

EELAC -- PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Committee Approved

MEETING DATE: February 1, 2017 @ 9am -- Call the meeting to order at 9:02 am

Date 4.5.17

Staff: Sheryl Rozier, Chris Saddler Kelly de Schaub

Signature

NAME	ATTENDANCE	CONFLICT OF INTEREST	AGENDA VI.		FOR AGAINST	AGENDA VII.		FOR AGAINST	AGENDA VIII. 1st 2nd		FOR AGAINST
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Jeri Kinnear, Chair	✓				✓		no action			no action	
John Zendt, Vice Chair											
Buzz Elton	✓				✓						
Karla Klay	✓				✓						
Dr. Bill Merrell	✓	left @ 10:09		2nd	✓						
Alice Anne O'Donnell	✓			1st	✓						
Diane Olsen											
Victoria Herrin	✓				✓						
Robert Lynch/Anne Braiser	✓	left @ 10:02			✓						
Lyda Ann Thomas (Emeritus)											

Resource Members Present/via Phone: Julie Ann Brown, Barbara Sanderson

Guests Present: Joyce Mclean, Bob Randall, Robert Mihovil

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADDL. NOTES	
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MOTION AGENDA VI.	Discuss and Consider Approval of November 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
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Motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval, without comments.

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MOTION AGENDA VII. Update on Current Activities

Sheryl reported on the following:

- * Still waiting to hear about RESTORE
- * Phase 1A architectural plans are still at the COG permit office
- * GLO CMP Cycle 21 – (survey/delineation/~2,500lf of ADA trail, interpretive signage, trail markers). Survey firm has been hired and they are working and continuing to collect data. Met on the 25th for a progress meeting and they are doing a very professional job. Their deliverable is due on 3/31/17. We will bring back their findings at the April meeting for discussion. Next deliverable will be working with a designer to layout the trail (if needed) and then a construction bid package with technical specifications and construction drawings. Progress reports are on schedule.
- * GLO CMP 22 – (remediation/rehabilitation & planning of an area of land northwest of the bridge on Boddeker Dr.) This grant was awarded on the 27th and staff will be working with the GLO to develop the work plan. The contract for this grant probably won't be available until September/October 2017.
- * Alice Anne wanted to remind the group about the concern of the lagoon filling in at the inlet. Maybe there is a need to find out what would be required to 'dredge' or clean out the area that is filling in or the need to do so.

MOTION AGENDA VIII. Discuss Future Vision

Non-Action Item -- Define and discuss what the vision is. Kelly reviewed broad components of the AECOM Master Plan including the site plan, construction items, square footages and costs. This information is also available in the document in the briefing papers. A lot of construction, HVAC and maintenance costs were proposed in this plan. The conversation needs to be, is this were we are going and how long will it take us to pay for this activity? Kelly also iterated the business plan as laid out in the Master Plan. At this time EELAC is implementing the plan as envisioned. Comments from EELAC include: Retail is under-valued, overnight camping is over-valued. The business plan had the operation losing money until Phase III, but would require a large grant writing component in your operation. It never envisions the plan to be self sustaining through user fees. The plan does recognize the limitation on parking. Are we really considering this density at the EEL and how do we park the visitor? They don't recognize concessions or partners and EELAC should discuss this. What would be a vision for EEL and what generates money? It is time to make some decisions for the area. Comments from EELAC include: Create for reasons other than profit; There are ample funds to construct; Maintenance costs out of local tax base (County, State, Federal); Hopeful for EEL to be part of the National Parks Service; Gulf of Mexico Educational Center (not a "nature center"); The benefits of green/park space for a community; Community needs to voice their desire for this place; CVB to market access to nature. Put a budget to what we want in real dollars/cents. The Park Board does not have any unallocated resources/funding.

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MOTION AGENDA IX.	Future Agenda Items
Continued discussion on visioning, maintenance, budget.	
MOTION AGENDA X.	Announcements
Next meeting March 1, 2017.	
MOTION AGENDA XI.	Adjournment @ 10:11 am