

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
October 21, 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 Wright at 5:15 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Craig F. Ehrnst  
Steven M. Engel  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr. *Absent*  
Susan Vogelgesang  
Erin Wright

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

*Mr. Garth Duff*, representing the Boca Raton Bucks Rugby Club, appealed for support in securing rugby fields in the city. He highlighted the growth of rugby, mentioning the U.S. winning a medal at the Olympics and the club's success in helping youth secure scholarships and contributing players to the national team. Mr. Duff proposed developing two rugby fields at an unused Department of Transportation site off Southwest 18th and I-95, requesting budgetary support from the District to help transform the land into a multi-sport facility.

*Mr. Cil Ciliberti* inquired if the District is still accepting suggestions for developing the old tennis courts at North Park. Unsure of the project's status, he offered to email his ideas but supported proceeding with the existing proposal if it is already underway.

**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 October 7, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Executive Director Revised Agreement**

On October 7, 2024, the Board approved an annual salary increase for the Executive Director. The second amendment to the Executive Director's Agreement was presented to the Board for approval. The annual base salary was raised to \$165,000, ensuring competitive compensation within the employment market. All other terms from the original agreement remain in full force except for the updated salary terms.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Second Amendment to Briann Harms' Executive Director Agreement, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

**2. Patch Reef Park Playground Change Order**

Change Order #001 from Shiff Construction for the Patch Reef Park Playground Renovations was presented to the Board for consideration. This change order, amounting to \$63,369.60, proposes replacing the originally planned AquaFlex surface with Life Floor tiles, which offer improved safety, cooler temperatures, and slip resistance. Despite the change, the project timeline remains unaffected, and the revised total contract amount will be \$3,911,746.08.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Change Order from Shiff Construction for the Patch Reef Park Playground project for \$63,369.60.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

**3. Project Updates**

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Construction: The project is ongoing with the Rough grading of the pickleball courts is in progress.

Sugar Sand Park (SSP) Community Building Columns Repair: Awaiting permit approval.

SSP Field House Quad Duplex and Pavilion Roof Replacements: Awaiting a proposal from WZA, expected by the end of October. This will be brought before the Board in November.

SSP Field House & Community Center Generator Replacement: The generator will be delivered in November, and the City of Boca Raton Facilities team is coordinating the installation.

Swim and Racquet Center Shower Repairs: The repairs to the Swim Center showers are complete. Repairs to the Tennis Center showers are ongoing.

Patch Reef Park Playground Renovations: Awaiting permit approval. The project is close to completion. A groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled for the Patch Reef Park Playground project.

Swim and Racquet Center Pool Resurfacing: The project will be put out for bid in the first week of November, with consideration to award by the Board expected to take place in December.

Sugar Sand Park Multi-Sport Rink Roof Structure: A Notice to Proceed was issued to KCI.

North Park Development: Awaiting the first phase of construction documents, expected by the end of November.

North Park (Temporary Traffic Garden): Awaiting quotes from three paving companies. We anticipate bringing estimates to the Board for consideration in November.

Fire Prevention (Multiple Parks): is ongoing in our parks.

Ballfield Renovations (Multiple Parks): Awaiting a design proposal from Sparc Designs.

Security Enhancements (Multiple Parks): The work orders were signed today for Patch Reef and the Swim & Racquet Center.

**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 \$396,763.10.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director:**

Updates on City Facilities Funded by the District:

Red Reef Golf: Currently awaiting procurement for tee box renovations and ceiling/ductwork repairs in the pro shop.

Gumbo Limbo Boardwalks: The contractor is preparing a work order for repairs on the south end of the boardwalk.

Boca Boo Days: A variety of Halloween activities are scheduled at multiple recreation facilities, including learning about spooky sounds, costume tennis parties, and traditional events like the Haunted Hammock at Gumbo Limbo and the Monster Mash at the Swim Center. For more details, visit the City's website at [myboca.us](http://myboca.us).

**District Counsel:**

**Commissioners:**

*Commissioner Engel* thanked Ms. Harms for all her hard work and dedication.

*Commissioner Ehrnst* praised the city's recreation team for launching its pickleball programming and suggested considering corporate or company team pickleball interleague play.

*Commissioner Wright* requested that the city consider offering open play pickleball on Sundays during the winter months when it tends to be the busiest.

**Public Requests were reopened:**

*Mr. Raul Travieso* announced that he confirmed with Recreation Services that, after the Boca Hoops season concludes, pickleball will be offered on Sunday mornings at the Sugar Sand

Park Field House. Three courts will be designated for children and youth, with three additional courts reserved for adults.

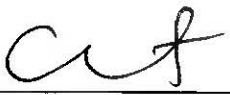
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION PASSES 4-0**

  
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Erin Wright Chair

  
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Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer