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Galveston Park Board Update: October 12, 2016

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 11 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Unveils New Web Site

At its meeting Tuesday, Park Board staff unveiled the organization's new web site that went live on Oct. 10. The site, www.galvestonparkboard.org, contains features designed to increase efficiency for both its users and Park Board staff. Responsive in nature, the site is designed to be easy to read and navigate on many devices. The site allows for online vendor applications, special event reservations and public requests for information. Those who wish may also sign up to receive Park Board notifications of meetings and special events through the site.

Park Board Considers Proposal to Increase Internal Contributions to Beach Nourishment Fund

On Tuesday, the Park Board considered a proposal that would increase the organization's internal contributions to its beach nourishment fund. In 2006, the Park Board established a beach nourishment fund that takes a portion of beach parking fees and earmarks them for future beach nourishment projects. Currently, \$1 of each beach parking charge is placed in the fund. In light of the recent increase in beach parking fees, the board is considering raising the contribution to \$2 per beach parking charge from fees collected at Stewart Beach, Dellanera RV Park and Pocket Parks 1 and 2. R.A. Appfel Park, or East Beach, will continue to pay \$1 per car. Park Board Director of Operations Reuben Trevino said that because East Beach is an accreting beach, it will not have the need for beach nourishment services in the foreseeable future. The board will vote whether to raise the contribution at its next meeting on Oct. 25.

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.

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