

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
July 15, 2019

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Items #2 and #3 were deferred until the July 25th meeting.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Rick Heard, compared the Winter Park 9 Golf Course (40 acres x \$30,000 per acre for a cost of \$1,200,000) to the Boca National Golf Course (214 acres for an estimated \$28,000,923). He proceeded to deduct from the BNG estimate all items that Winter Park 9 does not have and came up with a cost estimate of \$6,498,355 for Boca National. The Winter Park 9 golf course would have had a similar cost to Boca National if it had the same number of acres (\$30,000 x 214 acres = \$6,420,000).

Mr. Barry Tetrault was impressed with Mr. Heard's presentation on Winter Park 9 and suggested that he present it to the City Council.

Mr. Michael Kalvort, Parks & Recreation Director, was excited about the ribbon cutting and open house at the Swim & Racquet Center on July 20th; recognized Briann Harms and Jill Dixon, Finance Manager, for their hard work on the proposed budget; he noted that the July 4th celebration went well; camp participation is up 25%; several park rangers will be relocated to the prior Beach & Park District offices at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center and the Intercoastal clean-up between Gumbo Limbo and Spanish River Park will be held on July 27th from 9 a.m. -12 noon. Please contact Gumbo Limbo for additional information.

Mr. Earl Starkoff stated that the July 4th event was the single best fireworks event that he has attended in 40 years. There was improvement with the traffic and safety, the police did a fabulous job with barricades and the use of the fields was wonderful. He believes it was District money well spent!

Mr. Tom Thayer extended an invitation to the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner's Association meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. He suggested that anyone with a vested interest in golf attend the City Council meeting next week to discuss any concerns and he is firmly opposed to building a tunnel at Boca National.

Mr. Robert DuKate suggested improving the Districts communication capabilities regarding the videotaping of the District meetings. He believes that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers not to raise the millage rate and that the District should start working with the City on the golf course to do what is in the best interest for the tax paying citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 1, 2019.

MOTION PASSES 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Millage Rate Presentation by Mr. Koski

Mr. Koski asked the Boards consideration to increase the FY19/20 millage rate by 30.71% for five years which would provide the District with an additional \$9,000,000 per year. Feedback by the general public would be received at an advertised public meeting and the final millage rate would be recorded appropriately.

Millage rates have been considered in the planning and construction of the District facilities in the past. Mr. Koski suggested a phased five-year plan, that would provide the District with enough money to fully pay for the cost associated with the golf course and fully reimburse the City on the outstanding bond issue. The District would own 100% of the property at the end of the five years. The millage rate could be reduced at the second Public Hearing if the City decides not to participate in the golf course.

Year 1: Construct 9-holes on the NW side with a driving range by September 2020

Year 2: Complete east side golf amenities including club house

Year 3: Construct 9-holes on the south side

Years 4 & 5: Reimburse the City for outstanding bond issue

Discussion:

Commissioner Wright does not believe that it is fair to the taxpayers to raise the millage rate until the District hears back from the City.

Commissioner Rollins stated that the District needs to be prepared for the possibility that the City may not participate in the golf course. He believes that the District can construct the golf course on time and on budget. He supports Mr. Koski's plan. If the City does not provide a grant for the golf course Commissioner Rollins is prepared to move forward with the millage rate increase.

Commissioner Ehrnst believes that a joint effort is needed with the City; a better dialogue is needed with the budget; the signage issue must be fixed and that the District should consider a hotel for additional revenue income.

Discussion will resume at the next Board meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. when Commissioner Engel returns.

2. Sunshine Law Presentation- *Deferred*

3. Banking RFP- *Deferred*

4. Budget Discussion /City CIP

Copies of the proposed City budget were distributed prior to the meeting for to the Commissioners to review.

General Fund Administration

Historically, the general fund administration started at \$325,000 per year and has increased over the years. Commissioner Rollins inquired how this fund increased from \$325,000 to now over \$500,000 on the proposed budget.

Ms. Harms explained that the current increase was due to the Human Resource Department expanding last year and that the District was not notified. She has asked the City for clarification on the pension benefits.

Ms. Jill Dixon, Finance Manager for the City of Boca Raton, reviewed each line item from Exhibit G (Allocation of City Costs to the District) of the proposed budget.

Mr. Michael Kalvort, Recreation Services Director, expressed that there was a reduction of 8.59 % in the proposed budget.

Pumps Gumbo Limbo

Mr. Michael Kalvort, Recreation Services Director, briefly reviewed the Gumbo Limbo pump project. The permit has been obtained; the cost of the project has increased from \$2.9 million to \$3.2 million due to the increase in the cost of steel and a timing issue, the project is scheduled begin next year.

Needs Assessment Survey Update

Pros Consulting is finishing up interviews; SWOT analysis are being conducted and questions will be prepared for the survey that will be released in the next 2-4 months.

Budget discussions will continue at the next District meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. when Commissioner Engel is present.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$954,897.66</p>
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Commissioner Wright noted that she has not received a project management report from Mr. Koski.

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(Commissioner Wright votes “no”)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Interim Executive Director

City Council Workshop Agenda

The Boca National Golf course discussion will be added to the City Council Workshop agenda on July 22, 2019.

Sugar Sand Park Shade Project

The Sugar Sand Park Shade project is currently on schedule, however, there has been a delay with permitting.

Artificial Turf Project

Patch Reef Park Artificial Turf project is on schedule. The southeast and southwest fields will be completed on August 20th; the northeast field will be completed on September 10th and the total project is scheduled to be completed by September 20, 2019.

Batting Cages

The batting cages at Sugar Sand Park will be demolished this week.

Red Reef Park Walkways

The walkway renovations at Red Reef Park will begin the second week of August and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The City is preparing a resolution for the naming rights of the tower at Gumbo Limbo. Once the resolution has been approved, the District can move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding for Gumbo Limbo and fund-raising efforts can begin.

Swim & Racquet Center Grand Opening

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Golf Course Update-None

District Counsel-None

Commissioners:

Commissioner Ehrnst made the following suggestions:

1. The District acquire a professional video system to record the District meetings. Ms. Harms will provide proposals that are A.D.A. compliant.
2. The maintenance building at the Swim & Racquet Center currently has a rough concrete floor which could eventually cause problems with the HVAC system.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to acquire quotes for appropriate flooring to be installed at the Swim & Racquet Center Maintenance Building.

MOTION PASSES 4-0

3. Encouraged the City to do more programming in the current facilities, particularly Red Reef Park.

Public Relations Firm

Commissioner Rollins suggested that the District place an RFP for a Public Relations firm to assist with communication between the District, the community and the City.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve an RFP for a Public Relations Firm to assist with the Districts communication needs.

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A.D.A. Compliant Video Program

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Wright to have staff investigate an A.D.A. compliant video program for the District meetings.

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Retirement Plan

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve an RFP for a retirement plan for staff.

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Commissioner Vogelgesang wished Ms. Harms a belated happy birthday and offered an official condolence to Commissioner Engel and his family; inquired about a men's tennis program at night and questioned if chlorination issues at the public pools are being addressed. Ms. Harms advised that any issues are being addressed by City staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

Proposed Millage Rate -July 25th
GBRB&PD Minutes: July 15, 2019

Budget Discussion-July 25th

Banking RFP-July 25th

Friends of Gumbo Limbo Presentation- August 5th or 19th

Sunshine Law Presentation-August 19th

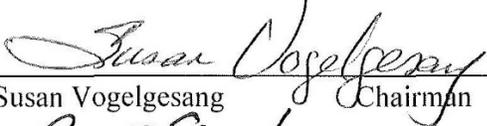
Public Requests(re-opened):

Ms. Jerrilyn Schulze inquired about the tunnel being removed from the golf proposal. She firmly believes that a tunnel is necessary to prevent injuries.

ADIOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.

MOTION PASSES 4-0


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer