

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 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:

Ms. Jackie Glissman requested permission to give a brief presentation regarding safety measures at a future meeting.

Mr. Harold Chaffee inquired what the Miller Legg presentation that will be held in September would entail.

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 August 1, 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

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REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Employee Healthcare

Executive Director Harms requested the Board's consideration to maintain the current employee healthcare plan through Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 with an annual plan increase of \$5,502.

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Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes

Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes
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2. Budget Discussion

Executive Director Harms presented a preliminary budget which included all the CIP projects requested by the City; the CIP projects the District will manage for District-owned facilities; and the City Operation & Maintenance requests. Director Harms recommended approval of the requests to give the City the leeway needed to work on hiring, programming, and serving the residents.

Discussion ensued regarding:

Shade in the Parks

The Board agreed to redesignate the “Sugar Sand Park Roller Hockey Rink Cover” budget item for \$1,500,000 to “Shade Structures” to have the flexibility to use the funds for shade structures wherever they are needed. The parks will be evaluated to see where the best use of shade coverings would be located. If additional funds are needed for this line item, an amendment to the budget can be made.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

\$2,600,000 is currently allocated in the budget to the Gumbo Limbo Tower Project. Commissioner Wright stated that she is in favor of supporting the Tower project providing that the city will modify the bid requirements prior to rebidding the project.

Park Security

District and City staff met with the Boca Raton Police Department to discuss implementing additional crime deterrents at Sugar Sand Park to reduce the number of break-ins. Additional signage will be added and the trees will be trimmed immediately to ensure the lighting at the park is not obstructed. The Police Department will also provide additional security options for consideration that are not in the current budget. Paul Davidson, Recreation Services Superintendent, will be coordinating walkthroughs of all District parks with the Boca Police Department to provide input on additional security measures that can be implemented to ensure the safety of both employees and patrons.

Mr. Horowitz, District Counsel, informed the Board that under Florida Statute, Chapter 281 the District Board would have the option to have a closed-door session, not open to the public, to discuss any security and fire safety system matters on District properties.

Discussion continued regarding having a third party evaluate the security in the parks and adding new wayfinding signs and blue light stations for emergencies.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$113,409.43</p>
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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:

Sugar Sand Park Roof

After evaluating the roof at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, Calvin Giordano & Associates recommended replacing the currently tiled sections with metal to make it more secure for hurricanes. The Municipal Services Director and the Recreation Services Director agreed with the conversion to metal. The cost of the conversion would be included in the budget.

Boca Teeca

Tree trimming was initiated in June to clean up the low-hanging branches and remove dead trees and branches as per the District's RFP and subsequent contract. The final tree trimming will be completed by the end of next week.

School District ILA's

Executive Director Harms met with Greg Stevens, Acting Director of Recreation Services, and Tiffany Lucia, Recreation Services Administrative Superintendent to discuss the School District ILA's. Director Harms will incorporate the notes from the meeting and send them to Counsel for review.

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 Park. Please vote daily!

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang reminded everyone to vote in the primary election and for the Perk your Park Contest for Ocean Strand.

Commissioner Rollins fondly remembered former Mayor Susan Welchel who recently passed away from Alzheimer's disease.

Commissioner Engel reported on the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's annual fundraiser and the need to do the best we can to ameliorate the effects of the disease.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Insurance RFP
YMCA Amendment
School District ILA's

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 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