

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 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 reminded everyone about "D" Day and extended an invitation to the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations meeting on June 7, 2022. Guest speakers will be Michael Corey from Hawkeye Management and Greg Hazle, Executive Director of Boca Helping Hands.

Mr. Robert DuKate suggested that the District provide the City with two different proposals for the Ocean Breeze Master Plan to expedite the process, one that includes golf and one that does not include golf.

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 May 16, 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. Insurance RFP

Executive Director Harms presented the Insurance RFP and thanked Commissioner Rollins for all his help drafting the document. She noted that a few edits still need to be made to the document and requested approval to advertise the edited RFP with one final review by Commissioner Rollins.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the Insurance RFP that will be edited and reviewed by Commissioner Rollins prior to advertising it.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Gumbo Limbo Tower Discussion

Executive Director Harms informed the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Friends of Gumbo Limbo (now known as the Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards) and the District states that if construction of the tower project has not commenced by May 31, 2022, the District shall return to the Friends any funds provided by the Friends pursuant to the MOU. Mr. John Holloway, the President, and CEO of the Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards sent a letter to the District stating that his Board of Trustees does not wish to offer another amendment to the MOU and requested that the \$250,000 donation given in 2019 for the tower be returned.

Mr. Woika, Deputy City Manager, sent an email to the Director stating that the city does not currently have any plans to put the tower back out to bid and offered some options to consider if the District wished to continue the project. Director Harms spoke with the donor family, and they are still supportive of the tower and are willing to work on an MOU with the District.

Discussion ensued regarding rebidding the project; clarifying the options Mr. Woika proposed; additional fundraising needed for the project; the possibility of walking away from the project; hearing the public's opinion on spending \$2,000,000 on the project; addressing the bid spec requirements to make it easier; the national ADA standards; getting a new resolution for the naming rights of the project; and continuing the discussion at the next meeting after gathering more information on the other options.

Mr. John Holloway addressed the Board to clarify that the Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards remain committed to the project and noted that they have raised approximately \$531,000 since 2019 for tower project. Since the MOU has expired, he will need to communicate with the donors associated with the project and determine their preferences regarding how they manage their designated gifts. Once the Coastal Stewards have determined a definitive donation amount the money will be readily available to go towards the tower project or whatever project has been decided upon.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to postpone the item for further discussion at the next meeting on June 21,2022.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Commissioner Wright Yes
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Racquet Center RFP

The Racquet Center Renovations RFP was advertised for 30 days, distributed to eleven companies and two nation-wide bid distributors. The deadline for the bids was Friday, May 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and no timely bids were received. On May 13, 2022, at 4:46 p.m. the District received a proposal from Fast-Dry Courts consistent with the scope of work in the advertised RFP for the Racquet Center Renovations for the total project amount of \$1,135,000 which includes a \$90,000 contingency. The project was budgeted for \$750,000. Fast Dry's proposal showed significant increases in the costs of clay and steel that had not been previously anticipated.

Since the District has fulfilled its obligations for a competitive selection process for this project in accordance with Florida Statute 287.057 and no competitive bids were received, Executive Director Harms inquired if the Board would like to directly engage Fast Dry Courts to perform the scope of services set forth in the RFP. Alternatively, the District may readvertise the RFP in another effort to competitively procure a vendor to perform these services.

Discussion ensued regarding safety and cost factors.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to accept the proposal from Fast Dry Courts to perform the scope of services set forth in the Racquet Center RFP for a total project amount of \$1,135,000, which includes a \$90,000 contingency.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. WZA Agreement

On November 1, 2021, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.055, the Board awarded a bid to Walters, Zackria Associates (WZA) for Continuing Architect/Engineering Services for the District. Director Harms presented the agreement with WZA to the Board for consideration and noted that both counsel and Commissioner Rollins have reviewed the agreement.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the WZA agreement, as presented.

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 Vogelgesang to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$414,419.55

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:

Ocean Strand

The tree removal permit was issued last week. The District is waiting on final approval of a second permit to be issued and then the work will commence concurrently to save money on the archeologist fees.

YMCA Camp

The YMCA camp at Patch Reef Park started last week and has been very successful..

Pickleball Tournament

In January of 2022, the Association of Pickleball Professionals (APP Tour), held a pickleball tournament at Patch Reef Park with approximately 1,000 participants and over 65% were from Palm Beach County. The event made over \$20,000 and had no negative feedback from residents or complaints from users. The APP Tour is interested in returning next year for another tournament. The Board was interested in having the tournament next year.

District Counsel:

The Florida Supreme Court will be hearing oral arguments on Thursday, June 9, 2022, on the consolidated cases regarding Firearm Regulations and the potential financial penalties that can be levelled by the State against elected and appointed public officials who attempt to regulate gun management and ammunition. Mr. Goren will email a link to the Board to hear the oral arguments.

