GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 18, 2025

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed for viewing & listening through Zoom. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

<u>CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:</u> "Patch Reef Park Playground Additional Signage" was removed from the 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 February 03, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesar	ng Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY	APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Patch Reef Park Change Order Security Conduit

A change order for the installation of conduit and pull string for future security cameras at the Patch Reef Park playground was presented to the Board for consideration. This proactive measure, recommended by staff, aims to enhance public safety while avoiding future costly disruptions by integrating security infrastructure before the playground's completion. Broadcast Systems, a trusted security partner for the City of Boca Raton Police Department, reviewed the playground plans and provided input on optimal camera placement. The total cost of the change order is \$31,050.00, which will be added to the existing contract with Shiff Construction & Development.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Shiff Construction Change Order for the Conduit and Pull String Installation for Security Cameras at Patch Reef Park Playground for \$31,050.00, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner EhrnstYesCommissioner EngelYesCommissioner RollinsYesCommissioner VogelgesangYesCommissioner WrightYesMOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Quarterly Budget Update

Executive Director Harms provided a quarterly budget update for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, ensuring alignment with its adopted goals of fiscal responsibility, transparency, infrastructure improvements, and compliance under the requirements of Florida Statute § 189.0695.

As of December 31, 2024, Ad Valorem Tax collections reached 80% of the annual budget due to early payments, while other revenue sources were lower than projected but expected to adjust in future quarters. Capital improvement project spending remains low as most projects are still in early phases, while general expenses, including insurance and debt service, are tracking as expected. The District maintains strong reserves and fully complies with statutory financial reporting requirements.

Discussion: Treasurer Ehrnst noted that the interest earnings for last year were slightly over \$3,120,000.

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 \$3,731,801.67.

Roll Call Vote:Commissioner EhrnstYesCommissioner EngelYesCommissioner RollinsYesCommissioner VogelgesangYesCommissioner WrightYesMOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Executive Director:

Ribbon Cutting

The Ribbon cutting for the Maintenance Facility at DeHoernle Park is confirmed for February 24, 2025.

<u>Beach Volleyball</u>

Beach volleyball is restricted during turtle nesting season (March–November), and no nets are allowed on the beaches. Outside this period, nets are available at Spanish River Park and South Beach. Additionally, sand volleyball is available at the picnic area near the center tunnel at Spanish River Park.

Multi-Sport Rink Usage

The usage numbers for the multi-sport rink at Sugar Sand Park were emailed to the Board.

District Counsel:

<u>JJ Morely Update</u>

The District has received a \$90,000 settlement check from JJ Morley. All matters have been fully resolved, and the case is officially closed.

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Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel commended the budget update, highlighting the team's outstanding work and sincere appreciation for their efforts.

Commissioner Rollins emphasized the importance of maintaining and expanding recreational facilities amidst the city's rapid growth and development. He stressed the need for careful planning in the upcoming Recreation Master Plan, ensuring that no child or adult is denied the opportunity to participate in sports. Additionally, he suggested organizing senior recreational activities, such as tournaments, to engage the older community. Finally, he reiterated the need for a new Field House to accommodate the growing demand for indoor sports, highlighting ongoing conflicts over facility space.

Commissioner Vogelgesang highlighted concerns about the Top Soccer program at Woodlands, noting the poor field conditions, including excessive sand, which poses safety issues for youth sports. She emphasized the need for more fields to accommodate growing participation while ensuring safe playing conditions with proper grass or turf surfaces. She also pointed out infrastructure concerns that need attention and stressed the importance of planning for future expansions, including a potential Phase Two and the plans at North Park, as part of the upcoming Recreation Master Plan. She expressed complete agreement on prioritizing youth sports expansion.

Commissioner Wright agreed with concerns about downtown development and the importance of the Recreation Master Plan. She stressed the importance of coordinating with the city on planning and funding. Additionally, she raised the issue of resident vs. non-resident participation in youth sports, suggesting that if field space becomes maxed out, the District should reevaluate fees and priority access to ensure residents benefit first.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

	Roll Call Vote:	
	Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
	Commissioner Engel	Yes
	Commissioner Rollins	Yes
	Commissioner Vogelges	ang Yes
	Commissioner Wright	Yes
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