

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 17, 2022

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was also conducted virtually through the Zoom platform. The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN Erin Wright 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:

Mr. Robert DuKate stated that he went to a City council meeting and distributed the Ocean Breeze Master Plan to have transparency on what their outlook was. He provided his concerns about the Master Plan and the Public-Private Partnerships to the District Board and expressed the community's frustration with the delays in the project.

Commissioner Wright clarified that the District did not direct Mr. DuKate as a resident to go to City Council and present the Master Plan as a representative of the District. She requested that Mr. DuKate state that he is representing himself when attending public meetings.

Commissioner Rollins addressed Mr. DuKate and said that City Council members and observers must have been confused about whom Mr. DuKate was representing when he handed out the District's Ocean Breeze Masterplan at the council meeting. Commissioner Rollins noted that immediately after the District approved the Master Plan it was sent to the City Manager who forwarded it to the City Council and that there was no lack of transparency on behalf of the District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 3, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Executive Director Harms noted that the Motion on the top of page 5 needed to be corrected to read that Commissioner Ehrnst made the motion to approve the Ocean Breeze Master Plan, not Commissioner Engel. She read the following corrected motion into the record along with additional notes before the motion:

During the Commissioner comments, Commissioner Ehrnst asked if he could make a motion for the District to approve the conceptual master plan that has been presented and authorize the next step of it to explore closely with the city and possibly public-private partnerships but for the Executive Director and chairperson to do so expeditiously. The District's legal counsel indicated that a motion could be made since the topic was on the agenda. Discussion followed, with all Commissioners generally in consensus with the conceptual design, and a desire to explore next steps.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the conceptual Ocean Breeze Master Plan as presented and authorize the Executive Director and Chair Wright to expeditiously talk with the City to explore all options for city participation

in the building and designing of the park. In addition, to begin the process of exploring possible Public Private Partnerships.

Commissioner Vogelgesang withdrew her original motion and made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2022, as amended by Executive Director Harms.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 3, 2022, at 5:15 p.m., as amended by Executive Director Harms.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Library Presentation

The City of Boca Raton’s Library in partnership with the Friends of the Library is seeking to add Little Free Libraries at the Swim & Racquet Center, Patch Reef Park, Sugar Sand Park, and a Story Walk at Patch Reef Park. Library Manager, Ellen Rudolph, and Shilo Perlman, Boca Raton Public Library Events and Community Engagement Librarian gave a presentation and answered questions about the program.

StoryWalks

StoryWalks are an educational opportunity to promote literacy along popular walking paths in the City of Boca Raton. StoryWalks feature 18 pedestals along walking paths that allow young children to read along the way and discover stories in nature. This program was brought to Boca Raton through funding from the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library to help encourage young children’s interest in reading. The library will install and maintain the StoryWalks.

Little Free Library (LFL)

Little Free Library (LFL) is a community project. The library team coordinates the site selections, purchasing, and installation of the little free library. The Friends of the Library fund the LFL stands and provide quality used books. The library team is responsible for maintenance.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve adding the Little Free Library and StoryWalks in the areas presented.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Mr. Goren will coordinate to prepare any legal documents necessary to implement the program.

2. Sugar Sand Park Plat

The District engaged Calvin Giordano & Associates (CGA) to evaluate Sugar Sand Park plat data, conservation easements, and City code to review if areas are available within the site for a new disc golf course and what the city's requirements might be. After review and research, CGA and the District representative met with City staff to discuss the opportunities, challenges, and processes for adding disc golf to this site. Director Harms noted that there might be constraints such as parking and FPL easements that need to be further evaluated and will provide an update at a future date.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$2,865,704.26

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:

Ocean Breeze

The Ocean Breeze Master Plan has been added to a city workshop scheduled for November 7th.

School District

Director Harms continues to work on the mutual agreement with the School District. She met with them to discuss the agreement and shared the Ocean Breeze Master Plan including the pool concept.

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Courts

Calvin Giordano & Associates is scheduling a site review with city staff of the new pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park. Once reviewed, they will begin writing the specs for a bid package which should be advertised in late December or early January.

Sugar Sand Park Roof

The Requests for Bids for a new roof at Sugar Sand Park Community Center have been advertised and sent out to local roofers. Delays may ensue due to the supplies needed on the west coast of Florida from Hurricane Ian. Ms. Harms will provide an update as information becomes available.

Sugar Sand Park Columns

The specs for the RFP for the repair of the support columns at Sugar Sand Park are expected to be completed by late November.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The city has started reviewing the bid documents they had previously put out to make edits as requested by the District Board.

Pipes and Pumping Project

Two new seawater intake lines have been installed and pump station construction is in progress. The deep excavation to install intake pumps was successful and the contractor is currently installing the below-ground infrastructure. Within the next few weeks construction will be fully above ground. The pump house delivery is delayed but expected within the month; the schedule has been extended into December based on material availability.

Red Reef South Restroom-

The restroom is on schedule to be completed by year's end.

Red Reef Sail Pavilion

A contractor has been identified for the Red Reef Sail Pavilion project; the city is waiting to receive a quote for the project.

Countess DeHoernle Maintenance Building

A contractor has been recommended for the project and the city will review the recommendation.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel inquired about the feasibility of setting up a fund to finance or somehow subsidize residents in need who live in the reserve area and want to use the city library system. Discussion ensued. Director Harms will discuss the topic with city staff at a meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Rollins commented on how today's technology offers more opportunities for people to watch, participate, and keep up with District meetings.

Commissioner Vogelgesang commented on the staff's positive attitude at Red Reef Golf course and thanked Mr. Greg Stevens, Acting Recreation Director, for a job well done.

Commissioner Wright and Executive Director Harms met with four City Council members individually to review the Ocean Breeze Master Plan and get feedback prior to attending a city workshop. After receiving feedback, Chair Wright inquired if the Board would be amenable to directing Miller Legg to adjust the Master Plan slightly to have golf only on the northwest corner. Discussion ensued. The Board was in consensus to keep the Master Plan as presented by Miller Legg unless there was a valid reason for them to support a change in the plans.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

2023 Schedule of District Board Meetings & Holiday Closings
Ocean Strand Temporary Construction Easement Amendment

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Erin Wright

Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer