



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

1/7/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The pledge was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Committee members present: Jason Worthen, Marty Fluke, Ben Ritt, Craig Vance, Jerry Mohn, Peggy Zahler, John Machol, Marie Robb, Willis Gandhi, Jen Johnson and Hal Needham.

Resource Members present: Allison Buchtien and Rhonda Gregg.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

Bradford Davis addressed the committee regarding the Stewart Beach drainage project and requested alternatives be reviewed.

Gregg Hurt spoke on agenda item X.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Peggy Zahler motioned to approve the October 1, November 5 and December 3, 2021 meeting minutes.

Second: John Machol seconded.

Vote: Approved (10-0, Robb not present at time of vote).

VII. Introduction Of Elizabeth Schneider New Environmental Coordinator (Kimberly Danesi, 5 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi introduced Elizabeth Schneider as the new Environmental Coordinator for the Park Board and shared a brief bio and summary of responsibilities this position would be responsible for.

VIII. Update On Trash Initiatives (Kimberly Danesi, 10 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi updated the committee on the initiatives put in place to help with the increase in trash on the island. She shared that staff is currently working with Surf Rider to deploy additional cigarette receptacles along the seawall. Mrs. Danesi also shared that staff is scheduled to meet with representatives of Ineos about their initiatives and interests in partnering with the Park Board on education, volunteering and recycling programs.

IX. Update On Federal Seaweed Permit Renewal (Kimberly Danesi, 20 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi reviewed the history of the Park Board permit for relocation of seaweed and shared that the current permit, which covers all of the beachfront with the exception of a few areas along the Seawall, Jamaica Beach and the State Park, is scheduled to expire at the end of 2022. She reported that the Park Board is currently working on the renewal and is planning to only permit the areas that the Park Board is directly responsible for managing which include East Beach, Stewart Beach, most of Seawall Beach and Dellanera RV Park as well as the County pocket parks managed by the City of Galveston. The understanding would be that the Homeowner and Property Owner Associations would obtain their own permits moving forward.

X. Discuss And Consider Recommendations On Alternatives To Fireworks (Jason Worthen, 20 Minutes)

Jason Worthen shared that the committee has been tasked with recommending alternatives to the annual fireworks show for the 4th of July. He reported that a task force, made up of members of the committee as well as the Tourism Development Advisory Committee, (TDAC), met and had good discussion but there was no consensus since both groups have separate missions. Kimberly Danesi shared that at the recent TDAC meeting, staff also brought forward a laser show alternative in addition other activities to extend the holiday from Juneteenth to July 4th for Freedom Days.

Motion: Jason Worthen motioned that the Park Board no longer supports fireworks moving forward and to support the alternative recommendations from TDAC.

Second: John Machol seconded.

Vote: Approved (6-4-1, Robb, Willis, Vance and Johnson opposed, Fluke abstained)

XI. Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee 2021-2022 Work Plan

No changes to the work plan.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Update on Ineos meeting
- World Ocean Day
- Update on Hurricane Season expectations
- Update on breakwater
- Update on beach nourishment project - historic beach
- man-o-war update Chief Davis

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.