

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
December 3, 2018

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

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Regular Business -Item #1 - Municipal Services Presentation was postponed.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Richard Leavitt expressed concern with the proposed golf course completion date of October, 2020; He inquired if the completion of the clubhouse will be contemporaneous with the opening of the golf course, and questioned whether an 18-hole course and training center could produce the profit that is needed.

Dr. Eric Leder respectfully requested that protection from stray golf balls be provided for his property during the developmental stage of the golf course. Dr. Leder suggested relocating the first tee and the green (on the east course) 30-40 ft. further north and/or placing a large tree south of the two existing trees which are located north of the tee on the west side.

Ms. Michele Peel, representing Friends of Gumbo Limbo, advised that there was a recent internal meeting with EDSA and the sub-consultant CambridgeSeven to work on further refinement of the details of a Master Plan for Gumbo Limbo. Ms. Peel announced that Friends is actively in search of a retail store Manager as well as an Executive Director. Construction commenced on the next phase of the Boardwalk and replacement of the tower, the opening date is projected for May, 2019.

Mr. Alex Shultz, President of the Boca Raton Little League, asked consideration of the Board to refurbish two batting cages at Patch Reef Park and two batting cages at Sugar Sand Park. Mr. Schutz advised that the Board of Directors of the Boca Raton Little League's 501(c)(3) Organization has offered to share the expenses with the District to make it as budget neutral as possible.

Mr. Robert DuKate provided the Board with an analysis of Option #1 by the Price Fazio team and a summary of recommendations by Keep Golf in Boca. Mr. DuKate feels that Option # 1 has the right direction for the holes, however, a few adjustments are needed.

Mr. Tom Thayer extended an invitation to the December 4th meeting of the Boca Raton Federation of Home Owners meeting at 8:30 a.m. He noted that there will be holiday festivities and CRA Chairwoman Andrea O'Rourke will be discussing Art in Public Places.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 19, 2018.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2. Proposed Schedule of District Board Meetings & Office Closings for 2019

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the District Board Meetings and Office Closings for 2019 as presented.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Final Approval of Boca National Golf Club Plan

Mr. Wayne Branthwaite, Golf Course Architect, with the Price/Fazio design team reviewed the 3 options that were presented at the prior meeting:

Option 1

The clubhouse is located on the north west side. The maintenance facility is relocated to the corner of NW 2nd Avenue and Jeffery Street (southwest corner). The east side would be a family-oriented facility or "fun-zone" with a large putting course, small clubhouse, outdoor seating area, wellness area for yoga/exercise classes.

Option 2

The maintenance facility is relocated to the east side of N.W. 2nd Avenue and Jeffrey Street adjacent to the railroad tracks (southeast corner). The clubhouse would be located on the N.W. corner of 2nd Avenue and Jeffrey Street.

Option 3

If the land at the southeast corner of N.W. 2nd Avenue and Jeffrey Street is retained for hotel development, the maintenance facility is relocated to the far eastern portion of the property close to the railroad tracks.

After the last meeting on November 28th, concern was expressed with the traffic pattern if the clubhouse is located on the N.W. corner of 2nd Avenue and Jeffrey Street. Mr. Branthwaite asked the Board for additional time to create a 4th option which could potentially move the clubhouse to

the S.E. corner of N.W. 2nd Avenue and Jeffrey Street. The Board agreed to consider Mr. Brathwaite's 4th option to determine if it would be viable.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ehrnst expressed that this will not necessarily be a traditional golf course and considers the short course concept to be very creative. He would like the Price Fazio team to maximize the use of the land; focus on the driving range, the short course; the golf center and have the maintenance facility and restrooms built first. A Joint Meeting with City Council is desired to discuss the \$10,000,000 construction cost for Boca National as well as operating expenses.

Commissioner Wright would like to discuss the extension of Jeffrey Street at the next Joint Meeting.

Commissioner Vogelgesang prefers to keep the maintenance facility, which houses insecticides, fertilizers and equipment, away from children and families for safety reasons.

Chairman Rollins would like to advertise a Request for Proposal in January, 2019.

4. Batting Cages

Ms. Melissa Dawson, Facilities Manager, recommended renovating and extending the width of the quad field batting cages to 14 feet wide at Sugar Sand Park and Patch Reef Park for the safety of the players.

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel inquired if personnel would be available to monitor batting practice and ensure every child is wearing a batting helmet. Chairman Rollins concurred that this concern needs to be addressed.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize Ms. Dawson to advertise a Request for Proposal for the improvements of the batting cages at Sugar Sand Park and Patch Reef Park.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the revised payroll and invoices totaling \$423,976.45

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director-None

District Counsel-None

Commissioners:

Commissioner Wright suggested placing a mobi-mat at the entrance of the dog beach, at Spanish River Park, to make it wheel chair accessible. Mr. Greg Stevens, Recreation Services Superintendent, will relay the suggestion back to the City.

Commissioner Vogelgesang attended the recent EDSA meeting regarding Gumbo Limbo and explained what a comprehensive and beautiful project it is. Monetary contributions are needed for this very worthwhile project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM -

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Craig F. Ehms

Secretary-Treasurer