

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL "VIRTUAL" MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 11, 2020 - 5:15 p.m.

The "VIRTUAL" MEETING, conducted through the Zoom platform, was called to order by CHAIRMAN Susan Vogelgesang, at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Public Requests were moved after the presentation from Maracore Builders.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting was for Maracore Builders to present the design for Phase 1 of the Ocean Strand development and to respond to any questions posed by the Board of Commissioners and the public.

The Maracore team consists of :

Mr. Nate Custodio, President of Maracore Builders;
Ms. Carol Perez and Mr. Grant Thornbrough of AGTLAND, P.A., Landscape Architecture;
Dr. Don Richardson of Ecological Consultants; and
Mr. Art Scroggie, of Bermuda Landscape & Design

Mr. Custodio and Ms. Perez attended the virtual meeting and gave a brief synopsis of their proposal which includes: Invasive plant material clearing; a mulch path; a kayak beach; two picnic tables; two trash cans; wayfinding signage; and a sign and pedestrian gate at the front of the property near A1A.

Discussion ensued but was not limited to:

- Art in public places (not included in Phase 1 of the project)
- Placement of the walkway; sustainability of materials used and a maintenance program for vegetation
- Placement of future pavilions or restrooms
- Removal of Brazilian Pepper trees and invasive vegetation and the possibility of additional green space being available after its removal
- Location of the picnic tables and benches in shaded areas
- The kayak beach
- The temporary irrigation locations for new plant materials
- Incorporating volunteers into the project
- The seawall condition and if it will have any bearing on the kayak beach

- Existing pilings
- Stability of the mulch path to walk on
- How to prevent people from entering the hammock area
- Possible Indian ruins
- Adding a path from the trail to the paved road
- Security concerns
- Permitting concerns- Federal, State or local and permitting timeline
- ADA accessibility and compliance issues (Phase 1 does not have provisions for ADA accessibility)
- The pedestrian gate

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

The following people emailed comments read into the record by Ms. Harms:

Mr. Dave Petruzzelli shared recent incidences that happened in the vicinity of Ocean Strand concerning animals and it is his opinion that if the park is going to be dog friendly, it should be supervised by park rangers during the times it is open.

The following people called into the meeting with public comments:

Ms. Marci Shatzman, of the Boca Voice, inquired if the east or west side of the park will be developed.

Mr. Bruce Verstandig offered his congratulations and thanks for opening Ocean Strand.

Mr. Robert DuKate inquired if dogs would be permitted in the park; if there is a masterplan for other activities in the area; if the park will meet the state requirements for ADA accessibility; and if any environmental studies have been done on the seagrass along the wall or beach area.

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Ehrnst inquired if the ADA accessibility could be addressed at the front of the park by the gate.

Mr. Custodio explained that the current slope or grade of the road by the gate exceeds ADA minimums. Maracore Builders will provide estimates for making the asphalt slope in the road ADA compliant as well as adding Mobi-Mats by the kayak beach for additional accessibility.

To ensure that there will be no trespassing into the nearby neighborhoods, signage, plant material, and park etiquette signs will be added to create a buffer.

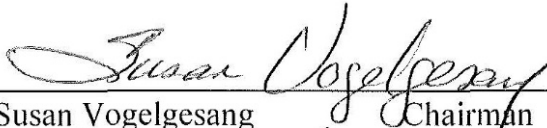
ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer