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## **Galveston Park Board Update: November 29, 2012**

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the board room.

### **Park Board to Begin \$4.2 million Beach Nourishment Project**

After approving an interlocal agreement with the City of Galveston and Seascapes Condos Nov. 13, the Park Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved a Project Collaboration Agreement (PCA) with the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The agreement gives the Board the ability to begin a \$4.2 million beach nourishment project extending from Dellanera Park to the end of Seawall. The project will be the first beach nourishment project in Galveston since the Severance v. Patterson case was filed. The GLO is now proceeding into the design phase, which is a six-month process. In June, the project will go out for bids, with construction projected to begin in September.

### **Request for Proposal: Galveston Island Image and Economic Impact Study**

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees unanimously approved to conduct two new studies to evaluate the health of the island's tourism industry in the current fiscal year. An image study will survey travelers with the goal of gathering the general perception of Galveston as a tourist destination. An economic impact study will analyze the economic role of tourism in Galveston. The last economic impact study for Galveston tourism was conducted in 2008. The new findings of the study will better position the Park Board's tourism marketing efforts.

### **New Concessionaire at East Beach**

Tuesday, the Galveston Park Board of Trustees unanimously approved an agreement with a new beach vendor. *Coastal Ice*, which will offer beach visitors bags of ice for coolers and other uses, will open a stand at East Beach during the next beach park season.

### **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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