

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2024

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed for viewing & listening 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 requested updates on the Miller Legg and Boca Paddle Club projects.

Mr. Raul Travieso thanked the Board for the Pickleball Complex being built at Patch Reef Park.

Mr. Robert DuKate inquired if a scheduled approval was required from the city for the pickleball project and if there is a specified date for when that approval will occur if needed.

Mr. Art Turpel, representing the Soccer Association of Boca Raton, thanked the Board for the work done at Sugar Sand Park for futsal. He asked the Board to consider covering the multi-purpose rink, citing a 30% reduction in play days attributable to rain.

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 January 2, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Shade Coverage Project

To provide more shaded recreation areas to protect residents from the intense heat and sun, the District Board of Commissioners directed staff to allocate funds annually to a shade coverage project, which the Board would determine on an annual basis. In its 2024 budget, the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District allocated \$1,250,000 for a shade coverage project that has yet to be determined.

Two recreational areas that were previously discussed as potential projects are the basketball courts at Patch Reef Park and the Multisport Rink at Sugar Sand Park. Staff recommended selecting a project and issuing a design/build RFP to seek cost-effective options for covering the project chosen.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to proceed with a design-build Request for Proposals (RFP) for a shade structure for the multi-purpose rink at Sugar Sand Park.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Chuck King Agreement

The Chuck King Agreement for managing the District's social media accounts was presented to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Rollins reviewed a copy of the submitted insurance, and Executive Director Harms sought a motion to approve the agreement as presented.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the Chuck King Agreement, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. District Projects Update

Executive Director Harms presented an update on all the District projects. She noted that several projects completed last year were not originally in the budget, including the- futsal surface, Patch Reef Park playground redesign, and the carousel. Executive Director Harms thanked city staff for their help with the projects. The project updates are available to view on the District website: www.mybocaparks.org

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 \$219,620.06.

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:

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the District

With the District's 50-year milestone approaching in March, an event at Sugar Sand Park is being organized. Residents will have an opportunity to meet the Commissioners and reminisce about the past. Chuck King will conduct interviews with former members for inclusion in the newsletter, and the City will play a role in facilitating communications. Expect some exciting swag at the events! Additionally, there are plans for a park cleanup at Sugar Sand Park, followed by a community barbecue.

Morgan the Sea Turtle Returns!

One of Gumbo Limbo's resident sea turtles, Morgan, rescued in 2014 after a boat accident that left her partially paralyzed, is now back home at Gumbo Limbo. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reviewing the permit for another resident turtle, Cane.

Thank you!

Executive Director Harms thanked the City of Boca Raton's permitting staff for their help with the Sugar Sand Park roofing project.

Pickleball Tournament

The 2024 Boca Raton Pickleball Masters will be held at Patch Reef Park on January 17-21, 2024.

District Counsel:

House Bill 7013

Counsel will share a copy of HB7013 for the Board and a link to the hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The bill is currently pending in the legislature.

Boca Paddle Project

Counsel has received a marked-up copy of the agreement from Mr. Butters' counsel. They are addressing the comments and plan to consult with Ms. Harms on operational suggestions. Additionally, counsel will supply the required documents for their review, working towards a collaborative effort with Mr. Butters and his team to produce a revised draft.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel requested that Mandy Forrester, Manager of the Golden Bell Education Foundation, be added to the next agenda.

Commissioner Vogelgesang conversed with Ms. Lynn Hurley, who conveyed her appreciation to everyone associated with the Proclamation, recognizing her as the Top Soccer Coach of the Year; it made her feel truly special. Commissioner Vogelgesang said she fulfilled her mandatory ethics training and shared her recent visit to Gumbo Limbo. She was excited to see the progress on the tower and stated that it would be an asset to the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

GBRB&PD Minutes: January 16, 2024

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 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 _____ Chair



Craig F. Ehrnst _____ Secretary-Treasurer