

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
March 20, 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  
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 March 6, 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. Science Explorium Exhibits**

Executive Director Harms presented two Science Explorium Exhibit Agreements between the District and OMSI for the Board's consideration. The "Under the Arctic" exhibit for \$42,500 (plus inbound shipping and insurance) would be featured from January 2024 – May 2024 and the "Animationland" exhibit (for \$42,500 plus inbound shipping and insurance) would run from September 2024-January 2025.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Animationland Exhibit Agreement and the Under the Arctic Exhibit Agreement with OMSI for the Science Explorium, as presented.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Rollins noted that the insurance indemnity provisions in the agreements were reviewed and approved by counsel.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**2. Coastal Stewards Tower Donation Agreement**

Executive Director Harms presented the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Coastal Stewards and the District for the Board's consideration. The Coastal Stewards will remit a donation of \$558,591.00 to the District to be utilized by the District specifically for the Gumbo Limbo Tower Project. In return, the District shall grant the naming rights of the Tower Project to the Coastal Stewards, subject to the approval and consent of the City of Boca Raton.

**A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Coastal Stewards and the District for the \$558,591.00 donation that will be used for the Gumbo Limbo Tower Project, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**3. Maracore Builders Change Orders**

Maracore Builder's Change Orders #19 & #20 for the Ocean Strand project were presented for the Board's approval. The two change orders result in a net savings of \$18,113.66 for the District.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve Maracore Builder's Change Orders #19 & #20 for the Ocean Strand Project, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**4. Sugar and Park Security Enhancements**

Executive Director Harms presented the Board with an agreement to piggyback off of an original agreement with ER Tech Systems (dba Broadcast Systems) for the purchase and

installation of security equipment at Sugar Sand Park totaling \$490,077.16. This equipment would supplement current security equipment at the park. The original agreement was sent to all board members via email but was not included in the agenda packets because of the size of the document. The document is available via public record and was vetted by District counsel prior to preparing the piggyback agreement.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the agreement with ER Tech Systems (d/b/a Broadcast Systems) for the purchase and installation of security equipment for \$490,077.16 in Sugar Sand Park contingent upon the Executive Director receiving confirmation that the City and Police Department approve the system; ensures that the plate readers are installed at both the entrance and exit of the park; and obtains the ongoing operating costs as well as the security reports from the Park Rangers or Boca Police Department.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**5. Patch Reef Park Playground Design Proposal**

The WZA agreement for the scope of design work for the redesign of the Patch Reef Park playground into a fully accessible playground was presented to the Board for consideration. The design scope also addresses the infrastructure including accessible parking, restrooms, and shelter that would supplement the play structure. WZA has agreed to meet with various people, including Mr. Ogman, to provide input on the accessible playground project.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the WZA Agreement as presented for the scope of design work for the redesign of the Patch Reef Park playground into a fully accessible playground.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**6. Patch Reef Park Pickleball Design Additional Services**

Executive Director Harms presented an Additional Services Agreement with Calvin Giordano & Associates (CGA) for the structural design for the new pickleball courts roof covering

structure footers at Patch Reef Park. The cost of the service will be \$31,143.00. The structural design of the roof covering footers will be required for the tie-down of the roof to meet the wind-load requirements of the Florida Building Code.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the CGA Additional Services Agreement for \$31,143.00 for the structural design for the new pickleball courts roof covering structure footers at Patch Reef Park, as presented.

**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 \$594,521.78.

**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:**

*Boca Teeca*

Executive Director Harms reported taking Councilmember Elect Widger for a tour of the Boca Teeca property and stated that she appreciates his interest in the project.

*DeHoernle Park Maintenance Facility*

The Notice to Proceed on the new maintenance facility at DeHoernle Park has been issued.

**District Counsel:**

**Commissioners:**

*Commissioner Engel* thanked Commissioner Ehrnst for his work as treasurer.

*Commissioner Ehrnst* reported on the financial market concerns and requested that he and the Executive Director explore a Treasury fund option with Northern Trust to place the majority of the District funds in as a precaution. He also inquired how the new Patch Reef

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Park Pickleball complex will be operated and suggested that the Director explore all options and report back to the Board.

*Commissioner Vogelgesang* asked staff to research how the larger pickleball complexes in the state are operated and offered to work with the Director to organize interviews regarding input on the accessible playground.

*Commissioner Rollins* reported that he would like to hear from the City on how they would operate pickleball at Patch Reef Park as well as discuss other options for the operation that might provide some funding.

*Commissioner Wright* thanked FAU for cleaning the restrooms at the soccer fields!

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Ocean Strand Lift Station Easement  
Boca Teeca Racquet Sports Facility RFP  
District Financial Forecast

**ADJOURNMENT:**


**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6: 57 p.m.


Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Erin Wright Chairman

  
Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer