

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
April 4, 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. Tom Thayer extended an invitation to the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations meeting on April 5, 2022, at the Downtown Community Center at 8:30 a.m. and the Boca Raton Kiwanis Club Easter Sunrise Service at Red Reef Park, at 7 a.m.

**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 March 21, 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 ADA Parking and Access Project**

Originally the ADA parking spaces and access ramp connection to the boardwalk were to be completed with the Tower Project prior to the initiation of the Gumbo Limbo Master Plan project. The City is seeking District approval to move the ADA parking spaces and access ramp connection projects from the Tower project, which has been postponed seeing if prices will come down, to the Gumbo Limbo Master Plan project. The estimated cost will be \$81,612.

*Discussion ensued* regarding the tower project and its timeline; concern for getting the project done for the donor's sake; the MOU with the Friends of Gumbo Limbo (currently known as the Coastal Stewards of Gumbo Limbo); The Coastal Steward's support of the tower project being broken out so the tower project would not include the infrastructure costs; bidding everything in components and having it valued engineered; the reason for breaking up the bid; setting precedence if the bid is split up; concern regarding the City's commitment to rebidding the tower project or it being further delayed.

Mr. Greg Stevens, Recreation Superintendent for the City of Boca Raton, called in through zoom to explain the project and answer questions.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to rebid the entire tower project including the ADA access and parking. The bid should allow contractors to bid on the entire project or just portions of it and solicit contractors' suggestions for value engineering the project to reduce the scope and cost.

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**2. Ocean Strand Update**

Maracore Builders, LLC was notified of approval from both the City’s Planning and Zoning Board and City Council for the concept plan for Ocean Strand. They reevaluated the pricing of the project based on the new conditions established during the approval process. The increase to the overall budget for the development of Ocean Strand Park for FY2022 is approximately \$150,000. If approved, this would bring the budget allocation amount from \$300,000 to \$450,000.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to increase the Ocean Strand budget by \$150,000, for a total project budget of \$450,000.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Rollins requested that the park benches and picnic tables be anchored down to prevent movement and/or injury. He inquired if the District received an official notification from the State of Florida clearly stating that Ocean Strand is an archeological site. Director Harms explained that having an archeological representative present to monitor the removal of certain species/items was recommended in the report, but not required by the archaeologist and that it was one of the City’s approval stipulations.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the maintenance costs at Ocean Strand Park and the procedure if there were a storm and items were not anchored down.

Commissioner Ehrnst requested that items like benches and signage be consistent with other Boca parks and that they are of higher quality.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes

Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes  
Commissioner Wright Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**3. Red Reef sail Pavilion and Restroom**

As part of the City's budget requests for FY2022, the District approved the Red Reef Sail Pavilion Replacement for \$100,00 and the Red Reef South Restroom Renovations for \$208,000 for a total of \$308,000. The City has requested an increase to the CIP budget for these projects by \$107,000 based on bids they received back. The new total will be \$415,000.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to increase the previously approved CIP budget of \$308,000 for the Red Reef Sail Pavilion Replacement and the Red Reef South Restroom Renovations by \$107,000, for a total of \$415,000.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Rollins noted that the District needs to be cognizant of what the requests for an increase in funds are doing to the long-term implications of District projects and would like support if the District needs to increase its millage rate.

**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 as presented, totaling \$1,560,333.85

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **Executive Director:**

#### **Patch Reef Park**

The YMCA has begun the registration process for summer camps, and it is off to a great start.

#### **Sugar Sand Park- Hockey Rink Surface Update**

The vendor expects to have a new material to test on the surface this week and will ensure it is evaluated by city staff and users before covering the entire surface; shade shelters are back up at the hockey rink.

#### **Swim & Racquet Center Lighting and Resurfacing Project**

The design specs and bid sheets were received from Calvin Giordano & Associates and have been sent to legal for review. The project was advertised Friday with a closing date of May 13, 2022.

#### **Sugar Sand Park Carousel**

The bid to repair the carousel went out this week with a closing date of May 6, 2022. The specialty parts have all been ordered and the sweeps are anticipated to arrive by mid-June.

#### **Patch Reef Park -Pickleball and Tennis Resurfacing Project**

The site survey has been completed; the initial concept is under review by users, City staff, and the pickleball community.

### **District Counsel:**

#### **Commissioners:**

*Commissioner Vogelgesang* inquired about the status of the partnership with 4Ocean at Ocean Strand.

*Commissioner Rollins* stated that he would like the City to move the trucks out of Patch Reef Park to another location to provide more parking at Patch Reef Park.

*Commissioner Ehrnst* is looking forward to the Miller Legg presentation on April 18th and stressed the importance of communication with the City.

*Commissioner Engel* extended wishes for a joyous Easter and Happy Passover to all.

*Commissioner Wright* addressed a recent article that was published and misconstrued her comments.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Miller Legg Presentation  
Salary Evaluations

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

<p><b><u>MOTION</u></b> was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.</p>
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Discussion:

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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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Erin Wright Chairman



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Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer