



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

2/4/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was skipped due to the use of an online format.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Committee Members Present: Jason Worthen, Marty Fluke, Craig Vance, Peggy Zahler, Jen Johnson, John Machol, Willis Gandhi, Marie Robb, and Hal Needham (9:06 a.m.).

Resource Members Present: Allison Buchtien, Rhonda Gregg and Brandon Hill.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the committee.

VI. Update On The Stewart Beach Drainage Project (Sheryl Rozier, 10 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier provided an update on the Stewart Beach Drainage Project by reviewing the design and purpose of the project. She described the swale and ditch system that is to be dug around the parking lot that will provide somewhere for the water to flow. Stewart beach sits in a low area where water from surrounding properties collects. Allison Butchien shared the design of the project for a visual display while Sheryl described each aspect. Sheryl emphasized the importance of the project to allow for the parking lot to be accessible in rain events.

Mrs. Kelly de Schaun thanked everyone for paying attention to the council meeting and articles that have been coming out. Mrs. de Schaun recollected how long this project has been going on and the communication from the Park Board that has coincided with that process. She highlighted the historical data that Stewart Beach closed for 24 days during the 2021 season and that a change must be made.

VII. Presentation On The Planning Assistance To States Project For An Offshore Breakwater Off Dellanera RV Park (Sheryl Rozier / Coraggio Maglio, P.E. / Patrick Kerr, P.E. / Emily Perron / Larry Wise, P.E., 20 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier introduced the team working on the planning of the offshore breakwater. The team is comprised of members from the Army Corps of Engineering and Baird. Patrick Kerr with the Army Corps of Engineers presented on the in-depth modeling and planning of the breakwater that will go in front of Dellanera RV park. He explained the process of choosing the horseshoe shape breakwater for the area and why it is needed to mitigate the current rate of erosion. Larry Wise with Baird finished off the presentation explaining Baird's role in the project and provided a timeline for the breakwater. There are a number of steps to be achieved before this project will go out to bid.

VIII. Update On The Historic Stretch Beach Nourishment Project (Sheryl Rozier, 5 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier updated the committee on the historic stretch beach nourishment project which is a GLO funded project. The last time the beach as nourished was in 2017, and this is a FEMA project and is in response to the sand lost during Hurricane Harvey.

IX. Presentation On 2022 Tropic Weather Predictions (Hal Needham, 10 Minutes)

Dr. Hal Needham presented on the tropic weather predictions for 2022. He reviewed the impacts of Tropical Storm Nicolas in Galveston and the reminder it provided for residents to take these storms seriously in the future. Dr. Needham spoke about hurricane seasons proceeding to get worse and start earlier every year. He predicts a more active hurricane season than normal. We will be able to have a better understanding of the season as of June.

X. Update On Trash Initiatives - INEOS Meeting (Elizabeth Schneider, 5 Minutes)

Park Board staff met with staff from INEOS on 02/22/2022 to discuss and brainstorm a working partnership. Many ideas of how both INEOS and the Park Board could benefit from working together were discussed. Park Board staff received confirmation from INEOS that they would like to move forward with the following ideas:

- Employee engagement via project support with developing educational materials relating to plastic, recycling, waste, etc
- Hiring an INEOS intern to support a scope of work to be determined by Park Board and INEOS
- Employee engagement at events to highlight the importance of waste management, support blue flag certification, plastic management, support events and projects.
- Participate in Advisory Panels/Councils/other teams that will promote sustainability
- Supporting the development of projects for best use of waste plastic on the island.

XI. Overview Of Save Our Shores Program For 2022 (Elizabeth Schneider, 5 Minutes)

Elizabeth Schneider briefed the committee on the history and purpose of the Save Our Shores program. The city ordinance was introduced due to the number of overnight beach setups that were being blown around by the wind or washed away by the tide. These canopies, chairs, coolers, and alike, are a hazard to the ecosystem and public. This is the fourth year going into the program and the procedural overview was read aloud. The overnight crews start the season during Spring Break until Memorial Day weekend, and continue until Labor Day weekend.

XII. Discuss Programming For World Oceans Day 2022 (Elizabeth Schneider, 10 Minutes)

Elizabeth briefed on World Oceans Day in the past, and the purpose of such an event. Would like to complement Arist Boats festival through different avenues. BMAC members have previously expressed interest in helping with the event and interest was expressed again during the January meeting. There was

an intention to form an AdHoc Committee. Jen Johnson, Craig Vance, and John Machol volunteered.

### XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Presentation on TAMUG's Multimeter Probe at Seawolf Park, Nicole Patterson, 20 Minutes
- Presentation on the Destination Sustainability Plan, Kelly de Schaun, 20 Minutes
- Review 5 Year Capital Improvement and Project Plans, Sheryl Rozier, 20 Minutes
- Update on Trash Initiatives - Timeline and Possible Projects, Elizabeth Schneider, 20 Minutes
- *Review 2021-2022 BMAC Work Plan*

### XIV. Announcements

Jason Worthen announced our next meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.