

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR “HYBRID” MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
May 17, 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:*

*Councilwoman Monica Mayotte* advised the Board that she is working with City staff on an ordinance to prohibit polystyrene foam containers, balloons, and confetti from being used on city property and city events. The ordinance will be introduced to City Council on May 25th and a public hearing will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Raul Travieso*, representing the Boca Raton Pickleball Club, expressed his support for the Pickleball Tournament proposal that is on the agenda. He believes that the tournament would be good for the community, tourism, and recreational revenue. He offered to coordinate volunteers for the event.

*Greg Galanis* stated that he spoke with the City Manager, Recreation Services Director, and the Mayor and that they acknowledged support for golf on the Ocean Breeze property. Mr. Galanis requested that the Board find a way to move forward with its decision on golf for the Ocean Breeze property.

*Rick Heard* urged the District to create a vision, reach an agreement and make a decision on golf for the Ocean Breeze property.

**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 May 3, 2021, 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. Pickleball Tournament Presentation**

The APP (Association of Pickleball Professionals) requested the Board's approval to host a first-class pickleball tournament at Patch Reef Park in January of 2022. Mr. Carl Foster, President/Event Director of Foster Events Group, and Mr. Ken Herrmann, Creative Founder/CEO of the APP Tour presented their vision for the tournament which would be live-streamed worldwide for 3 days via YouTube and Facebook Live. CBS sports would also provide coverage of the event finals. The tournament would include a charity night to benefit the local first responders, divisions for wheelchair participants, youth and skill level players from 3.0 to professional, and would utilize many volunteers from the community. Barbara Cytrynowicz, Tennis Supervisor at Patch Reef Park, was available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued regarding parking accommodations, the impact the tournament would have on the tennis courts; the time frame for the preparation and breakdown of the tournament; partnering with a non-profit organization in Boca Raton; if the nonresident tennis members at Patch Reef would have to pay nonresident fees if they are moved to Memorial Park during the tournament; an economic impact study; the scheduling of youth sports and other activities in the community at the time of the tournament; and having parking regulated at the tournament.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the tournament to be held at Patch Reef Park.

### **2. Ocean Strand Update**

#### **Archeological Assessment Results**

The archeological assessment of the Ocean Strand property that was required by the Planning and Zoning Board has been completed. The Phase 1 Cultural Resource Assessment review concluded significant findings at Ocean Strand and the property will be registered with the State as an archeological site. Additional phased archeological studies can be completed but are not recommended for the purpose of a pedestrian-accessible park. Now that the Ocean Strand will be recorded as an archeological site, it is recommended that the project be scaled back and not include the removal of the invasives along the north and south side of the park.

Executive Director Harms presented a proposed revised scope of work for the Board's consideration. If approved, the revised plan must be reviewed and approved by the City of Boca Raton. If the City does not require any changes to the proposed plan, the plans will need to be priced based on all tree removal must be done by hand under the supervision of a representative from the archeological group that provided the assessment and all asphalt and mulch paths square footages will need to be recalculated and repriced.

The revised plan allows for the clean-up of the central hammock by hand under archeological oversight and provides for an ADA accessible path into the park and to a picnic table near the current asphalt path.

Maracore Builder's Change Order #'s 7, 8 & 9, which are all credits totaling (\$278,890), were presented for the Board's consideration. These credits reflect the withdrawal of removing the invasives along the north and south sides of the park.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve Maracore Builder's Change Order #7 Invasive Clearing Central Hammock CREDIT (\$57,630.00)

**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 Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve Maracore Builder's Change Order #8 Invasive Clearing South Property Line CREDIT (\$89,030.00)

**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 Ehrnst to approve Maracore Builder's Change Order #9 Invasive Clearing North Property Line CREDIT (\$132,230.00)

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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**Memorial Request at Ocean Strand**

Executive Director Harms was recently approached by a family interested in providing a significant financial contribution towards Ocean Strand in exchange for a dedicated section of the park to honor their late family member. The family requested that a memorial plaque and a couple of benches be placed by the water on the western portion of the park.

Discussion points:

- A policy should be implemented regarding District protocols for memorials.
- Implementing a plan for community involvement for the removal of the invasives.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the memorial and directed Ms. Harms and District counsel to work with the family on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and bring it back at a future date for the Board’s approval.

**3. Ocean Breeze-RFQ Ocean Breeze Master Plan Services**

Executive Director Harms provided an RFQ for Ocean Breeze Master Plan Services for the Board’s consideration. The RFQ will aid the District in choosing a consultant to help design a park on the 212 acres of property at Ocean Breeze. The RFQ would be advertised for 30 days, and the responses would be evaluated and ranked at the public meetings in July.

Discussion ensued regarding the option of putting an executive course on the property, the possible revenue it would produce, and the development costs; consensus on an executive course being a visioning item with the opportunity to be developed; support for some level of creative golf at Ocean Breeze but not an executive course; pickleball; the District’s financial budget; prioritizing the planner’s ideas; having a plan that the City will support and help fund; that each Board member is entitled to their own opinion on the subject; how the RFQ will provide an understanding of direction and cost; that the RFI respondent’s requests deserve to be considered; possible complications with the east course if Clint Moore Road goes through it; the need for public input; and the popularity of smaller courses.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the RFQ, as presented, for the Ocean Breeze Master Plan Services.

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$2,126,052.95.

Discussion:

Executive Director Harms was directed to inquire:

- when the City O & M invoices will be available. The City is currently six months behind, making it difficult for the District to plan as it enters the budget season;
- if the City obtained any PPP funding for their payroll; and

- if Sugar Sand Park has been fully staffed since it has been closed due to the pandemic and what the job descriptions are.

**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:**

Verde K-8 Agreement

The Palm Beach County School Board has the Verde K-8 Agreement on the agenda for approval at their June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Audit

The District FY2020 audit has been completed and certified. No comments or recommendations were made on the audit.

Boca Teeca

The storage tanks have been removed, debris removal at the maintenance building has begun; tree trimming on the west side of the course is scheduled to start later this week; the pressure cleaning and carpenter work the front entrance has been completed; painting will begin this week and the irrigation plan for the front entrance should be available this week.

Pool Deck Resurfacing

The Swim & Racquet Center Pool Deck Resurfacing started today, work should be completed before the July 4th weekend.

Gumbo Limbo

Restroom renovation design has begun. Ms. Harms clarified some comments that were made at the City Council’s Strategic Planning Session regarding the District’s role in the master plan and noted that it was the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, not the District, that worked on a master plan. The city has tasked the District with renovating the facility. The District has approved nearly \$1,000,000 in renovations this year in addition to the Pumps & Piping project.

Ocean Breeze:

An RFP for Maintenance at Ocean Breeze will be added as a future agenda item.

RFI Respondent Presentations

Once a designer has been selected from the RFQ submittals; public input meetings will be scheduled to allow the RFI respondents to present their ideas.

Public Meetings

The District will resume in-person, public meetings at the Swim & Racquet Center in June. The meetings will also be held in a hybrid format for those who do not wish to attend in person.

**District Counsel:**

Governor DeSantis recently signed Executive Order 21-102, invalidating all local rules, regulations, and restrictions with regards to the covid pandemic.

**Commissioners:**

*Commissioner Wright* suggested working on a cohesive marketing plan for all of the beaches parks and recreation in the city. Ms. Harms will discuss the subject with Mr. Kalvort, Director of Recreation Services.

*Commissioner Ehrnst* agreed with the need for a marketing plan and inquired when the carousel at Sugar Sand Park will re-open.

*Commissioner Engel* would like the City to know that the District wants to be a partner with the City in developing a master plan for all the parts in the city, including the parks in the District.

*Commissioner Rollins* believes that the District has served the recreational needs of the community very well and reviewed some of the District's accomplishments; read the Attorney General's findings that District does not have the legal authority to sell, lease or otherwise convey real property owned by the District; requested a copy of the activities report; felt that City Council's recent criticism of the District regarding the overall recreation master plan was undeserved and unappreciated.

*Commissioner Vogelgesang* inquired about the status of developing soccer fields at Verde Elementary; and stated that she never heard a request for the District to participate in a master plan and was confused by the City Council's comments that the District was reluctant to do so.

*Executive Director Harms* suggested hiring an architect-engineer that would be under a continuing services contract with the District on a per diem basis in the next fiscal year; and will provide Board with the summary of a conversation that she had with the Recreation Director that was referred to by City Council at the Strategic Planning Session.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Ocean Breeze Maintenance RFP

Budget Update

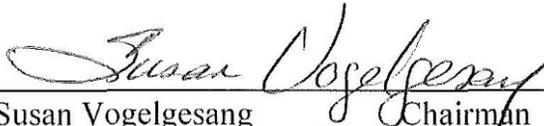
**ADJOURNMENT:**

<p><b><u>MOTION</u></b> was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.</p>
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**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
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Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

  
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Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer