

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR “VIRTUAL” MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 5, 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: Item # 2 Ocean Strand Declaration Amendment was deferred.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

The following people emailed their public requests that Ms. Harms read into the record:

Mr. Jim Miller, representing the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, summarized the financial commitments for the Tower project and understands the District’s concerns for the possible overrun costs. He believes that the estimates from the City are conservative.

There were no requests to speak during public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the Final Public TRIM Compliance Hearing held “Virtually” on September 17, 2020, at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Regular “Virtual” meeting held on September 21, 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. Boca Raton Beach & Park Foundation

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were prepared by counsel to initiate a conversation regarding the Boca Raton Beach & Park Foundation. The financial requirements and personnel needed for the Foundation still must be addressed.

Commissioner Engel felt the necessity to initiate this Foundation to help the District during uncertain economic times and to provide community involvement on an individual and corporate level, financially and through volunteer work. The financials, infrastructure, and community stakeholder’s involvement need to be determined.

Members of the Board inquired about the costs; the staff; the amount of time that would be involved to operate the Foundation and the need for a Mission Statement.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to defer the Boca Raton Beach & Park Foundation until a future date when more information as to the actual costs involved are established.

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel will consult with counsel, obtain additional information from other foundations, and provide the requested information to the Board at a future date.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Ocean Strand Declaration Amendment- This item was deferred.

3. Employee Evaluation Process

Ms. Harms presented an employee performance process and an employee performance evaluation process with job descriptions and salary ranges for the Board’s consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding job descriptions; salary ranges; review periods, percent ranges for pay increases; cost of living increases; bonuses, and the evaluation process. Ms. Harms will incorporate the Board’s suggestions and report back at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$ 1,343,810.97.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Ocean Strand

Ms. Harms met with City staff and representatives from Maracore Builders to review some maintenance concerns that Recreation Services had at Ocean Strand property. City staff will work with Maracore Builders to get the permitting process moving forward and remove the invasive plants in the next few weeks.

Robert Langford Memorial

Dr. Dennis Frisch, a former BPD Commissioner, contacted Ms. Harms and suggested that the memorial for the former Executive Director, Robert Langford, be placed at one of the remaining blank pedestals that the Rotary Club donated by the Carousel at Sugar Sand Park. The Rotary Club may come forth with dedication suggestions regarding the remaining pedestals.

Gumbo Limbo Tower MOU

The Friends of Gumbo Limbo asked that the District remove any references, in the Third Amendment to the Tower MOU, regarding splitting the cost of overages between the District and the Friends. If the project does go over the \$1.2 million the Friends will revisit the discussion with the District and the City.

Ms. Harms recommended removing the overage references as to not hold the project up for the Donor Family.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to remove the language from the Third Amendment to the Tower MOU that requires the Friends of Gumbo Limbo to participate in half of the overages in the construction of the tower.

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

The Title Search Report for the Ocean Strand property identified both the District and the City as joint owners of the three out parcels, however, the deeds from 1994 do not reference joint ownership. Counsel is working with the Title Company to resolve this issue.

Virtual Meetings

Executive Order 20-69, which allows for virtual meetings, has been extended to October 31, 2020. The Governor advised local governments to be ready to resume normal operations in November.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel reiterated his disappointment for not getting the Foundation started and will do the necessary research and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Ehrnst is optimistic that whatever happens with the possibility of the City obtaining an additional golf course, it will be good for the community.

Commissioner Rollins believes that the District did purchase the three out parcels at Ocean Strand from the City and received the title to the property. He will research and report back to the Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Ocean Strand Declaration Amendment
- Pickleball RFP
- Prioritization of District Projects
- Employee Evaluation Process

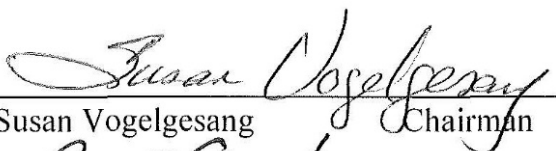
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


 Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


 Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer