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**Galveston Park Board Update: May 29, 2013**

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the board room.

**Park Board Supports Planned Additions to East End Lagoon Nature Preserve**

Tuesday, the Galveston Park Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support the construction of a new \$200,000 Big Reef walking trail at the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve. The East End Lagoon Committee is currently seeking funding for the walking trail from the John O'Quinn Foundation. The Board has agreed to provide in-kind support in the form of construction equipment for the creation of the trail.

**Park Board to Partner with A&M for Dune-Building Pilot Project**

The Park Board of Trustees on Tuesday heard a proposal from Texas A&M University at Galveston to build a seaweed-enhanced dune project at one of the Park Board-managed beach parks. The estimated \$136,000 pilot project would test the creation of seaweed-enhanced dunes for durability to surf and wind. Funding for the project has not yet been secured. The university has asked the Park Board to provide a site for the project, heavy equipment and staff to build the dunes. The Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee will meet next month to discuss potential funding options.

**Park Board Appoints New Representative to TDAC**

During Tuesday's meeting, the Park Board appointed Claire Reiswerg of Sand 'N Sea Properties as the new Galveston Hotel and Lodging Association representative to the Tourism Development Advisory Committee (TDAC). The TDAC reviews Park Board policies as they relate to the operations of tourism development in Galveston. Reiswerg is also a member of the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC), which makes recommendations to the Park Board regarding beach maintenance operations.

**Park Board Creates New Ad Hoc Committee**

Tuesday, the Park Board created a new ad hoc committee to identify potential ways to upgrade the stretch of land from Stewart Beach to East Beach. The committee will meet with public and private sector stakeholders to address issues related to utilities, access, development and marketing. The board appointed Dr. Craig Brown, Joyce Calver McLean and Councilwoman Marie Robb to the new committee.

**About the Park Board of Trustees**

The Park Board of Trustees oversees beach maintenance and tourism development on Galveston Island, including operations for beach cleaning, the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on the Park Board of Trustees, please visit [www.galvestonparkboard.org](http://www.galvestonparkboard.org).

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