

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 5, 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

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Art Turpel, representing the Soccer Association of Boca Raton (SABR) and Team Boca, updated the Commissioners. With over 3,300 youth players, SABR is Florida's largest state-local organization. Last season, the under-sixteen girls won the USYS national championship, and a player was honored as Florida's top soccer buddy of the year. Boca Raton hosts one of the nation's largest Top Soccer programs, serving 150-180 kids annually. Mr. Turpel thanked the District for its support, highlighting the importance of the partnership and volunteers.

Commissioner Vogelgesang recognized Commissioner Rollins and Mr. Art Turpel, members of the Florida Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame, and expressed appreciation for everything they have done for soccer and the community.

Mr. Keith Nelson inquired about how active park users can get involved in future planning for the beachfront parks and their connectivity. He suggested adding exercise equipment, extending the Red Reef Park boardwalk, posting trail maps, and including historical trail markers in collaboration with the Boca Raton Historical Society. He proposed a commemorative paver purchase program and more creative seating options along the boardwalk.

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 15, 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. Center for the Arts Presentation- Andrea Virgin

Andrea Virgin, Chair & CEO of The Center for Arts & Innovation, and Antoine Chaaya, Partner in Charge at Renzo Piano Building Workshop, provided an overview of the Center for the Arts and Innovation project in Mizner Park. Their presentation covered the project's historical context, vision and objectives, design and architectural plans, community impact, and funding and support. The presentation was followed by questions and feedback from the Board.

2. Sugar Sand Park Columns

Mr. Goren, District General Counsel, read Resolution 2024-03, finding that Tadeos Engineering LLC is the most responsive and responsible proposer under the RFP for Exterior Steel Column repair at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt Resolution 2024-03, awarding the proposal for the Exterior Steel Column Repair project at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center to Tadeos Engineering LLC.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Continuing Services Agreements

On March 28, 2024, the District issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a continuing services agreement for Architectural, Engineering, and Planning Services. On June 3, 2024, the Board of Commissioners awarded the bid to Sparc Design, Miller Legg, and KCI Technologies and authorized the appropriate District officials to negotiate an agreement. While the agreement with Sparc Design is still being negotiated, the agreements with Miller Legg and KCI Technologies were presented to the Board for consideration.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the Continuing Services Agreement for Architectural, Engineering, and Planning Services with Miller Legg, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the Continuing Services Agreement for Architectural, Engineering, and Planning Services with KCI Technologies, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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4. Patch Reef Park Playground Bids

On July 19, 2024, the District received three bids for the renovation of the Patch Reef Park playground from the following firms: Schiff Construction (\$3,848,376.48), MBR Construction (\$4,989,493.17), and Waypoint Construction (\$4,535,250.00). As a District consultant, Walters Zackria Associates, PLLC (WZA) analyzed Schiff Construction's lowest bid and found it closely aligned with WZA's \$4.1 million budget estimate. The bid pricing from major vendors confirms that Schiff Construction's bid adequately covers the costs.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to award the proposal for the Patch Reef Park Playground project to Schiff Construction, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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5. Don Estridge Track Resurfacing

As part of the District's ongoing relationship and obligations outlined in the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District and the School Board of Palm Beach County, the District Board of Commissioners approved allocating funds toward the track resurfacing at Don Estridge High Tech Middle School at its regular meeting held on April 17, 2023. The School District sent a detailed quote formally requesting \$65,223.75 for the track's resurfacing. Discussion ensued. The District Board of Commissioners unanimously supported allocating \$65,223.75 toward resurfacing the track.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to allocate \$65,223.75 toward the resurfacing of the track at Don Estridge High Tech Middle School.

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 \$2,183,109.73.

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:

North Park Update

The North Park Site Plan approval will be on the agenda for the September 5th Planning & Zoning meeting. If approved, the District can proceed with the construction documents for North Park.

Hockey Rink Repairs

The roller hockey rink's drainage repairs have been completed, and staff are awaiting the results of the next rainfall.

SRC Locker Rooms

Work has continued on the locker rooms at the swim center. Upon completion, similar repairs will commence at the tennis center. Florida Municipal Insurance Trust will send an adjuster to assess the situation and determine if any water damage will be covered under the District's policy.

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Update

The District has received approval to begin clearing the Patch Reef Park pickleball complex. Executive Director Harms thanked Duane Dougherty, Park Maintenance Supervisor III, Joshua Bott, Sr. Environmental Officer, and Brandon Schaad, Director of Development Services, for their flexibility and assistance in achieving this milestone. Other permit areas remain under review.

District Counsel:

JJ Morley Litigation Case

Mr. Goren, District General Counsel, advised that the JJ Morley case remains in the discovery phase. He thanked Commissioner Rollins for assisting in arranging an upcoming discussion between the developer, the District's legal counsel from Johnson Anselmo, and Executive Director Harms regarding potential settlement discussions.

Boca Paddle Agreement

The concession agreement with Boca Paddle is nearly finalized. The primary outstanding issue is clarifying the timeframe for a potential assignment or buyout. Counsel aims to finalize and sign the contract within the next day or so, ensuring the permitting process proceeds smoothly.

Ocean Strand Permanent Easement Update

Approximately one year ago, a permanent easement was requested at Ocean Strand, but discussions were not finalized. The developer is making progress with the city on this matter. District counsel has yet to have further conversations with the developer's counsel, and the associated costs for the District have not yet been finalized. This easement concerns the property's future use and is being addressed with Executive Director Harms and the developer's counsel, Ryan Abrams. Progress is subject to the Board's final review and approval.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel praised the Center for the Arts presentation, stating it would put Boca on the map. He invited everyone to attend Boca's Got Talent on August 12th, where he will perform, noting that proceeds will go to a good cause.

Commissioner Ehrnst asked for an update on the possibility of District residents receiving resident rates at all the facilities in the downtown area, including the library system. He thanked Executive Director Harms, Greg Stevens, and the city for their efforts in fostering a stronger partnership.

Commissioner Rollins admired the District's achievements over the past 50 years and praised the current leadership. He commended the Board's commitment and ability to resolve issues amicably. He noted the significant accomplishments in maintaining parks and providing opportunities for local youth, with the success of high schools and sports groups reflecting the District's impact. He also acknowledged the vision of those who preceded them.

Commissioner Vogelgesang thanked Chuck King, the District's Social Media Consultant, for his impactful work in increasing public awareness of the District. She also inquired about the status of the lift station at Ocean Strand.

Commissioner Wright proposed exploring dental insurance options for employees, emphasizing the importance of providing essential benefits. She highlighted the importance of employee health and wellness, suggesting the purchase of a Peloton bike for the office.

Discussion ensued. Staff will explore dental and vision plans, and Commissioner Vogelgesang will review the dental options and make a recommendation.


ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

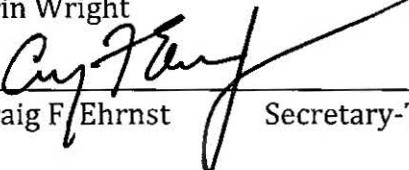
Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Erin Wright Chair



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer