

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 18, 2022

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was also conducted virtually through the Zoom platform. The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN Erin Wright at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, confirmed that a legal quorum was present at the meeting, consisting of Commissioners Wright, Vogelgesang, and Engel.

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Raul Travieso invited the Board to attend the 2022 Annual Charity Indoor Round Robin Pickleball Tournament sponsored by the Boca Raton Firefighter & Paramedic Benevolent Fund, Inc. at the fieldhouse at Sugar Sand Park on July 20th & 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mr. John Holloway, President, and CEO of the Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards reported on the collaborative efforts of the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation team (City team members and the Coastal Steward's veterinary medical team) that treated seventy-four turtles from various counties at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center since January. He extended an invitation to the release of Wannanosaurus, an adult male loggerhead sea turtle who was treated at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center for severe shark bite injuries. He will be released back into the ocean on July 20th at 4:30 p.m. at Spanish River Park. Mr. Holloway informed the Board that the Coastal Stewards are still working on reaching an agreement with the City of Boca Raton and that he will keep the District informed on that subject. He reiterated that the main focus of the Coastal Stewards Board of Trustees is the sea turtles and their efforts toward marine and coastal environmental issues.

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 July 5, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Science Explorium Traveling Exhibit

The District received a letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Tiffany Lucia, recommending the "Zoo in You" traveling exhibit for the Science Explorium from January 21st, 2023 – May 14th, 2023. Zoo In You is a 2,000-square-foot exhibit filled with hands-on interactives, group-based activities, bilingual text panels, and scenic graphic panels.

The cost including the deposit is \$28,000. The cost reflects a 20% discount on the advertised price of \$35,000. Incoming shipping costs and travel, liability, and damage insurance apply. Executive Director Harms asked for the Board's consideration for approval of the exhibit.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the agreement with OMSI for the Science Explorium traveling exhibit "Zoo in You" for \$28,000.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Proposed Tentative Millage Rate Discussion

In accordance with the Florida Department of Revenue's Truth in Millage (TRIM) Compliance process, the District must establish a proposed tentative millage rate by August 4, 2022. The final millage rate, which is determined in September, cannot exceed the adopted tentative millage rate, but it can be lowered. Executive Director Harms presented a table of various millage rates for the Board's consideration.

Discussion:

Mr. Goren confirmed that the Tentative Millage Rate will be on the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (TRIM Notice) that is mailed out in August and according to Florida Statute 200.065, the tentative millage rate (which is legally the maximum millage) can be lowered at the First or Final Public TRIM Compliance Hearings in September.

Director Harms noted that the FY 22/23 budget is still a work in progress and that there are many outstanding projects at both the city and District facilities. If the millage is kept at the same rate, the District will be able to maintain the facilities at the current standards and continue with the planned improvements.

Commissioner Vogelgesang supported keeping the same millage rate as last year, 1.05 mills. She believes that with the current economic environment, more families will be utilizing the parks and that the parks need to be maintained at the level that the residents are accustomed to.

Commissioner Engel stated that keeping the parks and facilities in good condition is important, so they are continuously used. He supported a tentative millage rate of 1.05 mills.

Commissioner Ehrnst recommended setting the rate to 1.10 mills to allow some flexibility for any unknown circumstances that may come up between now and September. He is

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optimistic that the final millage rate, which is determined in September, will be at a lower rate.

Commissioner Wright is not interested in raising the millage rate but has concerns about overages and supply chain issues. She suggested setting the tentative millage rate to 1.08 knowing that it can come down in September.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to set the Proposed Tentative Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 at 1.08 mills with the flexibility to lower the rate in September.

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel stated that he will vote for the higher tentative rate but plans on voting for the 1.05 mills in September.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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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 \$1,786,389.54

Discussion:

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Roll Call Vote:

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

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Carousel

The carousel repairs have been completed. An engineer inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th after that a state inspection will be scheduled. The carousel is expected to be reopened by the end of this month.

Patch Reef Park/YMCA

The YMCA currently has a contract for use of the Patch Reef Park Community Center for summer camps. Director Harms will be meeting with Mr. Bryan Hunt from the YMCA on

Wednesday, July 20th to discuss the possibility of the YMCA using Patch Reef Community Center for programming during the rest of the year.

Ocean Strand

Ocean Strand is on the Community Appearance Board schedule on July 19th.

The Perk Your Park Contest for Ocean Strand

The Perk Your Park Contest begins in August and the contest winner will receive \$75,000 for the park's development. Director Harms will provide more information on the contest rules at the next Board meeting.

New Acting Recreation Services Director

Mr. Gregg Stevens, Acting Director, will attend the next District meeting to answer any questions.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang asked for an update on the Miller Legg Ocean Breeze project. She inquired if the City Council had been asked if golf would or would not be considered at Ocean Breeze. She offered congratulations to Greg Stevens, Tiffany Lucia, and Kevin Beckman, on their new positions in the City. Commissioner Vogelgesang expressed her concerns regarding the new county ordinance being proposed regarding adults without children at playgrounds and would like it to be clarified that the City and District owned parks are not included in the county ordinance.

Commissioner Engel suggested telling the city what the maximum amount of golf that the District intends to put at Ocean Breeze is so they can say yes or no to any of the items. He suggested scheduling a Joint Meeting with City Council over the summer.

Commissioner Ehrnst understands the concern regarding the county ordinance and is optimistic that it will be resolved. He believes that Miller Legg should move forward and continue with their master plan and suggested that a revenue-making business be placed where the old hotel was to generate income for the future which will require collaboration between the District and the City.

Commissioner Wright does not believe that City Council has any desire to pre-approve golf at Ocean Breeze. She would like to schedule a Joint Meeting in September to get feedback on the Ocean Breeze project. Commissioner Wright will not be attending the next meeting on August 1, 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

YMCA Programming

Insurance RFP

Budget Discussion

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

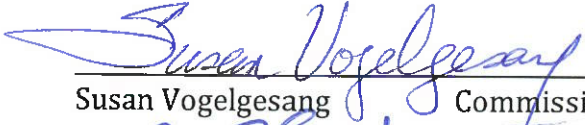
Commissioner Ehrnst Yes

Commissioner Engel Yes

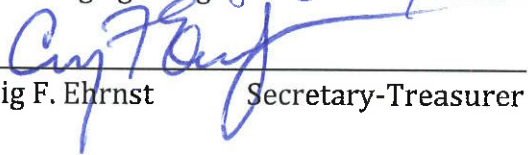
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes

Commissioner Wright Yes

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Susan Vogelgesang Commissioner



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer