

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR "VIRTUAL" MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 18, 2020

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
Commissioner Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Item #4 FAU MOU was moved to item #1.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Ms. Harms read into the record the following emails that were sent to the District for public requests:

Mr. Roberto Gonzalez fully supports the opening of the old Boca Teeca tennis courts for pickleball. He believes that it would be cost-effective and help provide a needed improvement.

Ms. Janet Goldman supports the opening of the former tennis courts for pickleball.

Mrs. Barbara Chaffee objects to having pickleball courts and the parking on the west side of N.W. 2nd Avenue.

Mr. Earl Starkoff, President of the Soccer Association of Boca Raton, requested that the District approve the FAU MOU for the two Glades Road soccer fields and not disrupt the SABR programs.

The following people called into the meeting:

Mr. Greg Galanis inquired about the status of the golf course; and would like the District to reiterate its commitment to building the golf course on its own.

Mr. Ryan Bowersox and Mr. Edwin Salazar strongly support the FAU Memorandum of Understanding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the Regular "Virtual" Meeting held on May 4, 2020, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. FAU Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Harms, Executive Director, worked with FAU on a new agreement for the Glades Road fields. The new agreement would allow either party to terminate the contract providing twelve months' notice and does not include a commitment from the District to fund capital improvement projects, which had been requested by FAU. Ms. Harms requested the Board's consideration to accept the FAU Memorandum of Understanding, as presented.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the MOU as presented.

Commissioner Ehrnst felt that the District's liability was unclear with the way the agreement was written. He suggested that in addition to the FAU MOU, there should be written consent between the primary user of the fields (SABR), FAU, and the District stating that the primary user of the fields (SABR) would accept the liability and provide a one-million-dollar liability insurance policy.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the FAU Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to have the District and users of the FAU Glades Road fields enter into an indemnification agreement that summarizes the responsibilities per the FAU MOU. The users will be notified in written consent in conjunction with the policy to FAU.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Prioritization of District Projects

Ms. Harms provided the Board with an updated report on the District's CIP projects to review prior to budget discussions for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Engel asked Ms. Harms to coordinate with Ms. Jennifer Bistyga, Coastal Program Manager for the City of Boca Raton, to research the environmental effects of beach renourishment on marine life and the neighboring communities.

Commissioner Ehrnst would like to see security enhancements in District-owned properties. Ms. Dawson, Facilities Manager, advised that the City is preparing a security proposal based on patron safety and theft prevention.

Commissioner Rollins was unsure if the District will be financially able to contribute the resources that the City is requesting for the Spanish River and DeHoernle Park Maintenance Facilities due to the uncertainty of the amount of ad valorem taxes the District will receive after the pandemic.

Ms. Dawson will prepare a timeline and suggestions for each of the projects. Board members will review and prioritize each project in preparation for the June 1st meeting.

3. DeHoernle Lighting Project

The City requested that the heads of the parking lot fixtures be replaced with led lighting at DeHoernle Park for \$18,850. Ms. Harms advised that the project would not be an additional impact on the District's budget.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the request for lighting in the parking lot at DeHoernle Park for \$18,850.

Discussion:

Ms. Harms will verify that the new lighting will be turtle friendly.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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4. Board Room Safety Precautions

Ms. Dawson offered various chamber room safety options for the Board to consider that would provide a safer environment when virtual meetings are no longer an option. Ms. Harms suggested holding the District meetings in the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park. This larger venue will allow the Board to utilize the entire stage while social distancing; provide more seating for the public and theatre staff can help with the technical setup.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue with the virtual meetings until the Governor lifts Executive Order 20-69 and then have the District meetings at the Willow Theatre.

5. Ocean Breeze- Pickle Ball Discussion

Ms. Melissa Dawson, Facilities Manager, presented an estimated budget option (\$65,000) to resurface the tennis courts at Boca National and convert them into pickleball courts.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wright felt that 16 pickleball courts would create a scheduling problem.

Commissioner Rollins was not in favor of investing that amount of money on a temporary project and possibly creating an unexpected consequence of having to take away an amenity from the public to put into the design of the golf course. He would prefer to clean up the hotel site and make it look presentable.

Commissioner Ehrnst suggested cleaning up the site; installing an irrigation system and coordinating with the City to develop a short- and long-term plan based on the approval process of the golf course design.

Commissioner Wright suggested looking into alternate options that do not require irrigation such as xeriscaping.

Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested putting up a fence and signs to keep the neighborhood safe limit the District's liability.

Commissioner Engel believes that the tennis court's proximity to the highway may cause a problem; and once construction is started on the golf course, spending the money on a temporary facility may not be worthwhile.

It was the consensus of the Board to:

- Direct Ms. Dawson to research options to clean up the hotel area, including xeriscaping.
- Direct Ms. Harms to speak with Mr. Mike Woika, Assistant City Manager, to determine what the City's plans are for the golf course and when the golf course design approval will be added as an agenda item, and inquire about the City's plans for the sale of Boca Municipal Golf Course.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$ 4,375,560.60

Discussion:

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired if there was an “out clause” in the Oregon Museum contract for the Design Zone 2 Exhibit due to the current pandemic situation. Ms. Harms will research the District’s options regarding the existing and future rental of exhibits.

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:

Banking RFP

This item will be added to the agenda on June 1st.

City Budget

The City budget is forthcoming.

Staff Schedule

Ms. Harms created a temporary in-office staff schedule for Phase 1 of Florida’s re-opening.

District Counsel

Commissioners

Commissioners Wright and Vogelgesang support staff working remotely during the pandemic for safety reasons.

Commissioner Ehrnst:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst to instruct the Executive Director to draft a letter to the City requesting that they open the Boca Raton beaches for residents with permitted parking stickers when appropriately managed and mitigate with guidance following CDC regulations.

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Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested sending a letter to the PBC Property Appraiser office and the Tax Collector’s office to request installment payments on real estate taxes for residents that have been affected financially by the coronavirus.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Banking RFP

Security Cameras

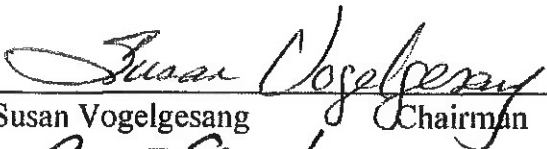
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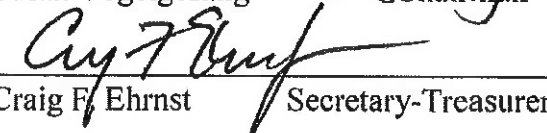
MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer