

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON
February 25, 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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Robert Dukate handed out a presentation on Boca National Golf Club. He reviewed holes #7 & #8 and offered suggestions to increase safety for the golfers and adjacent property owners.

Mr. Greg Galanis, representing Boca Golf Association, supports the plan provided by the golf course architects and strongly recommends that the Commissioners vote in favor to move forward. Mr. Galanis said his biggest short-term priority is the imminent closing of Boca Municipal Golf Course. He has emailed the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager regarding the present closing date with no response.

Mr. Dennis Ryall asked for clarification on the maintenance shed at the golf course. Mr. Samuel Goren, District Counsel, advised that they are waiting for an assignment from the City (the owner of the property) to move forward with a lawsuit to remove the occupant from the property.

Ms. Regina Ecklaund was happy to hear that the maintenance shed is being addressed and inquired if the number of leagues that currently play at Boca Municipal would be welcomed and able to book league times at Boca National Golf Club. Commissioner Vogelgesang welcomed the idea.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Boca National Golf Club.

Mr. Wayne Branthwaite, golf course architect, provided the Commissioners with a detailed packet containing information and cost estimates for Boca National Golf Club for the District to present to the City for their approval.

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel was concerned about the cost and felt that an additional funds would be needed in reserves to cover overages.

Commissioner Rollins expressed that Mr. Branthwaite's team has done an excellent job assembling the cost and believes that even more value engineering can be done on some of the components once it goes out to bid.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the Boca National Golf Club proposal as minimally amended by the consultant and transmit to the City of Boca Raton as required.

Discussion:

Commissioner Wright would like to hire a golf course manager to review the day to day operations and address golf course maintenance aspects. She expressed concerns regarding the debt service, parking and type of grass that should be used.

Mr. Branthwaite recommended hiring a superintendent after the construction phase begins.

Commissioner Vogelgesang noted that the Districts next step is a Request for Qualifications of the contractors and then go through the RFP process.

Commissioner Ehrnst was very appreciative of the detailed design that was provided; he would like to have a conversation with the City to see if they will be contributing to the new course; the District needs to figure out how it will absorb the cost; is in agreement that a golf course manager is needed; and believes that the Boca National Golf Club will be spectacular for Boca Raton.

Roll Call

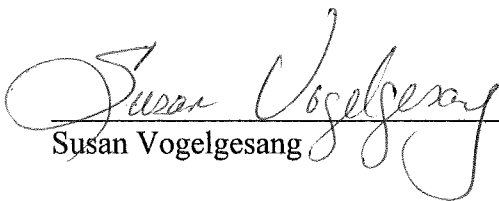
Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at 6:01p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer