

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
January 7, 2019

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:

It was the consensus of the Board to move item number 5 under Regular Business: Update Boca National Golf Club to item number 2.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Steve Finvar, President of Boca Jets/Lacrosse, thanked the Board for engaging a contractor for the installation of artificial turf at Patch Reef Park, commenting that “It will be fabulous for all sports”.

Robert DuKate thanked the Board for moving the clubhouse from the northwest corner to the southeast corner of NW 2nd Avenue & Jeffrey Street. As the design phase moves forward, he hopes that public commentary will be solicited.

Christian Castro suggested the addition of a playground at one of the corners in the design of Boca National Golf Club.

Harold Chaffee commented that he was pleased that the Board relocated the clubhouse to the southeast corner of NW 2nd & Jeffrey Street. He suggested that the maintenance facility be relocated behind Condo 9, and that consideration be given to moving the putting course (cradle) near the restaurant to attract youths.

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 December 17, 2018.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers

Commissioner Rollins expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be the Chairman during 2018, commenting that “It has been a very good experience”.

Chairman

Commissioner Rollins nominated Commissioner Vogelgesang for the position of Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Engel. Nominations were closed by Commissioner Engel. By acclamation, Commissioner Vogelgesang accepted the position as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Vogelgesang nominated Commissioner Wright for the position of Vice-Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Engel. Nominations were closed by Commissioner Vogelgesang. By acclamation, Commissioner Wright accepted the position as Vice-Chairman.

Secretary-Treasurer

Commissioner Engel nominated Commissioner Ehrnst for the position of Secretary-Treasurer; seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang. Nominations were closed by Commissioner Engel. By acclamation, Commissioner Ehrnst accepted the position as Secretary-Treasurer.

5. Update - Boca National Golf Club

Chairman Vogelgesang introduced Mr. Wayne Branthwaite, Price/Fazio Golf Course Architect. He stated that the project consists of two phases: Phase I - Investigation & Conceptual Design of the golf course. Phase II – Design Development & Permitting of all of the buildings and infrastructure [tunnel]. The RFP process to identify a golf course contractor should begin within the next 3 or 4 weeks. Construction of the golf course is anticipated to commence in August. He reviewed the status of the tasks to-date.

2. Patch Reef Park – Tennis Programming

Ms. Briann Harms, Interim Executive Director, addressed the investigation of two anonymous letters received by the District regarding an independent contractor operating a tennis program at the subject facility. She noted that the contract is on par with other tennis contracts, and that the City has a plan to make sure that current residents and members are not impacted by the new program. City staff members Ms. Leslie Martorano, Tennis Center Manager and Ms. Tiffany Lucia, Recreation Superintendent, were present to answer questions.

Commissioner Rollins felt that the District should be informed when a new program element is incorporated into any District facility as it affects revenue and expenses.

3. Use of Ocean Strand for Gumbo Limbo’s Annual Sea Turtle Day Event

Ms. Harms advised that the Friends of Gumbo Limbo has requested the use of Ocean Strand for additional parking for its Annual Sea Turtle Day event on March 2nd.

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to allow the Friends of Gumbo Limbo to use the Ocean Strand property for additional parking for the Annual Sea Turtle Day event on March 2, 2019.</p>

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Boca Championship Golf Tournament Sponsorship

Mr. Eddie Carbone, Tournament Director for the “Oasis Championship”, sought District sponsorship in the amount of \$60,000 to promote the Boca Raton National Golf Club. He

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furnished an informational sheet describing tournament participation. A lengthy discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to participate in the sponsorship of the Boca Championship Golf Tournament in the amount of \$60,000.

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Commissioner Engel and Commissioner Wright opposed the Motion

6. Sunshine Law Refresher

District Legal Counsel, Jacob Horowitz gave a PowerPoint presentation on “The Sunshine Law and The Public Records Law”.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

A revised disbursement list was provided which included the addition of check number 2767 payable to FPL in the amount of \$29,801.00 for the relocation of the main power line at the turf fields at Patch Reef Park.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and revised invoices totaling \$144,181.27.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Interim Executive Director

Gumbo Limbo

Ms. Harms and Ms. Dawson attended the weekly Gumbo Limbo boardwalk construction walk-thru meeting and provided some photos [Commissioner Wright was also in attendance]. A change order request for the replacement of some rotted wood guardrails at a cost below \$10,000 will be forthcoming.

Ms. Dawson, District Facilities Manager, gave an update on the following projects:

Gumbo Limbo Tower – All demolition of the tower has been completed.

Gumbo Limbo Pump/Piping Project - Awaiting Army Corps of Engineers permitting updates.

Red Reef Park - Central Restrooms: Notice to Proceed issued on 1/7/19; North Restroom – Building Inspector reviewing two items. Completion of both projects anticipated the first week of May 2019.

Patch Reef Park Artificial Turf Project – Contract ready to be executed. A meeting will be scheduled with Calvin-Giordano and the contractor to discuss all of the FPL work.

Commissioner Ehrnst expressed concern about managing the contractor CSR to make sure they deliver the project to the specifications of the contract. Ms. Dawson informed that she is assigned to manage the project.

Patch Reef Tennis Courts – GeoSyntec will review the base and asphalt and make a recommendation.

Swim & Racquet Center - Push door activations will be installed on 1/25 –signs & blinds being manufactured. Issue with slippage due to installation of non-slip tile being addressed.

District Counsel -

Mr. Horowitz stated that he researched the situation of Alex Petrykowski who currently occupies one of the warehouse sheds at Boca National. He sought authorization to seek a lawsuit to remove him from the property which is owned by the City.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to proceed with the necessary lawsuit while additional discussions ensue with the City to close the matter.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Commissioners -

Commissioner Engel stated that he will be unable to attend the March 4th Board meeting; he asked that the meeting be changed to March 11th. The Board deferred the decision; this item will be placed on the January 22nd agenda.

Referencing the Swim & Racquet Project, he inquired about cost overruns. Ms. Harms responded that Mr. Timberlake added \$1.8 million to cover overages and complete the project. Commissioner Engel offered his view of how future bids should be considered to limit project overages.

In closing, he thanked District employee Madlane Bentivegna for her many years of service.

Commissioner Rollins expressed optimism about better communication between City staff members and the District with regard to keeping the District informed about activities/elements/programming at District facilities.

Commissioner Wright inquired about the status of the joint meeting with the City. She expressed concern that the District is not working towards an end concept at Boca National - “the big picture”.

Ms. Harms responded that the District is awaiting a financial package for the golf course to present to the City.

Mr. Koski offered that the numbers given by Price/Fazio for the golf course are still valid; they are currently working to establish the type of clubhouse and the value associated with the building. The golf course has to be coordinated with the clubhouse. Drawings for the golf course are 66% complete. Within a couple of weeks, Mr. Branthwaite will report on the golf course and discuss the items that are not included, such as golf carts. The abandonment of Jeffrey Street and the acquisition of the single-family home on Jeffrey Street are issues that need to be considered.

Commissioner Ehrnst stated the importance of lighting the short course and driving range to obtain economic benefits.

Ms. Harms will attempt to schedule a February joint meeting with the City.

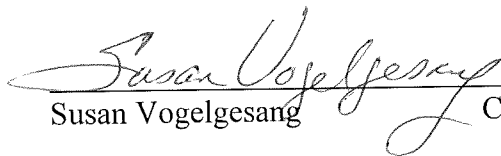
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM –


January 22 - Change in Meeting Date Discussion
Budget Revision Update – Mr. Timberlake
Change Order – Gumbo Limbo Boardwalk
Presentation by the Friends of Gumbo Limbo

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer