

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SWIM & RACQUET CENTER, 21618 ST. ANDREWS BOULEVARD, BOCA RATON**  
**February 18, 2020**

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Susan Vogelgesang, at 5:15 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

Approval of Payroll and Invoices was moved after Public Requests.  
Item #1 Banking RFP was deferred until a meeting in March.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

**Mr. Jim Miller**, on behalf of the Friends of Gumbo Limbo, recognized Mr. John Holloway, as its new Executive Director. Mr. Miller presented a resolution that the “Friends” Board unanimously approved to extend the MOU with the District by 60 days for the funicular at Gumbo Limbo due to an increase in cost estimates received by the City of Boca Raton. The extension also includes a request that a joint study takes place to define the scope of work and cost of the project. The City has offered an inclined ramp as an alternative to the funicular.

**Ms. Regina Eckland** requested that the Board consider making the 11-hole short course a 9-hole course that would play like an executive course. She believes that there is adequate acreage to create an executive course that would meet the needs of a lot more players. She welcomes the opportunity to discuss this with the Price Fazio team.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$191,351.88

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting held on January 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2020, at 5:15 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Gumbo Limbo Tower Update**

The District currently has an agreement (MOU) with the Friends to secure donations to fund the funicular. Ms. Harms and Mr. Holloway recently met with the Deputy City Manager and City staff to work on the project. The cost for construction is currently \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million which is well above the \$600,000 cap that was budgeted. Additionally, the City anticipates additional Operation & Maintenance costs between \$100,000-150,000 per year which exceeds the amount budgeted. Ms. Harms asked the Boards consideration to extend the MOU with the Friends of Gumbo Limbo for an additional 60 days to work on alternative options.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to extend the MOU between the District and the Friends of Gumbo Limbo for an additional 60 days.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**2. FPL Powerlines on Golf Course**

Ms. Dawson, Facilities Manager presented the Board with the following options for burying the powerlines that were placed on the golf course by FPL:

*Option #1-*Bury powerlines from I-95 bridge east down Jeffrey Street to Railroad tracks (work would cross Jeffrey Street at tunnel bridge); \$995,100 estimate with 10% deposit to determine the exact cost.

*Option #2-* Bury powerlines from N.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to railroad tracks; \$300,600 estimate with a 10% deposit needed to determine the exact cost.

*Option #3-* Bury powerlines from the east side of the resident driveway to railroad tracks; \$212,400 estimate, 10% deposit needed to determine the exact cost.

All deposits will go towards the cost of the project if the District decides to proceed.

Commissioner Vogelgesang noted that Mr. Wayne Brathwaite, of the Price Fazio architectural design team, suggested deferring the decision until further information is obtained.

Discussion ensued regarding replacing the fence along Jeffrey Street. Ms. Dawson will investigate “fence codes” and any possible permitting issues if the fence was taken down and replaced.

**3. Ocean Strand Discussion**

At a previous meeting, Commissioner Ehrnst suggested allocating funds this fiscal year to start the process of developing the Ocean Strand property into a park. Ms. Harms asked the Board’s direction on how they wished to proceed with the development of the Ocean Strand property.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Ms. Harms communicate with City staff to see what they would like to do with the property and then engage the community for input.

### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **Executive Director:**

##### RFP for BNG Project Manger

Ms. Harms is currently preparing the RFP for the golf course Project Manager.

##### Countess de Hoernle Park- Design of Phase 2

The City has issued an RFP for the Design of Phase 2 at Countess de Hoernle Park. Ms. Harms has requested copies of all documents.

##### Pipes and Pumping Project

The pumps & piping project has not gone out to bid yet, the District is waiting on an update from the City.

##### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Sunscreen Dispensers

The RDK Foundation and the Diamond Family will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the sunscreen dispensers that were approved at Sugar Sand Park and the Swim and Racquet Center. A tentative date of February 28, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the carousel at Sugar Sand Park has been set.

##### Needs Assessment

There is a meeting scheduled in March to review the draft results of the Needs Assessment Survey with the Consultant.

#### **District Counsel:**

Mr. Michael Cirullo, general counsel, informed the Board that a request has been sent to the Florida Attorney General asking to interpret the Charter of the District relating to its authority to convey or lease property. Counsel will provide an update when available.

#### **Commissioners:**

In an effort to dispel any rumors, **Commissioner Engel** stated that no one has the authority or permission to represent the District with regard to the building, sale or lease of District property.

**Commissioner Rollins** announced that there is a local youth soccer tournament/festival on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at Patch Reef Park. All are welcomed.

**Commissioner Vogelgesang** noted that there will be free hot dogs, sodas, and chips at the tournament, donations to Top Soccer are recommended. Commissioner Vogelgesang also asked staff to investigate a way to avoid patrons that use the splash pad at the Swim & Racquet Center from then using the pool free of charge.

**Commissioner Ehrnst** believes that the District, the City and the Boca Teeca Community should all contribute to the cost of burying the FPL lines on the golf course. Staff will send a letter to the City and the Community Home Owner's Associations to inquire if they would like the lines to be buried and if they do, would they contribute to the cost of the project on the west side.

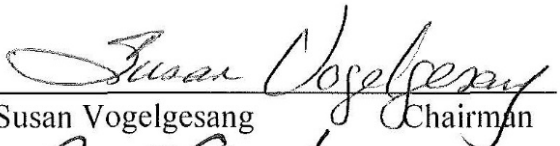
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

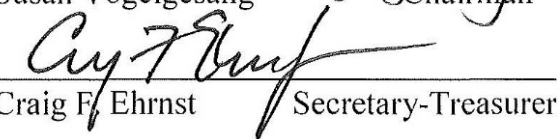
Banking RFP  
BNG Project Manager

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Wright to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

  
Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer