

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 18, 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. Raul Travieso thanked the Board for approving the APP Masters International Pickleball Tournament at Patch Reef Park and asked that the Board consider approving additional pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park to accommodate the growing sport of pickleball.

Mr. Art Turpel also thanked the Board for approving the pickleball tournament and asked that they consider approving additional pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park. He believes that it is a uniquely social game and the expansion of courts at Patch Reef would allow enough courts for lessons, scheduled play, and open play.

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 meeting held on January 3, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

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. RFP Responses for the Operator of the James A. Rutherford Community Center

The District received responses from the YMCA of South Palm Beach County and Zero Empty Spaces to the RFP issued for an Operator of the James A. Rutherford Community Center at Patch Reef Park. The purpose of the RFP was to provide public programming to all residents of Palm Beach County and supplement current recreational programming offered at all Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District facilities.

Mr. Evan Snow and Mr. Andrew Martineau from Zero Empty Spaces and Mr. Jason Hagensick and Mr. Bryan Hunt from the YMCA each gave a brief presentation of what they would offer to the community and answered questions from the Board.

The Commissioners unanimously ranked the YMCA #1 and Zero Empty Spaces #2. They felt that the YMCA was the best fit for the facility and that its intended uses (summer camps starting in 2022 and additional programs throughout the year such as karate, gymnastics, and engineering programs for children) were more in line with Patch Reef Park and the community. The Board recommended that Ms. Harms negotiate a contract with the YMCA.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt the rankings and recommendations of the Board, YMCA #1 and Zero Empty Spaces #2, and provide direction to the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the YMCA for the Operator of the James A. Rutherford Community Center.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Patch Reef Park Work Order for Pickleball Courts

Executive Director Harms requested the Board's approval of the Calvin Giordano & Associates (CGA) work order for \$264,520 to do the design, permitting, and construction administration services work to resurface the existing tennis and pickleball courts (converting the current six pickleball courts back to two tennis courts) and adding eighteen new asphalt pickleball courts (including lights) at Patch Reef Park. Ms. Jenna Martinetti (on zoom) and Ms. Robin Verse (in person) from CGA were available to answer questions from the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the project's timeline (the entire project is estimated to take two years from start to finish), the possibility of keeping the existing tennis courts open on a revolving basis, and any impact it would have on the budget.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the Calvin Giordano & Associates Work Order, as presented, in the amount of \$264,520 to do the design, permitting, and construction administration services work for the resurfacing of the existing tennis and pickleball courts and the additional eighteen pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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 as presented, totaling \$175,144.73

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 Updates

Miller Legg is currently preparing a survey that will be distributed in the mail and on the website. The link for the Ocean Breeze Master Plan can be accessed through the District website (mybocaparks.org) under the "Projects" menu; or by clicking on the "Ocean Breeze Master Plan" icon halfway down the home page; or by searching: oceanbreezemastrplan.com.

Miller Legg Visioning Workshop Meeting

The first Visioning Workshop Meeting will be held on February 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Room at Sugar Sand Park. Accommodations for virtual participation at this meeting are being investigated due to the rise in Covid cases. Information will be posted on the website when available.

The Gumbo Limbo Tower

The Gumbo Limbo Tower bids are due back to the City on Friday, January 21, 2022.

Ocean Strand

City Council will be considering a conditional use approval to authorize the development of a passive park at the Ocean Strand property at the next City Council meeting on January 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Grant Writer

Executive Director Harms inquired if the Board had an interest in putting out an RFP for Grant Writers to see if there are any State or Federal funds available for park improvements. This item will be added to the next agenda.

APP Boca Raton Masters

The APP Boca Raton Masters Pickleball Tournament will be held at Patch Reef Park from January 18th -23rd.

Final City Invoices

The final O & M invoice for September 2021, has been completed. An additional \$1,200,000 will now be available in the District's Reserves.

Thank You

Ms. Harms thanked the Theatre/City staff for their help.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang thanked the City of Boca Athletic Division's staff for their help with Top Soccer.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the DeHoernle Park Maintenance Facility; reported on his recent visit to the Boca Raton Country Club; and inquired about the District newsletter.

Commissioner Ehrnst offered congratulations to the Chair and recommended that more volunteer information be included in the District newsletter.

Commissioner Engel complimented the Chair on a job well done and looks forward to a great year.

Commissioner Wright inquired if there was any follow-up on the School District discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Ocean Strand Discussion
- WZA Agreement
- Review of the DeHoernle Park Maintenance Facility
- RFP for Grant Writers

ADJOURNMENT:

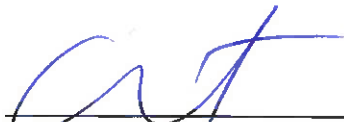
MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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 Erin Wright Chairman



 Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer