

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 5, 2023

The MEETING occurred at the Swim & Racquet Center and was conducted virtually through Zoom. VICE CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright-***Absent***

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Larry Faerman, President of the Soccer Association of Boca Raton (SABR) spoke about the various programs that SABR provides for the community and the number of participants and volunteers associated with each program. SABR supports having a futsal program for the community.

Mr. Art Turpel explained the history of futsal and the need for a place for the community to play the growing sport. He asked the Board's consideration to approve adding futsal at Sugar Sand Park.

Ms. Kristy Hartofilis believes that futsal is a great program that complements the game of soccer and would be beneficial to both children and adults. She would welcome futsal in the Boca Raton community.

Mr. Harold Chaffee expressed his concern regarding the Lake Worth Drainage District possibly removing the trees between the railroad and the Boca Teeca community which would affect the sound barrier for that area. He suggested using the empty tennis courts at Boca Teeca for the futsal project.

Mr. Larry Mielke reminded the Board about the importance of safety and security for the project at Boca Teeca and suggested naming the new park the "Ocean Breeze Park."

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 15, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Futsal Project at Sugar Sand Park

Staff presented the requested expense associated with accommodating futsal at the outdoor hockey rink located at Sugar Sand Park. The outdoor rink currently allows for inline hockey and basketball. Sport Court of South Florida, Inc. has a safe surface that could be put down, allowing the current sports to continue while accommodating futsal. The total expense for the project would be \$150,325.78 and could be completed in approximately 10-12 weeks.

Sport Court of South Florida, Inc. currently has a contract that District Counsel agreed has been properly secured through a competitive bid process. Director Harms presented a proposed agreement between the District and Sport Court of South Florida to utilize this bid for the futsal project.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the Futsal Project at Sugar Sand Park, as presented.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ehrnst questioned if Sugar Sand Park was the best-suited location for this project in the long term, asked who would be running futsal, inquired about the future fieldhouse at Sugar Sand Park, and requested that the outstanding disc golf questions be addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. District Investment Policy Amendment

Executive Director Harms stated that during the audit process, it was brought to her attention that the Continuing Education section in the current District Investment Policy contradicted the state requirement under Florida Statute 218.45(16). Ms. Harms presented an amendment for the Board's consideration that stated, "The appropriate staff shall complete eight (8) hours of continuing education in subjects or courses of study related to investment practices and products."

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the amendment to the District Investment Policy, as presented.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	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 \$3,542,690.74.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Budget

The City's budget request books have been distributed to the Board for review. The Executive Director will schedule individual conferences with each member of the Board to discuss the contents.

Annual Financial Report

The Annual Financial Report has been completed and distributed to the Board and posted on the District website for the public to view.

Ocean Strand

The District received the permit for the sign at Ocean Strand that will be installed by the end of the week. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled sometime in July.

2023 EMS Service Award

Congratulations to the City's Ocean Rescue leadership team. Chief Clint Tracy, Captain Keven Hughes, and Captain Jason Kirkwood were recently nominated for the 2023 EMS Service Award.

Thank you!

Thank you to the City staff for organizing the American Red Cross First Aid training that District staff attended.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Ehrnst would like to discuss and prioritize the following items during the budget discussions: Ocean Strand Master Plan, disc golf; beach volleyball, an update on Pipes & Pumping project; allocating funds for professional staff training, the need for a lifeguard at the South Beach Inlet area.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the agenda topics for the Joint meeting with City Council.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the status of the Gumbo Limbo Tower project. He appreciates the District supporting futsal in the community and believes that it is a growing sport that may need additional facilities to accommodate the need. He asked Director Harms to find out Lake Worth Drainage District's plans to maintain the buffer from a sound standpoint. He assured the residents of Boca Teeca that security will be addressed on the east and west sides of the Boca Teeca property.

Public Comments were reopened:

Mr. Harold Chaffee mentioned that there is a pumping station on the Boca Teeca property that might be able to be used for drainage as an alternative to the canal. He also mentioned that there were wooden poles set up south of the beach entrance near Red Reef that could be used for beach volleyball.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Project
Joint Meeting Agenda Topics
Second Fieldhouse

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Discussion:

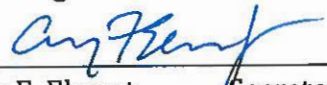
Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Erin Wright Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer