

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
March 6, 2023

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 *Via ZOOM*  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
Susan Vogelgesang  
Erin Wright

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

**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 February 21, 2023, 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. Ocean Strand Lift Station Easement**

The City of Boca Raton's Utility Services Department has been working to eliminate the use of septic systems on properties by connecting them to a centralized wastewater system. The neighborhood directly north of Ocean Strand is the last remaining neighborhood in the City that utilizes septic systems for the disposal of domestic waste.

As part of its development plan for properties located at 910 and 911 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, the City has requested the developer provide an easement and fund the installation of the lift station that would service their property and the remaining properties in the neighborhood. The developer has asked the District to consider allowing for the easement at Ocean Strand because of the impact that such an easement would have on their smaller parcel. The size of the easement would be approximately 20 x 20 ft to house the lift station equipment and a 10' wide utility easement for piping would be located along the north side of the park. Currently, the water utility easement is under the asphalt pathway that splits the western side of Ocean Strand.

Mr. Ryan Abrams, attorney for the developer, stated that once the lift station installation is completed the easement would be assigned to the city for future maintenance and the lift

station would become the property of the city. Mr. Abrams was available to answer questions from the Board.

The following recommendations were asked to be included in a proposal for consideration by the Board:

- All legal fees and fees including the cost and expenses associated with the installation and future maintenance of this request should be covered by the developer or the City and the District will not incur any liability associated with this request.
- The installation of the lift station should require vegetation buffering which will be maintained at no cost to the District.
- Capacity of the lift station should be made large enough for future use i.e. restrooms at Ocean Strand;
- The water utility easement currently located at Ocean Strand should be abandoned by the City of Boca Raton
- The Developer will be responsible for repairs to any part of the property outside the easement that is damaged because of the installation of the easement.
- The park must remain open to residents during the installation and safety of all visitors must be prioritized.
- Include a generator in case of power failures.
- Must have an easily available connection for future restrooms that will not overload the capacity when connected.
- All electrical lines be placed underground.
- The District will have a concurrent connection to water and electricity.
- Removal of Brazilian Pepper Trees and Australian Pines on the North end of the property line.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize the Executive Director and General Counsel to open discussions and negotiate a potential easement agreement that will be cost-neutral to the District and include the above recommendations for review and consideration by the Board.

Discussion

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

## **2. FAU Restroom Proposal**

At the Board meeting on February 21, 2023, Commissioner Rollins reported that he would provide an estimate from FAU to clean up the Glades Road restrooms. Currently, the restrooms are scheduled to be cleaned every morning between 6:30-7:00 a.m. FAU informed

the District that additional cleanings can be accommodated for an additional rental fee of \$1491.96 per month. This additional fee would include emptying the trash, cleaning the restrooms restocking supplies from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays (22 hours per weekend).

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to authorize the Executive Director and General Counsel to negotiate an addendum agreement with FAU to facilitate additional cleanings at the Glades Road restrooms with specific standards that both parties can mutually agree to.

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 Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$282,352.21.

**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 Story Walk**

The interactive Story walk is up at Patch Reef Park along the walking trail for all to enjoy!

**Accessible Playground**

The District received the design work for the accessible playground at Patch Reef Park. Staff will evaluate and add it to a future agenda for review.

**Gumbo Limbo Tower Donation Agreement**

The agreement with the Coastal Stewards for the Gumbo Limbo Tower donation will be available for review at the next meeting.

**District Counsel:**

Mr. Goren advised that the Legislative Session begins tomorrow, March 7th and counsel will keep the Board informed of any bills that might impact the District.

**Commissioners:**

*Commissioner Vogelgesang* inquired about the status of the Maintenance Building at DeHoernle Park.

*Commissioner Wright* was happy to announce that Ocean Strand Park has been open to the public. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be announced once the signage has been completed. Commissioner Wright requested that a Joint meeting with City Council be scheduled in April or May.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Patch Reef Park Playground Work Order
- New Science Explorium Exhibit Agreements
- Coastal Stewards Tower Donation Agreement
- District Budget Forecast

**ADJOURNMENT:**


**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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| 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