



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee

1/6/2023 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Members Present: Jason Worthen, Kimberly Gaido, Craig Vance, John Machol, Hal Needham, Jen Johnson, Willis Ghandi, Virgie Greb, Bob Bullwinkel, Karla Klay, Sharon Tirpak, and Kyle Clark.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: John Machol motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 7th, 2022, BMAC meeting.

Second: Craig Vance seconded.

Vote: Approved (12 - 0)

VII. Recognition Of 'A Friend Of Galveston Beaches'

Mr. Gregg Hurt and his Clean Beach Team Six were honored as the first honorees of the 'Friend of Galveston Beaches' recognition. The group, based out of the Isla Del Sol community, was recognized for their hard work and contribution to keeping Galveston Island's beaches clean. Mr. Hurt's group is 27 members strong and began in the summer of 2021 with the assistance of the Park Board.

VIII. Presentation On City Of Galveston Beach Survey (APTIM Representative, 20 Minutes)

Mr. Cris Weber and Michael Lowiec with Aptim presented on the 2022 annual Galveston Beach Survey. The representatives from Aptim gave an in-depth review of how the surveys are conducted and what is analyzed to spot differences when comparing the annual beachfront surveys year to year. The annual beachfront survey scope of work includes conducting a Depth of Closure, Wading Depth Surveys, and a Proof of Methodology Study with drone technology. The Wading Depth Surveys take place along the entire length of Galveston Island, excluding Galveston Island State Park and Jamaica Beach. The Depth of Closure surveys are conducted on the three engineered beaches only (Historic Seawall, Babe's Beach and Dellanera beachfront).

IX. Presentation On World Ocean Day Preparation From Artist Boat (Kelsey Malan, 15 Minutes)

Kelsey Malan, Outreach and Marketing Coordinator for local non-profit Artist Boat, presented on the World Ocean Day Festival planning for 2023. Ms. Malan first provided statistics pertaining to the festival in 2022, and the success of the event. There were 18 exhibitors, 5 vendors, and multiple entertainers with different activities marking it as the biggest World Ocean Day Festival.

Ms. Malan then briefed the group on how Artist Boat plans to enhance the festival this year by making the event a series of events throughout a few days, adding a food truck with sustainable seafood tacos, adding additional signage, and additional activities. The festival will be held on June 10th, 2023, at East Beach Park.

X. Presentation On The Tropical Weather Recap For 2022 (Dr. Hal Needham, 20 Minutes)

Dr. Hal Needham, Climate Data and Natural Hazards Scientist, presented a recap of the 2022 tropical weather season for BMAC members. Dr. Needham noted that we saw fewer named storms in 2022 than we have in the last few years. He also noted how a storm is communicated from professionals can determine how well people prepare for the storm, based on wording and perceived danger. Dr. Needham indicated we will be in El Nino during Galveston Tropical storm season for 2023, which is an indication of less storms throughout the season.

XI. Update On Washed Ashore Exhibit Around The Island (Kimberly Danesi, 20 Minutes)

Mrs. Kimberly Danesi provided BMAC members with engagement updates on the Washed Ashore sculptures placed around town as part of an activation for locals and visitors. There are 20 marine debris sculptures spread across the island, and Visit Galveston and the CVB have garnered ways to track engagement with the sculptures through the Visit Galveston app, webpage, and social media accounts.

XII. 2022-2023 Committee Work Plan

The committee is on track with the 2022 - 2023 Committee Work Plan.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Update on Dellanera RV Park Nourishment
- Review of Environmental Coordinator projects for 2023
- Program review of the Seaweed Emergency Relocation Program

XIV. Announcements

Sheryl Rozier provided an update on the Dellanera RV Nourishment Project, letting the group know the project is well underway and to expect more updates at the next meeting.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.