

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SWIM & RACQUET CENTER, 21618 ST. ANDREWS BOULEVARD, BOCA RATON
August 5, 2019

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Susan Vogelgesang, at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin A. Wright-*Absent*

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Tom Thayer extended an invitation to the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner's Association meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Weinroth. Mr. Thayer believes that the best use for the hotel site on the west side of the golf course would be in conjunction with the golf course.

Mr. Raul Travieso, Mr. Jay Barbour, Ms. Ellen Korelitz and Ms. Betsy Wenzel explained that the sport of pickleball is rapidly growing and the citizens of Boca Raton need access to local pickleball courts. They respectfully requested the Board's consideration to build or convert 2-3 tennis courts at Patch Reef Park into an 8-9 pickleball court complex.

Ms. Michele Peel is not in favor of a millage rate increase if it only funds golf to the detriment of the rest of our parks. She asked the District to please use the millage rate increase as an opportunity to fund the Gumbo Limbo project and other long overdue projects as well as golf.

Mr. Robert DuKate thank the Commissioners for the saving the green space at Boca National. He does not support a millage rate increase. Mr. DuKate is eager for the golf project to commence with a District/City partnership or having the District relinquish the project to the City.

Mr. Harold Chaffee believes that the District can accomplish the golf course on its own. He supports raising the millage rate to help fund the golf course, Gumbo Limbo and other District projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on July 25, 2019.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Friends of Gumbo Limbo Presentation

Ms. Michele Peel, representing the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, gave an update on the activities that the Friends has taken pertaining to the masterplan development for Gumbo Limbo.

In January 2019, the cost estimate for the masterplan of Gumbo Limbo was \$52 million with 3-5 years of construction and design. Friends made the following proposals to the City of Boca Raton in June to reduce costs: reducing the size of some offices and facilities; simplifying finishes; delaying items until funding is secured; eliminating some items completely (no underground parking; not raising the boardwalk) and accelerating the timeline to reduce the cost over time. These adjustments brought the cost estimate down to \$22 million with a smaller construction schedule.

The Friends believe that the construction of new facilities at Gumbo Limbo are long overdue and they are willing to participate as partners, both financially and as community thought-providers. Ms. Peel asked that the Board keep the Gumbo Limbo project in mind as they deliberate the budget and millage rate increase.

2. FAU Field Usage Presentation

The Districts agreement with FAU for the rental of the Glades Road fields expires on September 30, 2020. Commissioner Rollins and Ms. Harms met with Mr. Ryan Alpert, FAU Deputy Athletic Director, to have a preliminary discussion on a possible extension of this agreement. Mr. Alpert proposed extending the agreement for 10 years with a 2% annual escalator. Commissioner Rollins suggested putting the appropriate amount of funding in the budget for this coming fiscal year to cover these expenses subject to further negotiations.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to have the Interim Executive Director and Commissioner Rollins proceed to negotiate an extension of a 10-year Agreement with FAU for the continued use of the Glades Road Fields and keep the estimated amounts in the 2019/2020 budget subject to further negotiations.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

3. Communication RFP

Ms. Harms presented the Board with a draft copy of the scope of services for the Communication RFP for their input and consideration.

Commissioner Rollins felt that the scope of services was too broad and recommended using bullet points and changing the word “proposal” to “plan” in section 3.3 Scope of Services.

Commissioner Engel suggested that the Scope of Services needed to be more specific, to offer a guideline so the District’s expectations are known.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to accept the Scope of Services for the Communications RFP as presented, with the amendment of changing the word “proposal” to “plan” in Section 3.3 Scope of Services.

Discussion ensued

Mr. Earl Starkoff, a former District Commissioner, suggested that the scope of services should not be overly specific and that the District should seek the advice of a qualified expert that will construct a plan and offer their best recommendations for the District.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Ms. Harms make the recommended revisions to the document and present it for final consideration at the next Board meeting.

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MOTION was withdrawn by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins subject to further clarification by Ms. Harms.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices as presented totaling \$1,775,756.47

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Interim Executive Director

Artificial Turf Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Artificial Turf project has been changed to the morning of September 14, 2019.

New Websites

The new Sugar Sand Park website will be ready on August 29th which will now include the Willow Theatre and Science Explorium. The new District website should be completed in September which will include a separate link for Boca National Golf. Both sites will be compliant to AA standard for ADA compliance.

Golf Course Update

Mr. Koski, Construction Manager, requested the Board's consideration to combine a value engineering of the proposed cost of the Boca National golf course facility with a response to the City's RFI for the design of two nine-hole golf courses constructed for under \$8 million dollars. This would enable the District to provide the best cost estimate for the Price/Fazio facility based on value engineering and explain the costs and expenses that are included in the Price/Fazio estimates.

Mr. Koski will prepare a report for the Commission to review at the next meeting on August 19th prior to submitting to the City.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to direct Mr. Koski to begin value engineering and prepare a response to the RFI with an explanation of the Districts costs and expenses in compliance with the request that the City released for an RFI.

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District Council

Petrykowski Update

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On July 25, 2019, Mr. Petrykowski's counsel requested a two-week extension from the August 1st deadline to remove all personal property from the Boca National property.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to extend access to Mr. Petrykowski until August 15th and commence the enforcement of the District's Judgement Order on August 16, 2019 without further extensions.

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Sunshine Law Presentation

The Sunshine Law Presentation on August 19th has been rescheduled to September 3, 2019.

Commissioners

Commissioner Engel inquired about the status of the review of the District's Interlocal Agreements. Counsel is preparing a matrix of all District ILA's to be presented on August 19th.

Commissioner Ehrnst suggested researching a Health Savings Account for District employees.

Commissioner Vogelgesang wished Commissioner Rollins a Happy Birthday on August 9th and reminded the Commissioners to respond to Ms. Peel's invitation to the sea turtle release.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM -

Communication RFP- 8/19

Employee Healthcare Renewal -8/19

Budget Discussion-8/19; 8/26

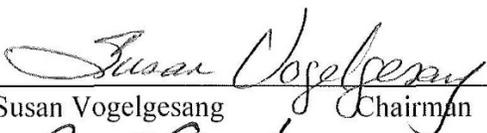
Mr. Koski 's RFI-8/19

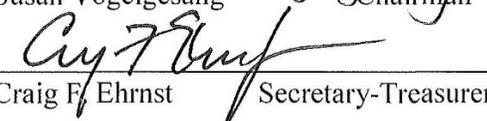
Sunshine Law Presentation 9/3

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer