

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR “VIRTUAL” MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 19, 2020

The “VIRTUAL” MEETING, conducted through the Zoom platform, 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 Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Ms. Harms read emails from the following people into the record:

Ms. Regina Eckland expressed her dissatisfaction with the City’s decision to accept the donation of the Boca County Club and suggested that the District hold off with the planned golf facilities on the east side at Boca Teeca.

Mr. Johnmark Jenkins requested that the District move forward with the golf course on the west side of 2nd Avenue and forego the executive course and golf academy.

Mr. Rick Heard believes that there is still room for much of what was planned for the Boca Teeca property, including a full-scale learning center, driving range, a putting course, and a challenging executive short course.

Mr. Scott Conwell is in favor of turning the Boca Teeca area into a recreation location creating a central park typesetting.

The following people called into the meeting during public comments:

Mr. Greg Galanis, representing the Boca Golf Association, expressed his thoughts and concerns about golf in Boca. He also read emails from the following association members: Carolyn Cilla, Thomas Lambert, Cindy Tomayko, and Joel Bowie stating their desire for an executive course on the east side of Boca Teeca.

Mr. Harold Chaffee was extremely disappointed with the City’s decision regarding Boca Country Club. He suggested building a 9-hole course, driving range, and a Learning Center on the east side of Boca Teeca.

Mr. Robert DuKate stated that golf should not be a part of any new development plans. He believes that there is a need to start a committee with residential input from the city residents for the development of the Boca Teeca area and mentioned a memo from 2017 from the City Attorney regarding deed restrictions and that they do not apply to Municipal owners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the Regular “Virtual” meeting held on October 5, 2020, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Golf Course Discussion

The City recently disclosed that they have accepted a donation of a golf course at the Boca Country Club. There has been no communication from the City regarding the current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for the west side of the golf course property at Boca Teeca.

District counsel reviewed the District’s obligations under the current golf ILA with the City and advised that it is a binding enforceable document and there is a legal contractual relationship between the District and the City of Boca Raton.

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the site plan from the City and the District’s obligation to build the course based on the design that was submitted; the partnership between the City and the District and how it is defined; the possibility of building an executive golf course, driving range and practice area on the east side; modifying the ILA due to the current circumstances; the abandonment of Jeffrey Street; breach of contract and damages incurred to the District due to lost resources; transparency; and the deed restrictions at Boca Teeca.

Ms. Harms noted that to date the District has spent approximately \$850,000 on design; \$350,000 on the maintenance of the course and \$730,000 on demolition.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to have the Executive Director and District Counsel meet with City staff and the City Attorney to discuss an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement; discuss any deed restrictions related to the Boca Teeca property, and plan a Joint Meeting.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Employee Evaluation Process

Ms. Harms presented a revised employee performance process and an employee performance evaluation process based on the Board's suggestions at the last meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Executive Director's authority to allocate pay raises up to 5%; the need for more specific job descriptions; adding specific benchmarks, setting up an education budget for employee training; setting up a timeline for correcting issues if an employee is not meeting expectations, and defining the pay increase percentages.

Ms. Harms will make the suggested revisions and present them at a future meeting for approval.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$ 43,943.13.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

CRA

The City has a hearing scheduled on October 27, 2020, to discuss the District's request to eliminate its CRA obligations. Ms. Harms has requested additional financial information from the City for the clarification of funds.

Ocean Strand

There were some permitting issues that have been resolved and the process of removing the invasive plants will begin over the next two weeks. The plans for the approval of the asphalt walkway and the ramp area will then be submitted.

Patch Reef Park Pickleball

Two bids came back for the Patch Reef Park Pickleball RFP. References are being called and the Board will receive the bid packets for review.

Shade Structures DeHoernle

The City has requested \$100,000 to complete the shade structures at DeHoernle Park. Ms. Harms advised that the request can be accommodated with the reserve fund.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to amend the FY 20/21 budget to allow for the funding to the City for \$100,000 for the shade structures at DeHoernle Park.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Counsel:

Ocean Strand Title Search

Counsel has received additional title information on the Ocean Strand property. A Title Opinion will be issued to the District that indicates that the three excluded parcels, that were not part of the recorded Declaration of Restrictions for the Ocean Strand property, are owned by the District. A memorandum and revised document will be prepared to include this information.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Ehrnst would like to make the Boca Raton Beach & Park Foundation a priority and add it to a future agenda. He believes that it will greatly benefit the community and he volunteered to run the foundation if needed.

Commissioner Engel and District counsel have had discussions with other municipal organizations and taxing authorities about how they run their foundations. Mr. Engel believes that a foundation would be beneficial to the community and he will supply more information to the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Wright mentioned the need for the bathroom facilities at the soccer fields at FAU to be cleaned before the soccer games on the weekends.

Commissioner Vogelgesang confirmed with counsel that the virtual forum for District meetings using the zoom platform will end in October. The next District Board meeting on November 2, 2020, will be held in person in the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park.

Commissioner Rollins will provide Ms. Harms with the contact information for FAU to discuss the bathroom needs and the netting on the west side of the fields that are in disrepair. Mr. Rollins believes that the new golf course that the City acquired is a wonderful addition to the City's recreational amenities although he was disappointed in the lack of transparency and he feels that the District's concerns could have been incorporated into the City's decision.

A representative from the Boca Raton hospital inquired with Mr. Rollins if the District could allocate 60 parking spaces per month at Sugar Sand Park for the hospital's employees and construction workers for one year.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel that the District does not have the space to accommodate the Hospital's request for 60 parking spaces at Sugar Sand Park.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Commissioner Ehrnst inquired about the field usage policy for children and families at the parks.

Commissioner Wright noted that the athletic staff at the Spanish River Athletic Complex have been on their phones in the evening instead of monitoring the fields.

Ms. Harms will speak with Recreation Services regarding both topics.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Joint Meeting
Beach & Park Foundation
Use of Fields Policy
Pickleball RFP Award

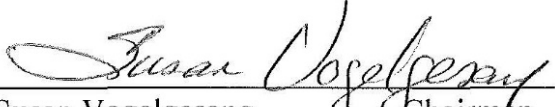
ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer