf course. He provided the Commission with a report titled the Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department Golf Course Operations for (Revenue & Expenses) Comparison Fiscal Year 2017.

Mr. Harold Chaffee favors a 27-hole golf course that could support youth teams, competition, corporations, FAU; Lynn University; and all golf teams. He believes that an additional executive course is not needed.

Mr. Anthony Daddino supports a 27-hole golf course. He would love to see the course stay the way it was. He brought a picture of Joe DiMaggio golfing at a tournament once held at Boca Teeca.

Mr. Cil Ciliberti supports a 27- hole course. He suggested that the architects be mindful of the Community Appearance Board's rules and regulations when designing the new course. He prefers that the redesign be kept to a minimum.

Mr. Adam Slotnick feels that it was a prudent decision to keep green spaces in Boca. He favors an 18-hole course; professional mini golf course; a golf academy; a hotel; expanding NW 2<sup>nd</sup>; a fitness trail around the perimeter of the course and special events to drive interest and revenue such as night time golf; 15-inch holes, and footgolf.

Ms. Peggy Haupt recommended making Clint Moore Road the main entrance to Boca National Golf Club and adding water features and monument signs. She felt that a Clint Moore address

could help divert traffic through the residential portion of N.W. 2nd Avenue and that a more unified look can be accomplished through symmetry and landscaping.

Mr. Joel Buoy, representing the Boca Golf Association, prefers 18 championship holes; an executive course; a learning area and a driving range. He feels that the prior 27-hole course failed and we should not repeat that mistake. He believes that the architects will come up with a great plan.

Mr. Doug Collier would like to see a successful public course; he believes that a 27-hole course would be more compatible with the community as a whole; traffic calming efforts will be advantageous to the residents and customers.

Mr. Barry Tetrault stated that this is a community course and we have an obligation to serve the City and District taxpayers; he believes that economics should not be a prime concern; he strongly believes in an 18-hole course; a practice facility and a driving range.

Mr. Clarence Smith recommended listening to the professional opinion of the Price/Fazio Architectural team.

Mr. Fred Romanin would like to see a sustainable golf course; recreation center; he inquired if the budget was for an 18 or 27-hole course and, he supports a first-class restaurant. He would like to see the golf course return to its former glory and have the District consider partnering with a developer.

Mr. Rick Heard operates the teaching academy at Osprey Point. He offered the District his services and input at any time to assist in the process. Mr. Heard believes that we need to trust the judgement and expertise of the professionals, and he would like to see a golf facility that is sustainable.

Ms. Debra Miller inquired about the vision for the east side of NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue if an 18-hole course is built on the west side.

Mr. Paul Flanders feels that the project needs to be financially sustainable and cannot rely on taxes. He supports an 18-hole course on the west side with a mix of pitch and putt; a driving range and putting greens. There are key environmental constraints that he would like to discuss further to help the operation become more self-sufficient.

Mr. Fred Tocchio supports a 27-hole course; tournaments; driving range; and a net for protection of the houses. He feels that 27-holes will accommodate more players and have less backups on the golf course.

Mr. Fred Romanin inquired if the intent of the District was to resurrect what was previously at the old course, and what direction will be taken. Mr. Romanin asked if the funding was there to bring back what we once had.

Mr. Harold Chaffee presented a drawing from 2007 of the prior 27-hole golf course which had an elongated driving range without putting greens.

Mr. Fred Tocchio suggested offering a social membership to the condominium owners at Boca Teeca.

Mr. Keith Lahana does not support redesigning the course, or the need to turn a profit. He does support 27-holes; removing waste areas, resurfacing; wider greens and smaller sand traps.

On behalf of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Chairman Rollins thanked everyone for attending the meeting and providing their input on the golf course.

The next District meeting will be held on August 20, 2018 at 5:15 at Sugar Sand Park Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer