

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR “HYBRID” MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 16, 2021

The “HYBRID” MEETING took place in the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park and was also conducted virtually through the Zoom platform. 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 Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

The following people emailed public requests to be read into the record:

John Holloway was pleased to extend the MOU with the District for funding of the Tower project until December 31, 2021. A kickoff meeting was held for the design, bid package preparation, and construction administration/observation. Completion of the project is anticipated by the first quarter in 2022 and the estimated high cost remains at \$1.2 million.

Steve & Mary Ann Haar, Greg Galanis, Mary D. Lafuente, Regina Ecklund, Doreen Rosario, Judy Gold, Roberto Gomez, Shirley Walsh, and Harold Chaffee expressed their thoughts and ideas for the Ocean Breeze property. All comments will be added to the RFI for Ocean Breeze and reviewed by the Board.

The following people called into the meeting:

Greg Galanis hopes that the District finds a path forward for developing a golf facility on the East side which includes an executive golf course, a full-size driving range, and a lighted practice area.

Raul Travieso is appreciative that the Board recognizes the exploding growth of pickleball and that they are considering building enough courts to meet the needs of the growing number of players. He invited the Board to a free one-hour introductory pickleball lesson.

Robert Dukate does not support building a golf course at Ocean Breeze.

Allie Severino does not support building a golf course at Ocean Breeze and offered the following suggestions for the property: visually appealing walking and bike trails, sculpture gardens, outdoor fitness equipment area, a community garden, an area for yoga, pickleball courts on the westside, a picnic area, area to rent bikes, display the artwork of local artists and botanical gardens.

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 “Hybrid” meeting held on February 1, 2021, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Ehrnst | Yes |
| Commissioner Engel | Yes |

Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Ocean Breeze Discussion

Ocean Breeze RFI

The Ocean Breeze RFI has been posted to the District’s website and social media accounts. The deadline for submission is April 9, 2021, at 2 p.m. A submission file will be created and a link to the file will be posted on the District’s website for the public to access.

1.a Continued Discussion of the Amended & Restated ILA

Executive Director Harms virtually attended the City Council workshop and felt that the feedback from Council and staff was very positive. Ms. Harms hopes to meet with Mike Woika, Assistant City Manager, and Michael Kalvort, Recreation Services Director this week to continue ILA discussions.

Discussion ensued regarding the positive outcome of the workshop meeting; the need to clarify if the City desires to restrict golf on the property; the opportunities for an executive course on the east or west side of the property; having the members of the public attend the City council meetings and workshops to make their concerns and ideas known to the members of City Council and staff; broadening the ILA for recreation and allowing access for infrastructure; working together with the City; financial sustainability; the City’s plans for Boca Country Club; the need for a championship pickleball facility; supporting the City’s efforts at the Boca Country Club; getting an opinion from the National Golf Foundation if it is financially feasible for the District to do the short course and lighted driving range, and embracing all ideas from the RFI.

2. Gumbo Limbo Tower MOU

A fourth amendment to the Gumbo Limbo MOU was presented to the Board for consideration. This amendment will extend the commencement date of the project for an additional 12 months to December 31, 2021.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Gumbo Limbo MOU extending the commencement date for an additional 12 months to December 31, 2021.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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3. Staff Evaluations

Executive Director Harms presented the staff evaluations for the Board’s consideration. The evaluations would begin in April, the Commissioners would have 30 days to review and provide comments and will be completed by June. The Executive Director will establish a system with the Chair, similar to other Special Districts, to evaluate the Executive Director.

Discussion ensued regarding a policy for accrued compensation for time off and continuing education requirements. Ms. Harms will obtain a copy of the City’s policy and find out how much the City spends each year in compensation for accrued time off compared to its overall payroll costs.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the staff evaluations as presented by Executive Director Harms.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$47,282.61.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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| 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:

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Courts

The new pickleball courts are scheduled to open on March 1, 2021, weather permitting.

Sugar Sand Park Batting Cages

The batting cages have been completed at Sugar Sand Park.

Ocean Breeze RFP for Clean Up & Demolition

The Ocean Breeze RFP for Clean Up & Demolition bids are due back Friday, February 19, 2021, by 2 p.m. Staff will evaluate the responses and hope to have a recommendation by the first meeting in March.

RFI for Recreational Amenities at Ocean Breeze

The RFI for Recreational Amenities at Ocean Breeze has been advertised on the District website and social media. Community responses are coming in daily. The deadline for submission is April 9, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Florida Association of Special District's Certified District Manager

Executive Director Harms has been accepted to attend the Florida Association of Special District's Certified District Manager course. The course will be held virtually the week of March 22 -25th.

Annual Audit

Work has commenced on the annual audit.

San Remo Update

Letters were sent out to the residents of San Remo regarding conveying the entranceway property to the District to make improvements. Ms. Harms has spoken with the President of the HOA who is not interested in conveying the property but is willing to continue discussions after reviewing additional information that will be provided by Ms. Harms.

Joint Meeting

Staff is working to confirm a date for a virtual Joint meeting between the District and the City, the tentative dates are April 12th or April 26th.

Counsel:

Mr. Horowitz congratulated Ms. Harms on being accepted into the Florida Association of Special District's Certified District Manager course.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Wright questioned the status of Ocean Strand and suggested that access to the District's email archive only be granted to District staff to fulfill public record requests. The Board of Commissioners and staff currently have access to read all emails on the email archive.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to restrict the email archive access to staff only to fulfill public records requests.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Commissioner Ehrnst requested that Mr. Kalvort, Recreation Services Director, help ensure that the taxpaying recreators have access to use the fields at the parks without a permit.

Commissioner Engel congratulated Ms. Harms on being accepted into the District Managers course and asked counsel to research how to ensure that everyone that has city resident access to the District facilities is paying taxes.

Commissioner Rollins thank Commissioner Wright for all her communication efforts with the City on the development of Ocean Breeze; suggested that the District be cognizant of the plans that the City has for the Boca Country Club as they may solve some recreational issues, besides golf, that the District spoke about putting at Ocean Breeze; and encouraged everyone to read the two charter amendments on the City's ballot and to vote responsibly.

Commissioner Vogelgesang thanked Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke for her positive input and help to unite the District and City Boards back to a place of cooperation. She looks forward to a productive Joint Meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Boca Teeca Property & Clearing RFP
Ocean Breeze ILA Update
Gumbo Limbo Tower Follow Up
Verde Elementary MOU
Field Usage Discussion

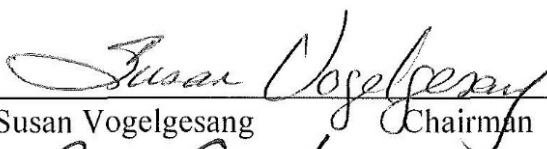
ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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| 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