

**EELAC -- PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MEETING DATE: July 12, 2017 @ 9am -- Call the meeting to order at 9:05 am

Staff: Sheryl Rozier Chris Saddler

| NAME                       | PRESENT | CONFLICT OF INTEREST | AGENDA VI. 1st 2nd |         |  | AGENDA VII. 1st 2nd |         |  | AGENDA VIII. 1st 2nd |         |  | AGENDA IX. 1st 2nd |         |  | AGENDA X. 1st 2nd |         |  |
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| Jeri Kinnear, Chair        | ✓       | none                 |                    | ✓       |  |                     | ✓       |  |                      | ✓       |  |                    | ✓       |  |                   | ✓       |  |
| John Zendt, Vice Chair     |         |                      |                    |         |  |                     |         |  |                      |         |  |                    |         |  |                   |         |  |
| TDAC Rep (vacant)          |         |                      |                    |         |  |                     |         |  |                      |         |  |                    |         |  |                   |         |  |
| Karla Klay                 |         |                      |                    |         |  |                     |         |  |                      |         |  |                    |         |  |                   |         |  |
| Dr. Bill Merrell           | ✓       |                      |                    | ✓       |  |                     | ✓       |  | 2nd                  | ✓       |  |                    | ✓       |  | 2nd               | ✓       |  |
| Alice Anne O'Donell        |         |                      |                    |         |  |                     |         |  |                      |         |  |                    |         |  |                   |         |  |
| Diane Olsen                | ✓       |                      | 1st                | ✓       |  | 1st                 | ✓       |  | 1st                  | ✓       |  | 1st                | ✓       |  | 1st               | ✓       |  |
| Victoria Herrin            | ✓       |                      |                    | ✓       |  |                     | ✓       |  |                      | ✓       |  |                    | ✓       |  |                   | ✓       |  |
| Robert Lynch/Anne Braiser  | ✓       |                      | 2nd                | ✓       |  |                     | ✓       |  |                      | ✓       |  | 2nd                | ✓       |  |                   | ✓       |  |
| Lyda Ann Thomas (Emeritus) |         |                      |                    |         |  |                     |         |  |                      |         |  |                    |         |  |                   |         |  |

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| Jeri Kinnear, Chair        | ✓       | none                 |                    | ✓       |  |                     | ✓       |  | no action            |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Diane Olsen                | ✓       |                      | 2nd                | ✓       |  | 1st                 | ✓       |  |                      |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Victoria Herrin            | ✓       |                      |                    | ✓       |  | 2nd                 | ✓       |  |                      |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Robert Lynch/Anne Braiser  | ✓       | left @ 10:22         | 1st                | ✓       |  |                     | ✓       |  |                      |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lyda Ann Thomas (Emeritus) |         |                      |                    |         |  |                     |         |  |                      |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

Guests Present: Trustee Spencer Priest, John Lee

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| PUBLIC COMMENT & ADDL. NOTES |
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Committee Approved

Date 9/6/17

Signature 

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**MOTION AGENDA VI. Discuss And Consider The Development Of A Business Plan And Master Plan Update For The East End Lagoon**

AECOM is not the plan for today. Staff updated EELAC on the items that need ground truthing and an update for the more current, realistic plan. Anne mentioned that Robert agreed that the AECOM plan should be downsized and a portion of the money from Kempner is acceptable to use for this task. Anne asked if this is the best use for the donation in Lyda Ann's name. Staff indicated that there are lots of uses for the money but it is hard to move forward with donations and requests of money from the City without the updated, laid out plan of what is realistic. Motion: Instruct Park Board staff pursue scope of work to accept bids for developing a business plan and updating the current master plan for the EEL, including the use of Apffel Park pavilion.

**MOTION AGENDA VII. Discuss And Consider A Recommendation To The Trustees For A Request For Funding From The "Trickle Down" For The East End Lagoon**

Staff updated that there is no current funding stream and this is a formal request for continued funding for the EEL. The number requested from EELAC in the recent past was to ask for \$100k. Jeri mentioned that since we increased the scope of our thoughts that we should increase the request to \$150k. This is a recommendation to the FOC and Trustees. The document in the packet was presented in \$100k. This is a one time ask and with the business plan we can revisit the amount of assistance since it is a city asset. Staff will be making a presentation to City Council for this request with an explanation of past activities related to the contributions. Staff explained the ultimate need for the business plan. Motion: Ask the Trustees to consider a request to take to Council for funding from the trickle down for the EEL in the amount of \$150k. Trustee Priest seconded the motion, believing he was filling a role of an absent Trustee. This item will also go to the PB FOC and Trustees before going to City Council.

**MOTION AGENDA VIII. Discuss And Consider The East End Lagoon FY 2017-2018 Budget**

The details of the budget were presented to EELAC. EELAC discussed where the additional \$50k would go. It was agreed upon to increase the signage budget and place the rest in a contingency line item for reserves/'improvements'. The budget was adjusted to match the \$150k request from the previous agenda item. Motion: EELAC approves the budget as presented with the changes with a request from trickle down of \$150k, with the increase in signage to \$29k and increasing miscellaneous to \$175k.

**MOTION AGENDA IX. Discuss And Consider Topics For CMP Cycle 23 Grant Funding**

Staff gave an update on the previous CMP grants and how it would be great to tie back to CMP 21 or 22. The grant is due September 20, 2017. John Lee would be assisting the Park Board again in the submission for this grant. Two items were presented: 1. an elevated boardwalk to provide additional connectivity to the trails from 21 and provide alignment of the easement to the boardwalk; OR 2. do additional work of delineation at 22 so we know how much land we are dealing with to assist in more parking and development of that land. MOTION: EELAC makes a motion to recommend applying to CMP 23 for funding for cleaning up and/or rebuilding the boardwalk that has been found in the delineation.

**MOTION AGENDA X. Discuss And Consider The Use Of Apffel Park Pavilion As A Nature Center For The East End Lagoon**

Took this item first (out of order). AECOM did not include Apffel Park in the master plan per the direction of the City. Maybe we should consider rebranding Apffel Pavilion to receive ecotourism visitors. Staff gave perspective of where the existing pavilion is in relation to the rest of the EEL and the project with CMP. Diane has reservations about the existing bar in the pavilion coupled with nature center, family friendly environment. Staff did explain the entertainment district designation of East Beach and the ability to sell beer and wine. Questions were asked about the pavilion structure and would it be enclosed? Or are we just putting up interpretive signage and calling it a nature center? Anne mentions that bringing this all the way out there it might be spread out. Bill mentions that there is a lot of interest in the beach as it relates to nature. Some way to connect back to the LORAN area. There is a benefit to a beach component. We still struggle to make enough money in the EEL and should look at the East side of Boddeker as revenue generation. Assign it to staff to determine if it is an interest. Chris comments on revenue of the park. Weekday traffic is low. There is an interest out there for birding but would like to drive weekday traffic. Put a donation box out there. He reiterates that it does have a TABC permit on that property. The pavilion is rented and after park hours it can be private. We have struggled with portable facilities and the floodplain manager does not support this. Are we willing to pursue having staff look into this and bringing it to the Trustees? Diane's reservation is that this is the end game or solution and we are finished, but is supportive of the beach element. The experiment is whether we can attract nature people to this area. MOTION: Staff to develop a proposal of creating a nature component into the existing Apffel Park Pavilion. Sheryl mentions that a discussion with the GLO will need to take place due to the beach user fee and how it is affected by this.

**MOTION AGENDA XI. Discuss And Consider Opportunities To Memorialize Lyda Ann Thomas' Contributions To The East End Lagoon**

Anne stated that the Kempner family would like the consideration of naming the pavilion in Lyda Ann's name. Motion: To name the pavilion that is coming with Phase 1A the Lyda Ann Thomas pavilion.

**MOTION AGENDA XII. Discuss And Consider Approval Of EELAC Regular Meeting Minutes From May 3, 2017**

Motion: Approve the minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting.

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**MOTION AGENDA XIII. Discuss FY 2017-2018 EELAC Work Plan**

Staff went over the work plan from the current budget year and the items that continue to roll. EELAC agreed that the PR strategy for the EEL is a priority. We need to meet with Melody and her staff and Jeri and Diane volunteer. This needs to be discussed internally if we can add that to TD's work plan. EELAC wants that support from the Park Board PR team. The business plan will be added to the work plan, implementation of CMP 21 & 22, the discussion of the MOU with the City was still brought up, donation station, volunteers?

**MOTION AGENDA XIV. Future Agenda Items**

Nothing particular other than resolution of some of the items discussed today.

**MOTION AGENDA XV. Announcements**

Julie Ann Brown announced that the GINTC board has declined the Big Reef Loop Trail grant from TPWD. It has been 3+ years since the grant was written. Due to erosion we cannot even put the trail in. It would have to be redesigned for a 3rd time and the board looked at the contract and they felt the terms were not in the best interest of GINTC. Sheryl added that in addition to some of the physicality of the issues there was no provision for professional fees or work related to CORP permission to build in the wetland environment. There was no funding source identified to pay for these very expensive services.

**MOTION AGENDA XVI. Adjournment @ 10:40 am**