

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 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: Item #2 Review of the Maintenance Facility at DeHoernle Park was deferred.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Ms. Regina Ecklund, representing herself and Boca Teeca Condo 7, thanked the District for the improvements that were made to the corners at N.W. 2nd Avenue and Jeffery St. Ms. Ecklund expressed concerns about the survey that Miller Legg sent out for the Ocean Breeze Master Plan and asked that it be sent out to all Boca Teeca owners.

Ms. Phyllis Elias requested a copy of the survey from Miller Legg.

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 18, 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. Gumbo Limbo Tower Discussion

The City received one bid back for the Gumbo Limbo Tower Project at \$2.6 million. The project was budgeted for \$1.2 million which included a donation of \$600,000 from the Friends of Gumbo Limbo. Due to supply chain issues, the current bidder would not be able to complete the job by the September timeline.

Executive Director Harms, City staff, and Mr. John Holloway from the Friends of Gumbo Limbo discussed waiting a few months to see if prices will come down or plateau and then rebidding the project. Waiting a few months may solicit more bidders and competition for the project and will allow time for a grant writer to look for alternative funding for the project. Director Harms recommended postponing the bid.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to postpone the bid consideration received for the Gumbo Limbo Tower project, for a period to be determined.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ehrnst was disappointed with the bid amount and suggested having the project valued engineered; questioned if the current ramp system should still be used and suggested giving the City the assistance needed to get the project done. Commissioner Vogelgesang requested to see the current bid specs to review.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Review of the Maintenance Facility at DeHoernle Park-Deferred

3. San Remo Maintenance Lease Termination

When the District purchased the west side of the Ocean Breeze property in conjunction with the City of Boca Raton, it inherited a lease to maintain the San Remo entrance off Yamato Road. Mr. Horowitz, District counsel, confirmed that the District is unable to make improvements to private property with public funds, so they sought to have the property transferred to the District. The homeowners preferred to maintain the property and keep ownership of it. The San Remo Maintenance Lease Termination Agreement will release the District from its obligation of maintaining the property to city code. District counsel reached out to the city attorney's office as a courtesy to let them know that this item was being considered by the District and to see if they have any interest in the property and have not yet heard back from them.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the San Remo Lease Termination, as presented.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ehrnst was disappointed in the Boca Teeca community that there was little cooperation to help beautify the entrance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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4. Grant Writer RFP

Executive Director Harms presented the Grant Writer RFP for the Board's consideration. The following amendments were added to the RFP:

- A Grant Evaluation section was added under the Scope of Services
- Under the Qualifications section, a line was added stating that contingency fees will not be considered.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Grant Writer RFP, as amended.

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 Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$102,971.96

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 Strand

City Council unanimously approved moving forward on the Ocean Strand Park. There are still administrative items that need to be satisfied before the permits will be issued. City Council suggested putting dog waste receptacles and recycling bins at Ocean Strand. Director Harms will contact Mr. Kalvort from Recreation Services to review the City ordinance on allowing dogs in the parks and to discuss ways to incorporate recycling in the parks.

Patch Reef Tennis and Pickleball Project

A kickoff meeting is scheduled on February 8th to discuss the project.

Swim & Racquet Center Renovations Update-

The project will be bid in April, work will be scheduled to start in June or July depending on permitting.

Patch Reef Infill Remediation

Two fields will be completed in March. The final field will be completed in May.

Boca Teeca Update

The Visioning Workshop will be held on February 9th at 6 p.m. Director Harms clarified that the statistically valid survey that was sent out by Miller Legg was not a general survey for all the residents, just a specific cross-section of the entire City and the District areas. Miller Legg will have an open survey for the public available in the next few weeks.

Verde K-8

Chairman Wight and Executive Director Harms met with the new Principal, Ms. Codling, from Verde K-8, to discuss the ILA. It was the consensus of the Board to have Director Harms explore the possibility of developing a field at Verde with the Palm Beach County School Board and the City.

Pipes & Pumping Project Update

The contractor expects to mobilize for the Pipes & Pumping project in one to two months.

District Counsel:

The District Counsel's office is finalizing the YMCA Agreement.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel would like to have future contracts with the city capped with a dollar amount that would be determined for each project, instead of a percentage of the cost of the construction.

Commissioner Ehrnst agreed with the suggestion to put a cap on future contracts. He reported that Mr. Travieso offered his services to help design the pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park and help with a nonprofit foundation. He would like to see the volunteer base in the parks become more permanent. Commissioner Ehrnst inquired about the status of the Pipes and Pumping Project between the City and the Friends of Gumbo Limbo and asked Director Harms to research the Via Verde agreements to make sure the District is properly represented.

Commissioner Rollins agreed with Commissioner Engel's comments on how the future contracts are written and is concerned with cost overruns with the DeHoernle Park maintenance facility. He supports having Mr. Travieso help with the design of the pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park and thanked Chair Wright for her input at the City Council meeting regarding Ocean Strand.

Commissioner Vogelgesang agreed that future contracts should be capped with a dollar amount in the future. She reported on the bathroom problems at Woodlands Park, and the garbage overflow problem at both the District and City facilities. She thanked staff for all their efforts put into the maintenance and cleanup of the Ocean Breeze property.

Discussion ensued on the need for recycling in the parks and asking City Council to support the dog community by adopting a resolution and modifying the current ordinance to allow dog-friendly parks in Boca Raton.

Commissioner Wright thanked City Council for its 5-0 vote on opening the Ocean Strand park.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Review of the Maintenance Facility at DeHoernle Park
YMCA Agreement
Via Verde

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 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