

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
October 7, 2019

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Susan Vogelgesang, at 5:18 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Robert DuKate thanked the Commissioners for their time and effort and for being fiscally responsible. He stated that it is up to Ms. Harms, Executive Director, to negotiate with the City to get the golf course built.

Mr. Bruce Diller Verstandig suggested that the District sell Ocean Strand to the City for \$36 million and build the golf course.

Mr. Gabriel Banfi questioned if the District is able, according to its enabling legislation, to divest property. He thanked the Board for the wonderful work they are doing.

Mr. Harold Chaffee commended the Board for all they have done and believes that the District wants what is best for the City of Boca Raton.

Mr. Joe Pedalino suggested the following uses for the Ocean Strand property: make it a passive park, make it an extension of Gumbo Limbo or make it a park "for all people" that is specifically designed to accommodate people with or without disabilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the First Public Hearing held on September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 16, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Sunscreen Dispenser Presentation

As part of her Mitzvah project, Brooke Diamond wanted to raise awareness of melanoma cancer. She collected SPF swim shirts and SPF hats and put them in care packages for 46

economically challenged and at-risk children at the Milagro Center in Delray Beach; she donated hundreds of bottles of sunscreen to the Caridad Center; participated in the Run from the Rays 5K race and raised \$3,000 for sunscreen dispensers.

Mrs. Lauren Diamond and her daughter, Brooke Diamond, respectfully requested the Board's consideration to install sunscreen dispensers at Sugar Sand Park and the Swim & Racquet Center.

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel suggested that the District fund the sunscreen refills.

Mr. Horowitz, District Counsel, recommended a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be drawn up to outline the terms and responsibilities of the parties involved.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to proceed with a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the RDK Melanoma Foundation for the placement of sunscreen dispensers at Sugar Sand Park (one dispenser in between the carousel and playground and a second dispenser near the baseball fields) and at the Swim & Racquet Center (one dispenser at the pool and one dispenser at the tennis center).

Commissioner Ehrnst would like the District to work with the City to broaden this project to other areas.

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2. Ocean Strand

Mr. Jacob Horowitz, District Counsel, stated that the District recently received an unsolicited proposal to acquire the Ocean Strand property. While the District Board of Commissioners has not yet considered this proposal, the general counsel's office reviewed the District's enabling legislation, along with the applicable legal authority, to determine the District's legal ability to sell real property.

After reviewing Ch.2003-313 Laws of Florida, Section 4 of the District's Charter, Mr. Horowitz stated that the Board has the authority to purchase and acquire, purchase or lease real property, but the ability to sell or to convey is not included within the Board's enumerated powers. This legal analysis applies to all District real properties. Counsel will perform additional research to determine whether the District would be able to lease property as a landlord.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to direct Ms. Harms to respond to the unsolicited offer to acquire the Ocean Strand Property in writing, stating that the District is not interested in the offer.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0

3. Patch Reef Park Update

Ms. Harms, Executive Director, asked consideration of the Board to approve CSR Heavy Construction's Change Order #10-Irrigation tie-in in front of existing meter, per the City of Boca Raton's requirement.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve Change Order #10 in the amount of \$12,096.00.

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

Commissioner Ehrnst inquired about the following invoices:

1. Clear Span Structures: Check # 3108 for \$7,005.00 will be voided and deferred pending Counsel's review of the contract.
2. M.D.S. Builders: Check # 3190 for \$228,921.22 will be voided and deferred until the October 21st meeting pending counsel's review of the contract.
3. McNamara Salvia: It was confirmed that this invoice was not previously paid.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the revised payroll and invoices totaling \$671,622.79

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Park Rangers

Ms. Harms noted an increase in Ranger presence and engagement over the last year. She thanked the Rangers for their outstanding work, particularly at the Swim & Racquet Center, after the District meetings.

Sugar Sand Staff

Ms. Harms acknowledged the staff at Sugar Sand Park for their help at the Continuation of the Final Public Hearing on October 1, 2019.

Pumps & Piping Project

Ms. Harms spoke with Ms. Jennifer Bystiga, Coastal Program Manager, regarding the Pumps and Piping project. It is expected to go out to bid in January 2020.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The Notice to Proceed was issued for the design at Gumbo Limbo and the City anticipates responses by early November. They will piggyback the construction and hopefully start in early 2020 for the funicular on the tower.

Employee Pension

Copies of the Florida Trust Pension Plan and agreement was distributed to the Commissioners and counsel for review and will be placed on the agenda on November 4th for consideration.

Beach Permits & Arbor Day

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Ms. Harms advised the Board that Mr. Kalvort provided beach permits and invitations to the Arbor Day Event at Patch Reef Park.

District Counsel-no report.

Commissioners:

Beach Permit Process

Commissioner Wright suggested that a grace period be granted for people who hold beach permits each year. This would help passholders avoid any fees that may be incurred prior to receiving the new permit. Commissioner Ehrnst stated that the beach permit process is archaic and suggested an auto renewal process.

Joint Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Ehrnst asked that the Board communicate their top three agenda items for the Joint meeting to Ms. Harms so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Ocean/ Beach Issues

Commissioner Vogelgesang spoke of her wonderful experience watching the documentary "Troubled Waters-A Turtle's Tale" and suggested that the District be more involved with ocean/beach issues.

Needs Assessment Update

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the progress of the Needs Assessment Survey. Mr. Kalvort, Recreation Services Director, stated that the online survey will go out in the next 2-3 weeks, initially to approximately 300-600 people, then to the whole community.

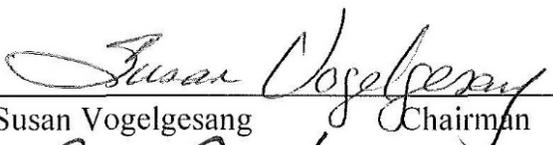
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Explorium Exhibits for 2021
- Golf Course
- 2020 District Calendar
- Joint Meeting Agenda Items
- Employee Pension Plan

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED 4-0


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer

