

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 1, 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 VICE-CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright-*Absent*

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Raul Travieso, on behalf of the Boca Raton Firefighter and Paramedic Benevolent Fund, thanked the Sugar Sand Park Field House staff for going the “extra mile” during the Annual Charity Indoor Pickleball Tournament on July 20th – 21st, 2022.

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 July 18, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Ehrnst | Yes |
| Commissioner Engel | Yes |
| Commissioner Rollins | Yes |
| Commissioner Vogelgesang | Yes |

MOTION PASSES 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. YMCA Programming

Executive Director Harms requested permission to negotiate an amendment to the existing agreement with the YMCA to include programming camps for winter break, spring break, and summer camps for next year as well as a program overflow space.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for aftercare programs and evaluating the need for additional restroom facilities.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an amendment to the existing contract to include programming and bring it back for Board approval.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Ehrnst | Yes |
| Commissioner Engel | Yes |
| Commissioner Rollins | Yes |
| Commissioner Vogelgesang | Yes |

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2. Budget Discussion (CIP Projects)

Executive Director presented the City Capital Improvement Programs for District-funded projects. District staff met with Mr. Greg Stevens, Acting Director of Recreation Services, and city staff several times to discuss the budget. Mr. Stevens was present to answer any questions regarding the city CIP projects.

Director Harms recommended that the District budget for the projects listed and continue to work with Mr. Stevens and his staff on reducing costs.

Discussion:

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired if the \$165,000 cost for the Spanish River Maintenance Facility was for design.

Commissioner Ehrnst agreed that the Spanish River Maintenance Facility needs improvement and stated that the life towers at Spanish River Beach need repair and should be addressed as soon as possible. He supports participating in all the projects listed.

Commissioner Engel inquired if the chillers project at Sugar Sand Park should be a District Capital Expense.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the fences for the Spanish River fields and wanted to confirm that they were included in the budget. He supports the proposed City CIP as presented.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$2,460,560.61

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Ehrnst | Yes |
| Commissioner Engel | Yes |
| Commissioner Rollins | Yes |
| Commissioner Vogelgesang | Yes |

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Ocean Breeze

Miller Legg will present an Ocean Breeze Mater Plan update at one of the District meetings in September.

Executive Director Harms and Chair Wright will discuss the Ocean Breeze project with the Parks and Recreation Board in September.

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program offers grants for projects. The District will be applying for a FRDAP grant for the Patch Reef Park Pickleball Project. The Executive Director and Facilities Manager, Melissa Dawson, will host a public meeting this month to allow the public to view the plans and provide feedback.

The Perk Your Park Contest

The Perk Your Park Contest has begun! The District has an opportunity to win \$75,000 for the development of Ocean Strand. Please vote daily to help the District win the contest.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Ehrnst suggested that District staff work with the City to do a complete assessment of each of the parks from a security perspective and would like to continue surveying residents on an annual basis regarding recreation. He supports lowering the hours of operation for the carousel to extend its life; encouraged the Director to continue negotiations with School District for an ILA and noted that he preferred the Palm Springs template that was distributed to the Board. He suggested having a \$5 paid admission fee for Gumbo Limbo and supports adding shade coverings at the inline skating rink, pickleball courts, basketball courts, and various sections of the parks.

The Board directed the Executive Director to engage the Boca Raton Police Department and Recreation Staff to provide a security analysis of the parks.

Commissioner Engel suggested putting up signs notifying the public that there are security cameras located in the parks to prevent break-ins as well as increasing the park ranger patrols in the parking lots. He recommended asking the members of the City Council what type of amenities they would like to see at Ocean Breeze. He noted that shade coverings at the parks may limit the air circulation at high-intensity events and should be considered when designing the structures.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired if the ranger reports would help determine where the break-ins are happening in the parks. She asked if the \$5 admission fee at Gumbo Limbo would go directly to operations or some other fund and reported on the success of the Turtle Release Day and the Pickleball Tournament at Sugar Sand Park. She inquired about the maintenance at the carousel and encouraged everyone to get out and vote this month!

Commissioner Rollins believes that security is a paramount interest to all and encouraged staff to work with the Boca Police Department and Recreation Services. He supports the School Board ILA if it is an equal arrangement; and confirmed with the Director that WZA has been hired to explore where a second fieldhouse should go.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

YMCA Amendment

Insurance RFP

Budget Discussion

Employee Healthcare Program

Security Plan for Schools

School District ILA

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ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Discussion:

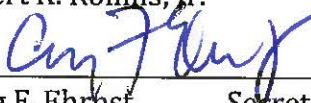
Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Ehrnst | Yes |
| Commissioner Engel | Yes |
| Commissioner Rollins | Yes |
| Commissioner Vogelgesang | Yes |

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Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Vice-Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer