

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 3, 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.- *Via Zoom*
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Robert DuKate raised concerns about the North Park design changes and questioned whether the new features were part of prior public input.

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 18, 2025, 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. North Park Update presented by Miller Legg

Mr. Mike Kroll, Liudmila Fuentes from Miller Legg, and Adam Chatham from ECS provided an update on North Park, outlining key project elements and infrastructure updates. Highlights of the update included project images and concepts, progress on the maintenance building, new restroom facilities, a dog park with a splash pad, a ninja course, and a pump track. The presentation also addressed soil mitigation efforts, permitting processes, the NW 67th Street connection, and a proposed pedestrian tunnel. The timeline and next steps were discussed, reflecting ongoing progress and planned modifications to the project.

AS 5 Proposal for Additional Services Needed at North Park

The Miller Legg AS5 Proposal details the scope and fees for additional services related to the NW 67th Street improvements, pedestrian tunnel modifications, and park bidding assistance. The proposal covers design and permitting for road enhancements, modifications to the pedestrian/cyclist tunnel due to city-mandated delays, and support for bidding and cost estimation for North Park's Phases 1 and 2. Key services include subsurface utility engineering (SUE), civil engineering, landscape architecture, electrical and lighting design, and park bidding assistance. Anticipated challenges involve coordination with the City of Boca Raton, delays from the Jeffrey Street extension, multi-agency permitting, compliance with ADA requirements, stormwater management, and utility adjustments. The proposed fee is \$146,750 (lump sum), with additional hourly fees capped at \$8,500 and reimbursable expenses of \$500. The plan follows a phased design approach, culminating in final construction documentation.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the Miller Legg Additional Services Agreement #5, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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2. Annual Audit Report

The annual audit for the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District for fiscal year 2024, conducted by Grau & Associates, has been successfully completed with no findings or recommendations. The audit confirmed the District’s strong financial position, with assets exceeding liabilities by \$12,844,766, revenues surpassed projections, expenditures stayed within budget, and all investment policies were met. The full report is available on the District’s website.

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 \$ 549,412.80

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:

State of the City

Next Friday, the State of the City address will take place March 14, 2025, at Mizner Park, where the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District will be honored as part of its centennial sponsorship. As a recognition of its contributions, the District will receive the keys to the city during the event. Commissioners Rollins and Ehrnst will be in attendance to represent the District.

North Park – Traffic Garden

A meeting with the city engineer and All County Paving reviewed the project and preliminary design. The permit is expected this week, with further discussion at the next meeting.

Softball Complex at Sugar Sand Park

The City of Boca Raton is developing the Downtown Campus Master Plan and proposed a partnership with the District to build a softball complex at Sugar Sand Park’s Track A, a non-

conservation area. The Board unanimously agreed to direct Ms. Harms to work with legal counsel in drafting an agreement with the city to facilitate the project's development.

District Counsel:

Florida Legislative Session

The Florida Legislature convened its 2025 regular session, with approximately 3,000 bills filed for consideration. Counsel will review them to determine which may be relevant to the District.

Ocean Strand Permanent Easement

The permanent easement request remains under review, along with ongoing discussions regarding Ocean Strand. A private review of this matter will occur first, followed by a public discussion. Consultation with the Executive Director is ongoing to assess the parameters of recent proposals presented to the Board.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang praised the DeHoernle Maintenance Facility ribbon-cutting as a valuable investment for District parks. She commended the new roof at Patch Reef Park's pickleball courts, envisioning a world-class facility, and acknowledged progress on the playground, thanking staff for their dedication to advancing these projects.

Commissioner Rollins praised the DeHoernle Maintenance Facility as a time-saving, cost-effective asset and suggested relocating the trucks currently stationed at DeHoernle Park to the facility. He also celebrated the successful Soccer Association season, emphasizing its positive impact on youth sports.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 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