

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at 5:15 p.m.

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Craig Fox, Chairman of the Boca Raton Federation of Homeowners, extended an invitation to its monthly meetings. He complimented the Board on its facilities.

Mr. Robert DuKate summarized some of the comments he received from golfers and residents throughout Boca Raton regarding a 27-hole and 18-hole golf course. He inquired about the height of netting next to the southeast condominiums; community interest in a building similar to the community center at Sugar Sand Park; and whether a pedestrian bridge across NW 2nd was envisioned if an 18-hole course is chosen.

Ms. Dottie Provenzano, a resident of Boca Teeca, felt that a 27-hole golf course would be better maintained.

Mr. James Ciliberti, remarked that the main complaint from golfers who played at Ocean Breeze was that it was not kept in pristine condition. He supports a 27-hole course with a driving range, a restaurant, community activity rooms, a fitness facility and improved community landscaping.

Mr. Harold Chaffee, commented that when Arnold Palmer operated Ocean Breeze, 72,000 rounds of golf were played which generated \$1,500,000 in revenue. The facility lost money due to high salaries and administrative fees. He cannot understand why a driving range would determine the shape and form of a golf course. As a taxpayer, he does not want to pay \$350,000 to duplicate Boca Municipal Golf Course. He noted that substantial infrastructure costs will be incurred by moving the community center/hotel site to the northwest corner of the property.

Mr. Tony Daddino supports a 27-hole golf course. He inquired about the architect's recommendation.

Ms. Sue Daddino asked what the justification was for the consultant's recommendation. She suggested that players be limited to the golf clubs they can use on the driving range.

Mr. Koski responded that the National Golf Foundation is evaluating the recommendations made by the architect, including public comments, to determine which option is the most economically viable. He noted issues relating to the logistical layout of a 27-hole golf course.

Mr. Anthony Ciliberti felt that the architect is not getting direction. He questioned whether the District will be able to spend the money where it needs to be spent such as infrastructure. He commented that he does not know too many “national” 18-hole golf courses.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Joint City/ District meeting held on July 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 20, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Budget Discussion

The First Public Hearing on Proposed 2018/2019 Budget & Taxes will be held on September 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The millage rate will remain the same as last year, 0.9147 mills. The budget will be presented, and explained to the public. The Board discussed the proposed budget: No funding has been allocated for Ocean Breeze construction as costs are unknown at this time. Priorities include: the pump replacement at Gumbo Limbo and the Gumbo Limbo Master Plan (reduced from \$200,000 to \$95,000). City capital items will remain in the budget and will be revisited at a later date.

2. Boca National Golf Discussion

Mr. Koski, District Executive Director, stated that the architect is engaging: 1) the National Golf Foundation to review refined financial projections and, 2) CB Richard Ellis to evaluate the demographics and economic viability of a hotel to see which option works best for the golf course. He noted that the northwest corner of Clint Moore Road & NW 2nd Avenue has been sited for the clubhouse/hotel. The appraisal for the residence located on the northeast corner of Clint Moore Road & NW 2nd Avenue has been forwarded to the real estate agent for discussion with his client; negotiations are on-going.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the third meeting for public commentary on Boca National Golf Course on Monday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

3. **Swim and Racquet Center - Change Order #7**

Mr. Mike Fichera, District Project Consultant, presented and described the six items contained in Change Order #7.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve Change Order #7 in the amount of \$18,192.04.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. **Swim and Racquet Center - Approval of Audio Visual**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the cost of the APC 2 post rack; patch panel and cabling in the amount of \$536.85 at the Swim and Racquet Center.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

5. **Update on Artificial Turf at Patch Reef Park**

Melissa Dawson, Facilities Manager, gave an update on the progress of the artificial turf fields at Patch Reef Park. Projected timeline goal: ***October 26*** - Advertise the project; ***December 1st*** - review bid tabulation sheets; ***January 2019*** – present architect recommendations for Board approval; ***March 11*** – commence construction; ***August 16*** – project completed. The architect will be invited to speak at a meeting regarding the striping of the fields.

6. **Engagement of Building Inspector for Review of Patch Reef Park Community Center**

Mr. Koski furnished an Inspection Report provided by Manning Home Inspections for the subject facility. The Board will need to decide whether to make the necessary repairs, or demolish the building and construct a new facility. The repair of safety issue items will be prioritized.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the payroll and invoices as presented totaling \$401,375.03

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel referred to the expense for Human Resource Consulting and asked to see the work product. Mr. Koski advised that the engagement with the subject consultant has been terminated.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired as to when United Site Services will vacate the property. Mr. Fichera responded that removal of office/restroom trailers is contingent upon receipt of a temporary Certificate of Occupancy from the City which is anticipated by the end of October.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director- None

District Counsel-None

Commissioners

Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested District employees be entitled to personal time off [flex time] for the additional hours they accumulate attending Board meetings. Mr. Koski, Executive Director, agreed to the arrangement.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the permit status of the Ocean Breeze demolition. Mr. Fichera advised that he is working with the City and other entities to obtain the permits as soon as possible.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

Artificial Turf Field Striping

Report on User Fees/ Non-Resident Fees

Summary of Cell Phone Costs

Human Resource Work on Executive Director Position

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer