

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

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was streamed live 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. Harold Chaffee inquired about a comment that was interrupted at the last meeting due to the Zoom bombing.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Online Participation at Meetings Discussion

At the District meeting on August 28, 2023, the meeting was "Zoom bombed" (an inappropriate video played by a third party that accessed the public medium for a personal purpose) while being live-streamed. Mr. Goren, District General Counsel, advised that under current law, it is not a requirement under Ch. 286, FS (the Florida Sunshine Law) to have a public meeting streamed or to allow online participation, via what is known as 'Communications Media Technology' as may be the case with certain other governmental agencies. The public must attend the meetings in person to express any comments or concerns.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to livestream the District meetings without online participation from the public.

Discussion:

The public can watch the meetings but will not be able to verbally participate in the meeting through Zoom.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Goren reiterated that members of the public who seek to be heard in public must attend in person.

2. Patch Reef Park Playground Discussion

Executive Director Harms gave a detailed presentation on the Patch Reef Park accessible playground project. The playground will be for children of all abilities and will be expedited

through the permitting process for early completion. The Board provided the following suggestions that will be incorporated before moving forward with the project:

Adding a location to provide balls for bank shot basketball; adding a couple of play restaurants or houses in a shaded area; Commissioner Ehrnst said to spare no expense on the fence around the park and Commissioner Wright wanted to make sure that the turf used would not get hot.

Commissioner Engel extended his thanks to Dave & Stacey Ogman for their input on the project.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented, totaling \$427,581.97.

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:

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Operator Presentation Order

Executive Director Harms randomly drew the following names for the order of the Patch Reef Park Pickleball Operator presentations on October 16, 2023:

#1-YMCA; #2-APP; #3-Paddle Tap.

The city of Boca currently runs the tennis center at Patch Reef Park. If the Board feels that the presentations by the three proposers are not responsive, Mr. Goren confirmed that the Board can legally ask the City to run the center even though they did not respond to the RFP. Executive Director Harms will provide the Board with the city's financials for the operation of the pickleball complex that was provided during budget discussions.

Sugar Sand Park Futsal

The futsal surface at Sugar Sand Park will be going down next week.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang reported on her recent visit to the YMCA and encouraged everyone to take a tour!

Commissioner Ehrnst reported that he attended the Federation Of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations meeting where John Holloway gave an update on Gumbo Limbo and the Coastal Stewards.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

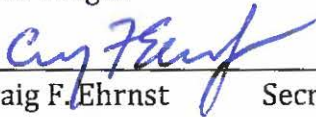
Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Erin Wright

Chair



Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer