

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 6, 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 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:

Mr. Steve Kosowsky, speaking on behalf of his entire family, expressed gratitude for the District's assistance in reconstructing the tower at Gumbo Limbo. "It means a great deal to us, and we can't wait to climb the tower and honor Jacob's memory," he said. "Thank you again."

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 April 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. Sugar Sand Park Fieldhouse Generator Maintenance

To extend the lifespan of the Sugar Sand Park Fieldhouse generator, Genset Services, Inc. conducted an evaluation in November and identified specific maintenance tasks that could add 5-10 more years of life to the generator. The recommended maintenance involves replacing the fuel tank and batteries and thoroughly degreasing the engine and radiator at an estimated cost of \$56,168.

This cost is significantly lower than the \$500,000 budgeted for a new generator this fiscal year, offering substantial savings. Lou Italice from the City of Boca Raton Municipal Services, who will oversee the project, has reviewed and approved the proposal. The maintenance contract with Genset Services, Inc. leverages a national cooperative agreement vetted and approved by District counsel, ensuring compliance with all relevant procurement regulations.

Given the cost-effectiveness, technical feasibility, and compliance with procurement policies, Executive Director Harms recommended that the Board approve the maintenance work outlined in Genset Services' proposal, ensuring the facility's continued reliability and safety.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the \$56,168 Genset Services. Inc. generator maintenance proposal as presented.

Discussion:

Executive Director Harms clarified that the District is not required to open this project to bids because it will be completed through a state contract that has already fulfilled all necessary state requirements. This contract, set up in 2022 and valid through 2026, permits the District to "piggyback" on it, utilizing the established 2022 pricing. Considering that rates in 2024 may be higher, this approach provides better pricing and allows the work to commence immediately without initiating a new bidding process.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Sugar Sand Park Columns

The Sugar Sand Park Columns Project was launched to fix the deteriorating steel columns supporting the roof over the community center's outdoor spaces. This issue, identified during routine inspections, poses safety risks and affects the continued usability of the area. To address this, three bids were recently received: Maracore Construction (\$610,000), Tadeos Engineering (\$264,998), and Republic Construction (\$140,110). The substantial discrepancy among these bids indicates potential confusion or ambiguities in the project's scope, as Walters Zackria Associates (WZA) specified.

Given the broad range of bid values, staff recommended that the Board reject all current bids to avoid potential quality or performance issues. It was suggested that the project specifications be revised to clearly define all requirements and address areas contributing to the bid variances. The project should be rebid with updated specifications, including a mandatory pre-bid meeting with WZA to discuss the scope and answer the bidders' questions.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to reject all of the previous bids for the Sugar Sand Park Columns project.

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 Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to rebid the Sugar Sand Park Column project with the updated specifications.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Patch Reef Park Playground Update

Executive Director Harms presented Walters Zackria Associates (WZA) proposal to the Board, detailing the essential arborist services required at Patch Reef Park. This proposal responds to a specific request from the City of Boca Raton and is a prerequisite for obtaining the permits needed for playground renovations. The arborist report will help ensure the development aligns with environmental preservation objectives.

The services will cost a lump sum of \$4,900.00, with an additional recommended budget of \$50.00 for reimbursable expenses, totaling \$4,950.00. The scope of work includes identifying tree types and locations, measuring tree diameter at breast height (DBH), assessing tree health and stability, and providing photographic documentation. Executive Director Harms recommended approving the proposed scope of work and costs as outlined by WZA.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang, seconded by Commissioner Engel, to approve the proposal for arborist services and a report from WZA for \$4,950.00, as presented.

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 Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$3,621,703.18.

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

The work on the pilot plot at North Park is set to begin this week.

Architect/Engineer RFP Responses

Proposals for our ongoing Architectural/Engineering services are due on May 8th; an email with links to the submissions will go out later this week.

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The punch list for the Gumbo Limbo Tower project is currently being addressed.

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Facility

Root pruning began last week for the trees slated to be relocated in preparation for the Patch Reef Pickleball Facility.

District Counsel:

Mr. Sean Swartz advised that the governor has signed House Bill 7030, which Mr. Goren and Mr. Horowitz previously discussed.

Commissioners:

Each member of the Board acknowledged Mrs. Barbara Chaffee, offering her their well wishes and prayers reflecting on how much her involvement and support have meant to our community.

They also extended thanks to Mr. Kosowsky for attending the meeting and expressed their honor to be part of the tower project dedicated to his son, Jacob.

Commissioner Rollins clarified that he did vote to support the Patch Reef Park Covered Pickleball Courts project.

Commissioner Vogelgesang mentioned that constituents are asking when the District will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a golf course on the northwest side of North Park. She shared insights from a contact at Bobby Jones, noting that nine-hole courses are becoming more popular because they fit into people's schedules better, especially for younger players. This shift could open doors for junior tournaments if the course is the correct length. She also pointed out that the total economic impact of golf in the U.S. is \$226.1 billion, with 45 million golfers in 2023. This indicates significant interest in golf, and golfers are beginning to ask the District to focus on design and planning, which is a lengthy process. She proposed discussing the future of golf at one of the June meetings.

Commissioner Wright noted that she attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Lake Wyman, where they did a great renovation. She added that paddle boarding is easy to access from the parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 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 Ehrnst Treasurer