

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 6, 2021

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 Susan Vogelgesang 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. Jason Hagensick President and CEO of the YMCA South Palm Beach County advised the Board that the YMCA would be very interested in forming a partnership with the District and will be submitting a proposal to the RFP for the Operator of the James A. Rutherford Community Center at Patch Reef Park.

Mr. Angelo Sands thanked the Board of Commissioners and appreciates their ability to disagree but not be disagreeable. He also thanked Mr. Harold Chaffee for all his dedication and work for the Boca Teeca area. Mr. Sands has trust in the Board's ability to plan the former Ocean Breeze property. He advised them "to go with their heart and their head and everything will be fine!"

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 November 15, 2021, 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. James A. Rutherford Community Center at Patch Reef Park- Request for Proposals
Executive Director Harms presented the Request for Proposals for the Operator of the James A Rutherford Community Center in Patch Reef Park for the Board's consideration.

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Wright suggested amending the RFP under the Selection Criteria section to include that the proposed programming will meet the needs and desires of the community. Other discussions included being prepared to choose multiple entities for different times of the year; the length of the agreement; finding partners in the community; damage deposits; which expenses will be covered; the utilization of the center; having

recreational activities for the youth that will support the needs of the community, and possibly allowing Homeowner Associations to use the facility when it is not in use.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adopt the RFP for the Operator of the James A. Rutherford Community Center in Patch Reef Park, as amended by Commissioner Wright. Selection Criteria Section C1 will state that the Proposed Programming will align with the needs and desires of the community.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. District Meeting Schedule Revision

Executive Director Harms presented a revised schedule for the 2022 District Board Meetings for the consideration of the Board. The first meeting in October will now take place on Monday, October 3, 2022. Director Harms inquired if the Board would like to change the starting time of the April 19th meeting back to 5:15 p.m.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Revised 2022 District Board Meeting Schedule with the first scheduled meeting in October to be held on October 3, 2022.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to change the starting time of the April 19, 2022, meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 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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3. Gumbo Limbo Tower MOU Amendment #5

Executive Director Harms presented the Fifth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Friends of Gumbo Limbo to assist with funding the construction and renovation of the boardwalk and tower at Gumbo Limbo. The fifth amendment states that the project will now commence by May 31, 2022.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Fifth Amendment to the MOU with the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, as presented.

Discussion:

Director Harms clarified that the only change to the MOU was the date that the project will begin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices on December 6, 2021, totaling \$493,072.25

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:

The Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations

The Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations will hold its meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center. The Guest speaker will be Mayor Singer.

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Holiday Street Parade and Boat Parade

The Holiday Street Parade will be held on December 8th at 7:30 p.m. and the Holiday Boat Parade will be held on December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Boca Teeca

Director Harms noted that the District received an email from a Boca Teeca resident who was very appreciative of the clean-up and recent improvements that have been made to the Boca Teeca area. The email mentioned that Melissa Dawson offers outstanding resident support. Ms. Harms thanked Ms. Dawson for all her challenging work, managing CSR, and doing an excellent job getting the project done.

Ocean Strand

The Ocean Strand site plan and the conditional use plan were both approved at the Planning and Zoning meeting last week with a 3-2 vote on each plan. The conditional use application will go before the City Council for approval at a future meeting.

Director Harms addressed the following comments that were made at the Planning & Zoning meeting by a member of the public:

Public Comment #1: The District does not subscribe to the Palm Beach County Ethics Commission.

Director's Response: In January of 2021 Executive Director Harms reached out to the Director of the Palm Beach County Ethics Commission and was informed that since the District is an Independent Special District, the PBC Ethics Commission could not offer services to the District. The District is monitored by the State Ethics Commission. After learning that the District could not join the Palm Beach County Ethics Commission, a page was added to the District's website with links for information on the Florida Commission on Ethics and information on how to file a complaint or call the Commission directly.

Public Comment #2: The Executive Director and the District Commissioners do not file the annual Financial Disclosure Forms.

Director's Response: Every member of this Commission and the Executive Director files the necessary annual Financial Disclosure Forms.

Ms. Harms encourages anyone in the public who hears something that questions the integrity of the Board to reach out to her personally either via email at Bharms@mybocaparks.org or by phone at 561-417-4599.

District Counsel:

Mr. Goren advised that the Temporary Construction Easement for Ocean Strand has been recorded in the Palm Beach County public records. All fees, costs, and expenses have been paid as well as the voluntary contribution of \$15,000.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Wright inquired if the District Board would be interested in partnering with the School Board to build practice fields at the new elementary school that is being built in the fall. She commented on the Planning and Zoning meeting and inquired if anyone heard feedback on the Boca Raton Country Club golf course.

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Commissioner Engel commented on the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Commissioner Ehrnst will attend the Federation meeting to represent the District. He believes that the District Board needs to be represented at the City Council and other meetings that are held. He commented on the Planning and Zoning meeting, pickleball, beach volleyball, and the need to support the American Disabilities Act in all District projects.

Commissioner Rollins inquired when the Ocean Strand conditional use application will go before City Council. He commented on the recent Planning and Zoning meeting. Mr. Rollins noted that the city staff is doing a great job with the scheduling and maintenance of the District facilities.

Commissioner Vogelgesang commented on supporting special needs in the community and requested that My PR Guru have more community involvement with the upcoming visioning workshops.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

My PR Guru Contract Amendment
WZA Agreement
School District Update
Donor Agreement for Ocean Strand

ADJOURNMENT:

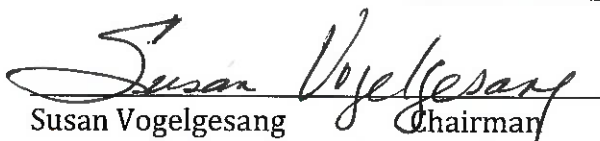
MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

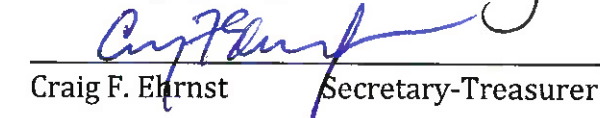
Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer