

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 7, 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. Greg Galanis made some observations about the City Council Workshop regarding the District's Ocean Breeze Masterplan and thanked Chair Wright and Director Harms for a great presentation.

Mr. Jack Mc Walter commented on the City workshop meeting and suggested preparing a simple site plan to present to the city.

Mr. Harold Chaffee suggested that the District focus on the walking trails, the golf course, and the bicycle trails at Boca Teeca. He does not support having a P3 for the golf component at Boca Teeca.

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 17, 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. Solar Panels at Sugar Sand Park

At the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District meeting held on July 5, 2022, the Board directed staff to research and obtain information on the costs and benefits of adding solar panels to the new roof at Sugar Sand Park Community Center. Staff met with representatives from a local solar panel provider, Freedom Energy, who analyzed the current electric consumption at the community center and the new roof's specifications. The cost would be approximately \$300,000 and the energy savings are estimated at \$1,635 per month. The payback period is estimated at under 12 years and the return on investment may be approximately 7.4% per year. If the Board would like to pursue adding solar panels to the

new roof at Sugar Sand Park Community Center the next step would be to hire CGA to write an RFP and solicit proposals in accordance with Florida Statute 287.057.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to further explore solar panels and any other options or different features that may be available and that the savings are visibility communicated within the Community Center.

Discussion:

Commissioner Rollins agreed that a battery backup would be extremely helpful and that the District needs to consult the Insurance company to ensure that there are no issues with the installation of the panels.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Budget Amendment for FY2022

Mr. Merv Timberlake provided a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022 and Resolution 2023-01 for the Board's consideration. On July 25, 2019, the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Friends of Gumbo Limbo regarding the boardwalk and tower project at the nature center. Pursuant to the agreement, the Friends donated the first payment of \$250,000 to the District on October 15, 2019. The project was delayed. Under Amendment #5 of the MOU, if construction had not commenced by May 31, 2022, the District was required to return to the Friends of Gumbo Limbo any funds provided by the Friends. On June 6th, the District Board of Commissioners authorized the payment of \$250,000 to the Friends of Gumbo Limbo. The District's 2021-2022 operating budget needs to be revised to appropriate funds for this payment.

Mr. Sam Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution 2023-01 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 into the record.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve Resolution 2023-01 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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3. 2023 Schedule of District Board Meetings & Holiday Closings

Director Harms presented a listing of proposed 2023 Board Meetings and Holiday Closings for consideration of the Board.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the 2023 Schedule of District Board Meetings and Holiday Closings 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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4. Boca Teeca/ City Council Workshop Update

On November 7, 2022, at the City Council Workshop meeting, Chair Wright and Executive Director Harms presented the Conceptual Master Plan for the Ocean Breeze property to the Council to get their support to move forward with design plans for the property. Chair Wright stated that Council was very positive about the overall plan and gave their support to move forward. Executive Director Harms noted that she will work to have Miller Legg provide a scope of services for managing the P3 process by the next meeting.

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 \$149,830.38.

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:

District Counsel:

Mr. Goren will provide the status of the Temporary Construction Easement at Ocean Strand at the next meeting.

Executive Director:

Swim & Racquet Center

The court resurfacing project has commenced at the Swim & Racquet Center.

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Possible Hurricane

The City Manager and staff will meet to discuss preparation decisions needed for the hurricane. Residents can sign up for alerts online at myboca.us.

Safety Assessments

Safety assessments are being conducted for all District parks, a list of recommended items will be sent out to the Board and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioners:

Commissioners Engel, Ehrnst, Rollins, and Vogelgesang thanked Chair Wright and Executive Director Harms for a job well done presenting at the City council workshop.

Commissioner Ehrnst reported on the importance of volunteers and keeping their programs up and running.

Commissioner Rollins commented on the wonderful job that the city does in maintaining the fields and managing the recreational needs of the city.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired if there was any equipment on the Ocean Strand site from the Temporary Construction Easement.

Commissioner Wright recommended adding Longevity Pay as an agenda item at the next meeting and reminded everyone to get out and vote!

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Ocean Strand Temporary Construction Easement Amendment
- Roofing Recommendation
- Miller Legg Work Orders for P3
- Longevity Pay for District Employees

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

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Erin Wright Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer