

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 17, 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 Erin Wright at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

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 June 3, 2024, 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. CRA Discussion

As part of the interlocal agreement between the CRA and the District, the CRA requested recommendations from the District for the acquisition, planning, development, operation, and maintenance of park and recreational facilities within the Agency's Redevelopment Area. Executive Director Harms pointed out that among the initial downtown plans, which have been proposed but not yet approved, are renovations to Sanborn Square, improvements to Mizner Park, electrical upgrades, enhancements to walkability, and open space policies.

After a discussion, the Board agreed to support upgrades at Sanborn Square to enhance the park's aesthetics and recreational use. They suggested installing walkability mile markers and signs in the downtown area to promote an active, healthy lifestyle for residents. They advocated for including an active recreation center in the comprehensive downtown plan.

The Executive Director will submit a letter to the CRA by June 21, 2024, with all the suggestions and input recognized by the Board of Commissioners.

2. SRC Pool Resurfacing Design

Executive Director Harms presented a WZA work order for the resurfacing design of the Swim and Racquet Center public pool for the Board's consideration. The proposal from Walters Zackria Associates outlines a comprehensive three-phase approach: Phase 1—Discovery and Design Services, Phase 2—Bidding and Permitting, and Phase 3—

Construction. The total cost for the project's design is \$69,745.00, including a recommended reimbursable expense budget of \$500.00.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the WZA work order as presented for the resurfacing design of the Swim & Racquet Center public pool.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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3. SRC Water Intrusion

The Swim and Racquet Center (SRC) locker rooms, which opened in 2019, are experiencing severe water intrusion issues, leading to significant damage, including visible mold and mildew. Executive Director Harms recommended the approval of Resolution 2024-01, declaring a maintenance emergency at the Swim Center. This declaration will allow the District to waive formal procurement and bidding procedures to expedite repairs.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to read Resolution 2024-01.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve Resolution 2024-01 declaring a maintenance emergency at the Swim & Racquet Center. The District can pursue any potential claims against third parties based on the findings during the discovery process.

Discussion:

Commissioner Vogelgesang stated that the District needs to pursue other remedies for the expenses incurred from this emergency procedure, as this issue should not have arisen in a new building. She suggested exploring options through insurance or the contractor and emphasized the importance of holding someone responsible for the costs that the District is now facing.

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 \$3,877,373.04.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

North Park

The North Park site plan approval process is scheduled to be included on the agenda for the August meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Patch Reef Park Playground

The playground project at Patch Reef Park is currently out for bid. To date, fourteen inquiries have been received. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 21, and the bid submission deadline is July 19.

Sugar Sand Park Column Repair

The rebid proposals for the column repairs at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center are due on June 28. A pre-bid meeting was held, with attendance from four contractors.

Gumbo Limbo Tower Project

The tower project at Gumbo Limbo has been completed. Last week, members of the Board and staff had the opportunity to visit the site with the Kosowski family and participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The tower is a significant attraction for Gumbo Limbo.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Commissioner Ehrnst, Commissioner Engel, and Chair Wright on their upcoming re-elections.

District Counsel:

JJ Morley Update

Mr. Goren, District Counsel, noted that the litigation remains pending and is in the discovery phase. According to special counsel Chris Sterns, Adam Linkhorst of Linkhorst & Hockin, P.A., counsel for JJ Morley, failed to adhere to the required discovery timeline. Despite multiple attempts to confer, which were ignored, a Motion to Compel was filed. The responses to the discovery questions are now due on June 23rd. Following receipt of the answers, counsel intends to depose a corporate representative. The defendant is financially viable and liable for the incurred obligations.

Commissioners:

