



**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston**  
**East End Lagoon Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Galveston, Texas 77550**

**In accordance with the order effective March 16, 2020 issued by the Office of the Texas Governor, the Park Board of Trustees will conduct this meeting via video conference in order to maintain social distancing guidelines for the reduction in the spread of the Covid-19 virus.**

- I. Call Meeting To Order
- II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum
- III. Conflict Of Interest Declarations
- IV. Requests To Address The Committee

*The public shall be allowed to provide comment to the Committee regarding one or more agenda or non-agenda items by completing the public comment form available on the Park Board of Trustees website at the following link prior to the start of the meeting:*

[HTTPS://WWW.GALVESTONPARKBOARD.ORG/FORMS.ASPX?FID=65](https://www.galvestonparkboard.org/forms.aspx?fid=65)

- V. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[2\\_3\\_2021 MINUTES.PDF](#)

- VI. Presentation Of The 2020 Reproductive Output Report By American Bird Conservancy (Kristen Vale, 20 Minutes)

Documents:

[AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW - 2020 REPRODUCTIVE OUTPUT REPORT.PDF](#)  
[EAST BEACH 2014-2020 REPRODUCTIVE OUTPUT.PDF](#)

- VII. Discuss Update On RESTORE Award For East End Lagoon Phase 1A (Sheryl Rozier, 5 Minutes)

Documents:

AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW - UPDATE ON RESTORE AWARD FOR EEL  
PHASE 1A.PDF

VIII. Discuss Programming Surrounding World Migratory Bird Day (Ann Hobing, 5 Minutes)

Documents:

AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW - EELAC MARCH 2021 DISCUSS WORLD  
MIGRATORY BIRD DAY.PDF

IX. Discuss East End Lagoon Financial Account Managed By GINTC (Julie Ann Brown, 5  
Minutes)

Documents:

AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW -GINTC EEL ACCOUNT STANDING.PDF

X. Future Agenda Items

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

*I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, on or before February 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m.*

Approved  
to Format  
Steven Creitz  
Chair, EELAC

Approved  
Spencer Priest  
Chair, Park Board of Trustees

Approved as  
Kelly de Schaun  
Park Board CEO

**Please Note Members of the City Council may be attending and participating in the discussion.**

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within three (3) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Park Board Administration

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**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston  
East End Lagoon Advisory Committee Regular Meeting  
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550**

2/3/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members Present: Steven Creitz, Diane Olsen, Alice Anne O'Donell, Julie Ann Brown, Kristen Vale, Len Waterworth, Lauren Scott, Jim O'Neill

Committee Members Not Present: Peter Moore

III. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

IV. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the committee.

V. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Diane Olsen made a motion to approve the December 2, 2020 East End Lagoon Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Second: Kristen Vale seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0)

VI. Discuss And Consider East End Lagoon Ribbon Cutting Postponed From Spring 2020 (Ann Hobing, 5 Minutes)

Ann Hobing reminded the committee that the East End Lagoon's ribbon cutting previously set for April 1, 2020, had been postponed due to COVID-19 concerns and asked the committee to consider selecting a Spring 2021 date for the event. After discussion, Kristen Vale made a motion to direct staff to create a "virtual" opening in conjunction with Migratory Bird Week and to bring back those considerations to the committee for their approval. Diane Olsen seconded. Motion was unanimously approved (8-0).

VII. Discussion On Best Practice Management Guidelines (Nate Stevens, 15 Minutes)

Nate Stevens led a discussion with the committee regarding funding and planning for a kite festival at East Beach, and the consideration of the newly created document "Best Management Practices for Large Events" with respect to this event and others being considered for the future. All future event planning and approval processes and work flows will be better structured and regulated to avoid confusion and to continue the preservation of the East End Lagoon area.

- VIII. Discuss Park Board Strategic Plan (Tammy Canavan, 45 Minutes)  
Tammy Canavan with Fired Up! Culture facilitated a discussion with the committee regarding their goals and priorities to establish a long term plan for the Park Board operations using the 2016 adopted plan as a starting point for the discussion.
- IX. EELAC Work Plan 2020-2021  
East End Lagoon Advisory Committee has been included so that the committee can note and track progress on agreed areas of work.
- X. Future Agenda Items
- Kimberly Danesi requested that Sheryl Rozier bring and update on RESTORE to the next committee meeting.
- Nate Stevens asked Kristen Vale to bring the most recent bird report to the committee.
- Ann Hobing will bring plans for the virtual opening of the East End Lagoon in conjunction with World Migratory Bird week to the committee for their consideration.
- XI. Announcements  
Julie Ann Brown offered her thanks to Nate Stevens and the RA Apfel Park and CZM crews for their work in keeping the trails clean. Steven Creitz noted that the Bryan Museum was hosting a Mardi Gras exhibit sponsored by Mitchell Historic Properties that would run through February 28. Lauren Scott asked if the Park Board was actively promoting the Mardi Gras House Floats. Kelly de Schaun confirmed that the Mardi Gras events were being promoted and also mentioned that the Park Board is working with the City to consider all the usual Fall events as well.
- XII. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.



**Agenda Item:** Presentation of the 2020 Reproductive Output Report by American Bird Conservancy

**Background:** American Bird Conservancy monitors bird activity and nesting on an annual basis at R.A. Apffel Park and Big Reef Nature Park. Each year, a report is developed that details observations made throughout the nesting season. In addition, American Bird Conservancy makes recommendations to Park Board Staff to further protect the habitat and birds that utilize the area.

**Staff Recommendation:** N/A

**Funding Source (if applicable):** N/A



**Agenda Item:** Discuss Update on RESTORE Award for East End Lagoon Phase 1A

**Background:** Development of the open-air interpretive center at the East End Lagoon is reliant on the disbursement of funds from the RESTORE federal grant, created in 2012 after the 2010 BP oil spill. Funding of \$1.35m was accepted in 2017 to develop the center as lined out in Phase 1A of the 2010 AECOM plan (since updated in the 2019 East End Lagoon Business Plan as Phase 2 development). The hope is that funds will be disbursed by 2022. Currently, Sheryl Rozier, Park Board Project Manager, is working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the contract.

**Staff Recommendation:** N/A

**Funding Source (if applicable):** N/A



**Agenda Item:** Discuss and Consider World Migratory Bird Day multi-day event in connection with East End Lagoon Preserve

**Background:** The East End Lagoon Advisory Committee had discussed the opportunity to intersect awareness for East End Lagoon Preserve with World Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 8. With Galveston recently earning the coveted Bird City Texas award, one of only three Texas cities to receive such accolade this year, EELAC thought it appropriate to promote the award in tandem with East End Lagoon Preserve.

After consideration of a structure for a multi-day event, the following items have been preliminarily developed as a possible outline:

Friday, May 7, 2021 – Virtual Introduction to East End Lagoon

A virtual program would be created with the expertise of the Tourism Development team and can include virtual content developed by Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council, one of the Park Board’s partners at East End Lagoon. We can share remarks and testimonials from key supporters, experts and enthusiasts about the importance of preserving nature or what the Lagoon means to them. We can promote Lagoon activities like fishing, adventure kayaking, hiking the interpretive trail, and we can develop a social media photography contest.

Saturday, May 8, 2021 – World Migratory Bird Day celebration

World Migratory Bird Day is a celebration of birdwatching, “...a pastime enjoyed by some 86 million Americans.” ([migratorybirdday.org](http://migratorybirdday.org)). The goal is to connect with birds and develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of them, their habitats and the mysteries of migration to promote conservation. World Migratory Bird Day provides a toolkit of activities and programs that can be shared digitally, and asks sites to register on their global map.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends proceeding with development of a two-day event, using the above outline.

**Funding Source (if applicable):** No funding is budgeted.



**Agenda Item:** Discuss East End Lagoon Financial Account Managed by GINTC

**Background:** The Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council (GINTC) has been designated by the City Council of Galveston to act as the fundraising entity for the East End Lagoon Nature Park and Preserve. GINTC works in conjunction with the Galveston Park Board of Trustees, the City of Galveston, and all other partners to facilitate the project.

Over the years, GINTC has raised over \$375k for the project. Funds deposited into this account have been contributed for a variety of projects like development of the master plan, development of trails and signage, bench purchases, the wetland delineation, habitat management plan and much more.

GINTC will update EELAC on account standing on a quarterly basis.

**Staff Recommendation:** N/A

**Funding Source (if applicable):** N/A