

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 20, 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:

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 June 5, 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. Patch Reef Park Pickleball Project Update

Executive Director Harms advised that the required last step for site plan approval, according to the City code, is for the District to allocate 25% of the pickleball project size to a conservation area in Patch Reef Park. Staff located a spot in the back southwest corner of the park that is a little less than an acre in size to allocate. This space will no longer be able to be developed for anything other than mulch trails. Director Harms requested approval to move forward with the project.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to allocate the portion of Patch Reef Park presented to become a conservation area and move forward with the Patch Reef Park Pickleball project.

Discussion:

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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The next steps for the pickleball project are to go before the Community Appearance Board, the Environmental Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board. If all goes well, the project will go out to bid in August.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of temporarily converting two tennis courts into additional lighted pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park and requesting assistance from the City to expedite the process. Director Harms will explore the possibility with staff and present pricing and any additional information at the next District meeting.

Public Comments were reopened at 5:43 p.m.:

Mr. Raul Travieso, representing the pickleball community in Boca, agreed to convert two tennis courts into additional pickleball courts.

2. Joint Meeting Agenda Topics

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to submit the following three agenda topics to the city for the Joint Meeting: CRA, Boca Teeca Plans, and Recreation Planning in the City.

Discussion: Commissioner Rollins stated that if something occurs in the meantime that needs to be discussed at the Joint meeting, it could be added to the list of topics.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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3. WZA Work Order-2nd Fieldhouse

It was the consensus of the Board to defer this topic until after the Joint Meeting in August.

4. Final TRIM Hearing Date

In preparation for the upcoming TRIM season, the Florida Department of Revenue requested that all taxing authorities provide them with the scheduled date of the final TRIM hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to set the Tentative TRIM hearing date on September 5, 2023, and the Final TRIM hearing date on September 18, 2023, following the regularly scheduled District meetings.

Discussion:

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 Vogelgesang to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$945,652.56.

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:

Lifeguards at County Parks

Executive Director Harms confirmed that lifeguards are on duty at all county parks and beaches, including South Inlet, from 9:00 am to 5:20 p.m.

Ocean Strand –

The inspection for the sign at Ocean Strand is scheduled for tomorrow; the first inspection failed due to a rebar issue.

Carousel Closed

The carousel at Sugar Sand Park is temporarily closed. A new gearbox is needed and will not be available until August.

Financial Disclosure Forms

Financial Disclosure Forms are due July 3, 2023.

District Counsel:

Mr. Goren confirmed that House Bill 199, effective July 1, 2023, requires that the Board complete 4 hours of ethics training that will be certified on Form 1 beginning in 2024.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang requested that the Board receive the ranger reports monthly.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about receiving the park incident reports and requested to be updated on the Lake Worth Drainage District project in Boca Teeca. He reported that the installation of the fencing that he requested to be put in at Spanish River Park to prevent the balls from going into the canals had been started.

Commissioner Ehrnst requested to see the layout of the site parameter of the hills area at Boca Teeca; requested an update on the Gumbo Limbo Pipes & Pumping Project, the Tower Project, and the status of beach volleyball. He encouraged the District to talk to the Boca

Raton Historical Society regarding a name for the new park and commented on what a wonderful place the Historical Society is to visit.

Commissioner Engel inquired about the security measures that will be used at Ocean Breeze to prevent people from cutting through Boca Teeca into the new park.

Commissioner Wright suggested finalizing the new park's name as an agenda item at the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

CRA Discussion

New Park Name

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 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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Erin Wright

Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer