

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 7, 2023

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was conducted virtually through the Zoom platform. The meeting was called to order by CHAIR Erin Wright at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Cil Ciliberti suggested putting sound-absorbing trees and vegetation in a remote section of North Park for free outdoor pickleball. He also supports indoor activities such as pickleball.

Mr. Larry Mielke requested that a certain type of fence be installed with shrubbery near Boca Teeca for security reasons and inquired about the name of the new park (North Park).

Mr. Raul Travieso thanked the Board of Commissioners for their commitment and dedication to the residents of Boca Raton.

Mr. Harold Chaffee is looking forward to seeing the proposals for North Park.

Mr. Robert DuKate suggested that the District contact the city before continuing with the plans for off-road bike trails at North Park since there are no bike lanes along NW 2nd Ave. He feels this will be a safety issue. He would also like the District to contact the Florida Attorney General for its opinion on whether the District having a P3 agreement would violate its charter. He advocated for a community center for public meetings.

Mr. Carl Foster advocated his support for Chicken N' Pickle, who submitted a proposal for the Racquet Sports Facility at North Park.

Mr. Bryan Hunt, representing the YMCA, thanked the Board for allowing the YMCA to operate the James A. Rutherford Community Center at Patch Reef Park. The summer camps they operated were at full capacity and provided a safe and comfortable environment. Campers were looking forward to coming back next year!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes

Commissioner Wright Yes
MOTION PASSES 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. SSP Community Center Roof Replacement Change Order

The Boca Raton Building Department is requiring that Advanced Roofing put 6" adhesive strips over all plywood joints on the community center roof and an additional layer of 30# tar paper over the tongue and groove decks. Neither of these items was included in the original specifications for this project. The Board's consideration was asked to approve Advanced Roofing Change Order #1 for \$51,969.61. The \$150,000 contingency will cover the cost of the change order.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Advanced Roofing Change Order #1 for \$51,969.61 for the Sugar Sand Park Community Center Roof Replacement project, as presented.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSES 4-0

2. Employee Healthcare Renewal

The renewal of the employee healthcare plan, United Healthcare Choice Plus Plan 14 was presented to the Board for consideration. There is no increase in the annual premium for the upcoming fiscal year.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the renewal proposal of the United Healthcare Choice Plus Plan 14 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, for \$42,184.08 annually, as presented.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSES 4-0

3. Racquet Sports Facility Proposals

The RFP for a Sports Racquet Facility was issued and advertised in accordance with Florida Statute 287.057. Proposals were accepted at the District Offices until noon on July 20, 2023. The District received four proposals in accordance with the requirements listed in the RFP from the following companies: Chicken N' Pickle, Boca Paddle Club, YMCA, and Robbie Wagner's.

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A fifth proposal from Camp Pickle was received electronically before the 12:00 pm cutoff time on July 20, 2023; however, this proposal deviated from certain technical requirements set forth in the RFP.

Mr. Goren, District General Counsel, advised that in accordance with the RFP, the Board reserves the right to waive irregularities or technicalities in the bid process and that it would be lawful to choose to accept and consider the proposal from Camp Pickle.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to accept the 5th proposal from Camp Pickle with the proviso that it does not affect the District's ability not to waive any provisions of its RFP protocols in the future.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSES 4-0

Mr. Goren noted that proposals are legally confidential for 30 days and will be available to the public on August 21, 2023.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to set a meeting on September 11, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. to interview all five proposers in accordance with the RFP and Florida Statute 287.057.

Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to interview all five candidates and rank them after the interviews.

An Amended Motion was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to set a meeting on September 11, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. to interview all five proposers in accordance with the RFP and Florida Statute 287.057. Rankings will take place after the interviews. The Board will have the option to defer the ranking on September 11, 2023, to a later date if needed.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSES 4-0

4. Joint Meeting Agenda Discussion

A Joint meeting is scheduled with City Council on August 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium at 6500 Congress Ave. The following items have been slated for the agenda: Parks and Recreation City-wide Conceptual Plan, Boca Teeca Project Update, CRA, and the

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Children’s Museum. Commissioner Ehrnst requested adding the Patch Reef Park Barrier-Free Playground as a discussion item to expedite the project.

5. Budget Discussion

Executive Director Harms prepared a budget based on the proposed millage rate of 1.08 mills, the City O&M, and the CIP projects that were discussed at the previous meeting. Approximately \$3 million will be left in allocated funds for additional projects or repairs that may come up next year. The Board was satisfied with the proposed budget as presented.

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 \$1,612,986.29.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSES 4-0

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Summer Camps at Patch Reef Park

The YMCA summer camps at Patch Reef Park were filled with 560 participants and an additional 200 visitors from the special needs camps. Director Harms read a very positive voicemail that was received from a visitor at Patch Reef Park who observed the camps taking place that stated how well-trained the YMCA staff and volunteers were and that they were doing a great job. Director Harms applauded the YMCA staff for making such a positive experience for campers at Patch Reef.

Patch Reef Park Tennis Facility

The Patch Reef Park Tennis Facility improvement project went before the Environmental Advisory Board which did not approve the project and the Planning and Zoning Board that did approve the project. The next step is for the land use change to go before the City Council for approval. District staff is finalizing bid docs so the RFP can go out by the end of August.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The tower permit is in review and City staff are responding to comments from the city’s Environmental Department. Additional clearing will be needed for the crane.

Sugar Sand Park Fieldhouse

The new divider at the field house has been delivered and will be installed 8/14-8/18.

Congratulations Commissioner Rollins!

Commissioner Vogelgesang sent her congratulations to Commissioner Rollins via a letter read by Executive Director Harms, congratulating him on being honored at the Florida Youth Soccer Association’s annual meeting and being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

District Counsel:

Counsel advised that a title opinion was provided for the Lake Worth Drainage District’s application for North Park as required and that a Notice of Default was sent to the legal counsel for JJ Morely, the company that was granted the Temporary Construction Easement at Ocean Strand. Counsel for JJ Morely did respond, and Executive Director Harms is coordinating with them regarding the repaving and landscaping obligation under the terms of the agreement.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Rollins expressed his concern that activities continue at the parks when the Thor Guard system (a lightning alert) goes off. According to the city’s recreation statement, all activity should be discontinued when the system goes off. Executive Director Harms was asked to speak with the Recreation Services Director Greg Stevens, to ensure that the Park Rangers tell everyone that the system has gone off and that all activities should be suspended until the all-clear signal has gone off.

Commissioner Engel suggested having an additional park ranger to help tell the park patrons that the Thor Guard system has gone off. He was happy to see the sign-up at Ocean Stand and inquired if there would be a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Congratulations were extended to Commissioner Rollins for being inducted into the Florida Youth Soccer Association’s Hall of Fame.

Commissioner Ehrnst agreed with the concerns of Commissioner Rollins and fully supports an automated solution advising people that the parks are closed. He commented that the District has a great opportunity with the pickleball complex at Patch Reef Park and that he would like to have some free pickleball courts available to the public, similar to El Rio.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6: 29 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSES 4-0



Erin Wright Chair



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer