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Galveston Park Board Update: July 12, 2016

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Allocates Funds to Match Grant Contributions

In 2015, the Park Board submitted four Coastal Erosion Planning Response Act (CEPRA) grant applications. At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board allocated \$320,000 in funds to CEPRA projects in order to match CEPRA's contributions. Providing a local match is a requirement to receive the CEPRA grants, which will fund a variety of projects planned for later this year, including updating and extending beach nourishment permits, conducting a dredge feasibility study, identifying and permitting new inland sand sources for future nourishment projects and a sand-dune construction project in cooperation with Texas A&M Galveston.

Park Board Presents Q3 Work Plan Updates

Each fiscal year, the Park Board develops a work plan. The plan's scope includes projects in all Park Board departments as well as their budgets and funding sources, and designates staff responsible for completing them. At its meeting Tuesday, Park Board staff presented updates from the plan for the third quarter, April-June 2016. Highlights included:

- A new pay-for-performance compensation plan has been developed for staff and will be implemented October 1.
- Job applications for the Park Board are now available online.
- Park Board trustees and select staff members attended a board retreat and developed a five-year strategic plan.
- The Park Board added 11 new beach and seawall vendors, representing \$40,000 in revenue.
- Park Board staff made eight presentations about the organization to homeowner groups and civic organizations.
- Park Board staff reviewed the emergency preparedness plan and has put it in place.
- New changing rooms have been added to East Beach.
- Park Board staff and Wisconsin-based BCI Burke Inc. constructed a new playground at Seawolf Park.
- The Galveston Beach Patrol's (GBP) Junior Lifeguard program has 100 participants this summer.
- GBP added four new lifeguard towers to the beach.

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.