

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 4, 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.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Al Travasos of the Via Verde Association shared findings on lake-level concerns and flooding risks after recent hurricanes. He noted three weirs in the area, including one on District property managed by the Lake Worth Drainage District. While Via Verde handles lake maintenance, property owners must open the weir gate during high water. Mr. Travasos pointed out that the Lake Worth Drainage District lacks hurricane staffing to manage overflow, leading him and Via Verde's President to investigate this responsibility shift. He plans to update the District with more details after January.

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 21, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Boca Paddle Update

Mr. Malcolm Butters and Mr. Stewart Davis presented an update on the Boca Paddle project, highlighting the progress on architectural renderings and facility planning. The project team anticipates having civil plans for North Park and Boca Paddle ready for permitting by early December. Recent approvals from the City Commission allow them to proceed with construction preparations. The facility design emphasizes a warm, earth-toned aesthetic, incorporating green spaces and organic elements to create a welcoming atmosphere.

Key features of the facility include fourteen indoor pickleball courts, two indoor padel courts, and nine outdoor courts, alongside amenities like a large pro shop, bars, mixed-use party rooms, and upscale locker rooms. The open space includes areas for social gatherings and eating and a wraparound bar. The facility, spanning approximately 65,000 square feet, aims to be a major community attraction with a target opening in February 2026.

2. Miller Legg Update

Mr. Mike Kroll and Ms. Liudmila Fuentes from Miller Legg provided an update on the permitting and design process for the North Park project. The DEP recently approved their groundwater

strategy, allowing the team to finalize a low-impact stormwater management plan using bio-swales, which will treat water before it flows into a nearby canal, enhancing water quality. This approach reduced the need for costly exfiltration trenches, saving significant project expenses.

With drainage and engineering plans nearing completion, the team will submit for agency approvals by December 1. Additionally, as part of city-required site plan conditions to improve NW 67th Street, the following four conceptual design options were presented to the Board for consideration:

- **Concept A:** Entry signs on both sides, an 8-foot pedestrian path on the south, and a median for pedestrian refuge. The road shifts slightly north for a smoother curve, with large canopy trees on the north and a path into the park with limited green space and medium canopy trees.
- **Concept B:** Features a 6.5-foot median with palm trees and 8-foot swales for green space. Sidewalks on both sides reduce landscaping. Includes a raised tabletop at the crossing for traffic calming.
- **Concept C:** Widens the median for central canopy trees, omitting a walkway on the north due to space limits. Entry signs are in the median for a grand look.
- **Concept D:** Similar to Concept C, with a wide median and slight road shift north, creating twelve feet of landscaping space. Smooths alignment for better park access.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to present Option "D" as the Board's preference to the City Council for the design of NW 67th Street.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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3. 2025 District Meeting & Holiday Schedule

The proposed 2025 Board Meeting and Holiday Schedule for the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District were presented to the Board for consideration. The City of Boca Raton recently adopted Ordinance No. 5707, which immediately adds the day after Thanksgiving as a recognized City holiday. Consistent with the District's past practices of aligning District holidays with those observed by the City, Executive Director Harms recommended including the day after Thanksgiving as a District holiday beginning this calendar year.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adopt the 2025 District Meeting & Holiday Schedule, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Commissioner Ehrnst | Yes |
| Commissioner Engel | Yes |
| Commissioner Rollins | Yes |

Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes

Commissioner Wright Yes

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MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes

Commissioner Engel Yes

Commissioner Rollins Yes

Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes

Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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 \$113,175.53.

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 Playground

Executive Director Harms reminded everyone that the groundbreaking ceremony for the playground at Patch Reef Park is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 3 p.m. The Mayor, several city council members, and Palm Beach County Commissioner Marcy Woodward will attend this special event.

Sugar Sand Park Columns Repair Project

The column repair project at Sugar Sand Park is permitted and set to start later this week. After an initial meeting, work will begin once the city completes a walkthrough and gives permission to proceed.

Boca Boo Days

Executive Director Harms thanked the city staff for their hard work on Boca Boo Days, celebrating the success of the events. The District Media consultant Chuck King photographed all the events, capturing the strong community participation.

District Counsel

II Morely Update

A new proposal was received on November 1, which will be discussed privately with the Executive Director to explore options. It will then be addressed individually with each Commissioner. Mr. Goren stated that the proposal is within a reasonable range for discussion and that the goal is to reach a financially sensible resolution for the District without needing a formal shade meeting.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel expressed appreciation for the Commission's smooth, collaborative work environment, which he believes enhances their ability to achieve goals effectively. He also proposed naming the entrance road to North Park as "North Park Way" or something similar.

Commissioner Ehrnst inquired about the alignment of North Park's east-side development timeline with that of the Pickleball Center.

Commissioner Rollins expressed that he strongly agrees with Commissioner Engel on the excellent leadership of the Commission and the executive team. He noted that aligning as a team, with some flexibility, enables them to accomplish much more together.

Commissioner Vogelgesang expressed regret for missing the groundbreaking of the new playground, emphasizing its value to the city and especially the special needs community, to which she feels deeply connected. She also discussed with Miller Legg the public's interest in offering alternatives to conventional playgrounds for older kids, encouraging screen-free physical activities. Miller Legg has planned areas in North Park designed to challenge kids physically, which she believes will be a valuable addition. She thanked them for their forward-thinking approach.

Commissioner Wright shared her excitement about the upcoming progress at North Park, mentioning her anticipation for construction to start. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the forthcoming election.


ADJOURNMENT:

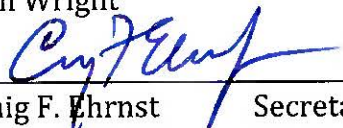
MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Erin Wright Chair


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer