

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2023

The MEETING occurred at the Swim & Racquet Center and was conducted virtually through Zoom. 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. Raul Travieso informed the Board that some of the Boca Raton Pickleball Club members attended the City Council workshop meeting to respectfully ask for support to move the Patch Reef Park Pickleball project along.

Mr. Harold Chaffee requested that Public Requests re-open after the Boca Teeca Master Plan Update.

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 1, 2023, at 5:15 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

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Boca Teeca Master Plan Update

Executive Director Harms presented the following updates regarding the Boca Teeca Master Plan:

Design updates:

- All environmental assessments should be completed by the middle of May.
- Miller Legg will meet with mountain cyclists to discuss the trails on the northeast side.
- Much of the design work is pending until the environmental report has been completed.
- The initial designs for the structures, including the maintenance building and restroom structures, are expected by the end of May.

RFP For Racquet Sports Facility

The RFP for the Racquet Sports Facility has gone out. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled at the District office on May 17th at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Lake Worth Drainage District

The Boca Teeca property drains into the canals that connect to the Lake Worth Drainage District. The District will need to annex the property into the Lake Worth Drainage District to continue using the canals. Director Harms noted that the Lake Worth Drainage District said that there will be no assessments on the District or surrounding condominium properties for this annexation and that the District will not be required to contribute towards any improvements on the canals. The process requires an application and appearance before their Board of Directors and eventually an agreement would be written between the two Districts memorializing the annexation.

An alternative would be to disconnect from the Lake Worth Drainage District, which would adversely impact the connected condominiums and result in significant construction on 2nd Avenue. The District's consultant recommended moving forward with the annexation process.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to have the District put forth the request to annex into the Lake Worth Drainage District from the Beach & Park District's property on the east side.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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The Naming of the Park

The following park names were submitted to the Board for consideration:

- Crossroads Park
- Yamato Park
- Pineapple Park
- Boca Colina Park
- Boca Central Park
- Peace Ridge Park
- Sandy Oaks Park
- Four Corners

Discussion ensued. The Board directed Ms. Harms to ask Miller Legg to provide additional options for names that would be more aligned with what is on the property. The Board will select three names and present them to the City Council and the public for input.

Public Requests Reopened at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Harold Chaffee asked if the drainage agreement with the Lake Worth Drainage District would interfere with the new park's design.

Mr. Larry Mielke expressed his concern for safety at Boca Teeca and wanted to ensure that it will be addressed when developing the property.

Mr. Cil Ciliberti suggested naming the new park at Boca Teeca "North Park."

Mr. Marvin Leiken inquired about the intersection of Jeffery Street and NW 2nd Ave; he asked where the entrance for the northern parking lot would be located; and was concerned about the wildlife once construction begins in the area.

Ms. Regina Ecklund stated that: the intersection at Jeffery and 2nd Ave is important for the Racquet Facility access; she would like to bring golf back to the west side and stated that adding a diving range to the park is critical; and asked that "Ocean Breeze" be considered as a name for the new park.

Ms. Amanda Mintz inquired about various aspects of the Masterplan at Ocean Breeze.

Mr. Robert DuKate inquired about the mountain bike trails at Boca Teeca.

2. Patch Reef Park Pickleball RFP

Executive Director Harms presented the RFP for the Patch Reef Park Pickleball Facility Operator for the Board's consideration. She noted that she will be replacing the word "personal" injury with "bodily" injury in the insurance terms.

Discussion ensued regarding the due date for the RFP.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the Patch Reef Park Pickleball RFP with a due date of 60 days.

Roll Call Vote:

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| 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 as presented, totaling \$1,711,386.81.

Roll Call Vote:

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| 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:

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The Gumbo Limbo Tower project is scheduled to start on July 3rd and is anticipated to be completed by the end of February 2024.

Joint Meeting

The Joint meeting between City Council Members and the District Commissioners has been scheduled for August 21, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the 6500 Building.

It was the consensus of the Board to change the regularly scheduled District meeting from August 21, 2023, to August 28, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

District Counsel:

Mr. Horowitz advised the Board that House Bill 199 has passed both the House and Senate. Effective January 1, 2024, each elected local officer of Independent Special Taxing Districts will be required to receive 4 hours of ethics training on an annual basis.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel was happy to see the number of people in attendance and encouraged the public to attend more meetings to provide input.

Commissioner Rollins thanked Raul Travieso and the members of the Pickleball club that attended the City Council meeting to ask for support for the Pickleball project.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the Pumps and Piping Project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Futsal Project at Sugar Sand Park

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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


Robert K. Rollins, Jr. Vice-Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer