

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR “HYBRID” MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 19, 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 called into the meeting:

Rick Heard thanked the Commission for the opportunity to provide a proposal for the Ocean Breeze property. He would like the Commissioners to choose a vision, communicate the vision and get some buy-in.

John Holloway, Executive Director of Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Incorporated, dba Friends of Gumbo Limbo, stated that the Friends will offer a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the District to cover the \$144,000 shortfall for the seawater pumps and piping project at Gumbo Limbo. He hopes that the Board will see the Friends as an ally in bringing this project to life and an indication of its hopes for future collaboration.

Bruce Diller Verstandig complimented the Board and expressed his gratitude for the District holding its ground regarding the Pipes and Pumping project. He thanked Executive Director Harms for her fabulous presentation at the City Council workshop and believes that it is important for the District to hold on to every penny it has to develop its own parks.

Harold Chaffee, President of Keep Golf in Boca, commended the District for a fantastic job with the RFI for Ocean Breeze and its transparency with the results. He recommended a generator at Gumbo Limbo for the pumping station and questioned the location that the pump station will be moved to.

Greg Galanis thanked the Board for its continued efforts and was happy to see that golf ranked high in the RFI results. He requested that the District move forward thoughtfully with the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the Regular “Hybrid” meeting held on April 5, 2021, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Ocean Breeze Discussion

RFI Results

The RFI Results for the Development of the 212 Acres of Recreational Property were tabulated with golf and walking, running, cycling trails being the top two suggestions submitted. The District will take into consideration the Need's Assessment Survey results, the City's plans for the Boca Country Club, Phase 2 of DeHoernle Park, and the downtown campus moving forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's approval of the westside of the course; not jeopardizing the status of the bonds that were issued; the quality and quantity of the responses submitted and how to mold them together; the importance of the City's input; creating an independent group of community volunteers to assist; not jeopardizing anything related to the City's golf course; being able to accommodate the public's interest in recreational amenities by being careful of the design and placement; consensus with the City on the placement of the amenities; getting a timeline on the City's projects; the possibility of an executive course, driving range and learning center on the east side of the property.

The Joint Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, April 26, 2021.

2. Pipes & Pumping Project-Gumbo Limbo Inc. MOU

Executive Director Harms presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Gumbo Limbo Inc. for the Board's consideration. Gumbo Limbo Inc. will provide the \$144,246 that is needed to move the Pipes and Pumping project forward with the City to award the contract and commence work.

Discussion ensued regarding the District's obligation for operations and maintenance (capitol); the ANCA Study; the importance of having a documented relationship with the Friends; updating the Red Reef ILA; FAU's contribution to the site; and the placement of the pumps on the east side of A1A.

Jennifer Bystiga, Coastal Program Manager, explained that pulling from the ocean water underneath A1A going to Gumbo Limbo creates microbubbles and a loss of pressure. Placing the pumps on the east side of A1A will push the water to Gumbo Limbo creating more pressure and power.

Melissa Dawson, the District's Facilities Manager, will monitor the progress of the project, attend the weekly meetings and report back to the Board.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gumbo Limbo Inc. for the Pipes and Pumping project as presented.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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3. Senate/House Bill Update

Senate Bill 402-Legal Notices

Senate Bill 402 pertains specifically to legal notices and provides for certain revisions to state law as it relates to the notice publication requirements in newspapers. If it were to be adopted, the District would no longer be required to publish its notices and annual meeting schedule in the newspaper, a new requirement under Bill 402 would be to publish the notice provisions on the District's website.

Senate Bill 1624- Special District Accountability

Senate Bill 1624 and House Bill 1103 pertain specifically to Special District Accountability; requiring certain independent special districts to contract with an independent entity to conduct performance audits; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Governmental Accountability to conduct performance audits of certain special districts. It also has additional requirements for performance audits that are reported annually and require that certain data be added to the District's performance audits.

Both Senate Bill 402 and Senate Bill 1624 were set to be heard by the Appropriations Committee this day, however, no updates have yet been posted. Counsel will continue to monitor both bills and inform the Board of any action taken.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$35,418.40.

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:

Boca Teeca Clean-Up Update

CSR Construction was given the Notice to Proceed on the Boca Teeca Clean-Up project. Work should commence next week starting with the eastside entranceway. Additional work that will be completed includes the irrigation system, demolition, removal of construction fencing, and pruning of the trees.

Pool Deck Resurfacing

The Swim & Racquet Center pool deck resurfacing will begin on May 10, 2021. Permit holders at the Swim & Racquet Center will be able to utilize Meadows Pool in the interim. Work is estimated to be completed in 3-4 weeks.

Audit

The District's annual audit is near completion.

Joint Meeting Technical Setup

Technical setups for the virtual Joint meeting will be held for the District Commissioners on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Commissioner Ehrnst: confirmed that the District will not be doing any improvements to the west side of the Yamato Road entrance since the San Remo community has not provided any feedback regarding the west side; inquired when the Swim and Racquet Center will extend the pool lap lane time limit, and recommended reserving funds for the Pipes and Pumping project's contingency fund in the FY21/22 budget.

District Counsel:

The Governor's Emergency Order 21-45 (Emergency Management- Extension of Executive Order 20-52 COVID-19) is set to expire on Monday, April 26, 2021. Counsel will update the Board if it is extended or if any other action is taken.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel inquired when work on the Pipes & Pumping project will begin and if the District would be able to fund any contingency, if needed for the project, prior to the funds being reserved in the 21/22 budget.

Commissioner Rollins looks forward to the District's facilities opening safely to the public and mentioned that the School Board has published its list of summer camps it will be having at various field houses. He feels fortunate that the leagues and the recreation programs that use the District facilities do pay attention to CDC guidelines and that there has been very little interruption to recreational play in our community on the open space areas.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

RFP- Auditor

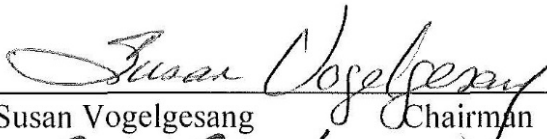
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 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