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## **Galveston Park Board Update: August 15, 2013**

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 13 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the board room.

### **Park Board Proposes New Downtown Oversight Committee**

The board, Tuesday, proposed the establishment of a Downtown Oversight Committee. The new committee will develop promotional strategies for the district and recommendations for the allocation of revenue generated from downtown parking and other potential sources. The committee will consist of five voting members and one ex-officio non-voting member elected by the Park Board of Trustees. A ratification of this proposal is expected for Aug. 26.

### **Park Board Aids in Public Improvements at West End Beach Access Points**

On Tuesday, the Park Board discussed improvements that were recently implemented in response to a City Council request to provide solutions to complaints generated by local residents regarding limited facilities and increased usage at beach access point 10. The Park Board provided port-a-potties and installed a bollard line to protect dunes. The Park Board has recommended to City Council a review of the current beach access plan given the increased level of beachgoers and the implementation of seawall parking fees. The City of Galveston is ultimately responsible for west end beach access points, but is seeking guidance from the Park Board.

### **Park Board Approves Funding for two Special Events**

Tuesday, the Park Board of Trustees agreed to dedicate \$9,000 from its special event fund to support the Diva's Half Marathon and 5k Race— a new event coming to Galveston in April 2014. The three-day event will feature a women's half marathon and 5K race, a health & fitness expo, a post-race party and more. The board also agreed to dedicate \$9,000 from its special event fund to support the Santa Hustle Half Marathon and 5k Race to take place for its second year in Galveston in December 2013.

### **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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