

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 28, 2023**

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was conducted virtually through Zoom. The meeting was called to order by CHAIR 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 thanked the Board for moving so rapidly on the pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park. He noted the increase in player participation from July 2022 to July 2023.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 7, 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 Conversion**

The RFP for the Patch Reef Park Pickleball Conversion was issued and advertised in accordance with Florida Statute 287.057. Proposals were accepted at the District Offices until 11:00 a.m. on August 11, 2023. The District received two proposals in accordance with the requirements listed in the RFP to convert two tennis courts into six pickleball courts. Each contractor was asked to supply an alternate bid to provide a cost to re-install the shade awning between the tennis courts to the west side of the new courts. The following bids were received:

Contractor	Bid Amount	Alternate Bid	Total
Fast Dry Court	\$59,995.	\$6350.	\$66,645.
Mc Court	\$68,793.	\$2,000.	\$70,793.

**Discussion:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Fast Dry Courts proposal, as presented, for the contractor for the Patch Reef Park Pickleball Conversion Project in an amount of up to \$70,000.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
---------------------	-----

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

## **2. Budget**

Executive Director Harms presented an updated proposed budget summary with the following two updates:

- Under "Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources": a typo in the dollar amount was corrected from \$49,332,300 to \$49,322,300.
- The General Government line increased by \$400,000 to cover property insurance increases.

## **3. Joint Meeting Recap**

### **Patch Reef Park Playground.**

Deputy City Manager, George Brown, has contacted Executive Director Harms and will expedite the process for the work order for the new design of the accessible park.

### **North Park Update**

An update on the North Park project was given to Council.

### **Recreation Master Plan**

A recreation masterplan was discussed at the Joint meeting. District staff will follow up with Recreation Services staff to discuss this.

### **Childrens Museum**

The city is waiting for a feasibility study to be completed.

### **CRA**

The District advised the City Council that it intends to file again for an exemption from the CRA and provided its reasons for doing so.

Executive Director Harms asked for the Board's consideration to give direction to move forward with filing for another exemption from the CRA.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize the Executive Director to go through the process of filing an exemption for payment to the CRA.

### **Discussion:**

Discussion ensued regarding the possible violations of the ILA between the Boca Raton CRA and the District and Florida Statue Ch.163.387.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

Commissioner Wright        Yes  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to research the ability and expeditiously file for a cap on the District's payment for the CRA.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Commissioner Ehrnst        Yes  
Commissioner Engel        Yes  
Commissioner Rollins        Yes  
Commissioner Vogelgesang    Yes  
Commissioner Wright        Yes  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Discussion ensued regarding a possible collaboration with the City to expedite the process of the development of the west side of North Park.

*A "Zoom bomb" (an unwanted, disruptive interruption) occurred at 5:41 p.m. Staff curtailed the situation, the meeting continued to be recorded through audio transmission only, upon the public advice and direction of the District's General Counsel.*

Executive Director Harms will confer with George Brown, Deputy City Manager, on various upcoming projects and a possible needs assessment survey for recreational needs.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$2,345,324.92.

**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:**

**North Park Sports and Racquet Facility Order of Presenters**

Executive Director Harms randomly drew the following bidder's names for the order of the presentations that will be given on September 11, 2023, for the North Park Sports and Racquet Facility project:

#1-YMCA; #2-Robbie Wagner; #3-Camp Pickle; #4-Boca Paddle Club; #5-Chicken N' Pickle.

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Operator Proposals

Interviews for the PRP Pickleball Operator will take place at the District meeting on October 16, 2023.

Red Reef Sail Pavilion Permit

The permit has been issued and mobilization will begin on September 5th to replace the Red Reef Sail Pavilion.

Swim & Racquet Center Locker Room Flooring

The locker room floors will be replaced on September 18-29; staff are coordinating with the installer to minimize disruption to swim center programs and daily users.

**District Counsel:**

**Commissioners:**

Commissioner Ehrnst asked counsel to reconfirm for members of the public that the Beach & Park District can donate any portion of a property to the city of Boca Raton. Mr. Goren, District Counsel, confirmed that given the informal opinion of the Florida Attorney General, dated June 8, 2020, a donation would be a legal transaction because it is not a sale or a lease. Commissioner Ehrnst reported on an issue between the coaches of Boca Mantis and the city. He hopes the city will work closely with the coaches to resolve the issue.

Commissioner Rollins reported that construction has started on the new maintenance building at DeHoernle Park and wanted to remind the city that the District has capped its expenses on that facility project. He mentioned the rectangle fields at DeHoernle and how happy people are to have the new fence there to prevent the balls from going into the canal.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

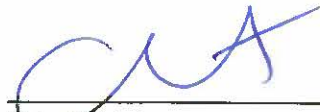
**ADJOURNMENT:**

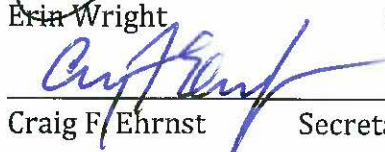
**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

**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