



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston

3/22/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.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.

Trustees present: Spencer Priest, Will Wright, Dave Jacoby, David Collins, Steven Creitz, Marty Fluke, Jason Hardcastle, Maureen Patton (1:35 p.m.) and Jason Worthen.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared by the trustees.

A. Conflict Of Interest, Staff Ownership Of Short-Term Rental (Bryson Frazier, 5 Minutes)

Bryson Frazier shared that accounting employee Kay Terry has formed a short-term rental company with a family member and as required, has completed the conflict disclosure form.

V. Requests To Address The Board

The following addressed the Board regarding agenda item IX-A: Marie Robb, Jerry Mohn and Marty Baker. In addition the following submitted online comment forms regarding the same agenda item and were read at the meeting: Mark Garza, Jonathan Olson, Carla Nims, Carolyn Bilski, Peter Moss, Christopher Abernathy, Craig Vance, Susie Calvin, Charlotte Dickerman, Claire Reisweg, John Saxon, Delores (no last name), Peggy Zahler and the Pirates Property Owner's Association.

An online comment was also submitted and read from Logan Vail regarding Stewart Beach.

VI. Employee Spotlight - Anna Lopez (Susan Keeble, 5 Minutes)

Susan Keeble introduced Tourism Development Office Coordinator Anna Lopez and shared a brief overview of her ten-year career with the Park Board,

VII. Administration

- A. Discuss And Consider Approval Of 2020-2021 Park Board Financial Audit (Bryson Frazier/Winky Tsang, 15 Minutes)

Bryson Frazier reported that the audit has been completed and there were no significant findings again this year. He shared that one item that needed to be addressed was the accrual of the hotel occupancy tax which needed adjustment due to the change in state distribution.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve the 2020-2021 financial audit.

Second: Will Wright seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

- B. Standing Committee Monthly Updates (Committee Chairs, 10 Minutes)

The committee chairs each gave an update on the activities of their respective committees. These included updates on the capital projects for the beaches, a presentation of the audit report, seasonal exemption policy discussion, NEA plan update, concession program opportunities and the VIP event for the school district principals and counselors held at Moody Gardens.

- C. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Second Reading Of Proposed By-Law Amendments Concerning Article V - Meetings And Article XIV - Park Board Management Policies (Carla Cotropia, 5 Minutes)

Carla Cotropia reviewed the changes proposed for this second reading.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve the proposed by-law amendments.

Second: Maureen Patton seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

VIII. Tourism Development

- A. Discuss Call For Nominations For Friend Of Tourism (Jacquelyn Helton, 5 Minutes)

Jacquelyn Helton shared that as part of the Tourism Summit this year, there will be an award to recognize a Friend of the Tourism Industry to honor individuals and organizations that have made a major impact to Galveston's tourism. She asked the trustees to send their recommendations for this to Michael Woody who will meet with a selected group that includes Spencer Priest, David Collins and Steven Creitz to review the nominations and select the winner(s).

IX. Operations

- A. Discuss And Consider Recommendation To Expand The Geography Of The Federal Seaweed Maintenance Permit In Order To Accommodate Continuance Of The HOA/ POA Extreme Inundation Program (Kimberly Danesi, 20 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi reported that per instructions received during the February Board meeting, the discussion of the geography of the seaweed maintenance permit was taken back to the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC) March meeting. She shared that unfortunately while there was not a quorum at BMAC for a vote, there was a healthy discussion on this topic and those present were in favor of renewing the permit to continue to cover the length of the island with the noted exceptions of private properties along the Seawall, Jamaica beach and the State Park. In addition, Mrs. Danesi reported that she and Kelly de Schaun met with several participants of the seaweed inundation program currently offered by the Park Board as well as the West Galveston Island Property Owners

Associations (WGIPOA) to discuss the issue. She added that she was encouraged to hear that the City would be agreeable to amend the interlocal agreement to provide additional resources for assistance if needed.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve the renewal of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seaweed Maintenance Permit to cover the length of the island with exception of certain private properties along the Seawall, Jamaica Beach and the State Park and to continue the Seaweed Relocation program for the Home/Property Owners Associations.

Second: Jason Hardcastle seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

B. Presentation On Status Of Blue Flag Award (Annie Mercer, 10 Minutes)

Annie Mercer, Program Coordinator with the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA), presented an update on the Blue Flag USA program that the Park Board is participating in with East Beach as one of four locations within the United States. She shared the 2021 and proposed 2022 timeline, defined the program and reviewed the criteria categories and shared where Galveston stands currently in the process to have East Beach designated as a Blue Flag site.

X. Executive Session

The meeting entered Executive Session at 2:44 p.m.

- A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551-071-Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter-Legal Matters Concerning Turner V. Pot Of Gold And Park Board And Possible Litigation From Heff Entertainment

XI. Action Item (S) Resulting From Executive Session

The open meeting resumed at 3:23 p.m.

- A. Discuss And Consider Action For Any Executive Session Item Listed On The Meeting Agenda

There was no action taken.

XII. Consent

Motion: Dave Jacoby motioned to approve the consent agenda items.

Second: Maureen Patton seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Hardcastle not present at time of vote).

- A. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes (Schel Heydenburg)
- B. Discuss And Consider Approval Of The September 2021 Unaudited Financial Statements (Bryson Frazier)
- C. Discuss And Consider Adjustment Of Legal Fees (Spencer Priest)
- D. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Motorola Solutions Watchguard V3000 Continuous-Operation Body

Camera (Peter Davis)

- E. Discuss And Consider Changes To Seasonal Exemption And Park Operating Calendar (Kimberly Danesi)
- F. Discussion And Consider Approval For Purchases Of A Tractor And Wastewater VAC Unit To Support The Mobile Amenities At Stewart Park (Vince Lorefice)
- G. Discuss And Consider Awarding Concessionaire Agreements To Begin In The 2022 Season (Ann Hobing)
- H. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of An Award Of Contract For Roof Maintenance For 601 Tremont (Sheryl Rozier)
- I. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Tourism Development Expenditures (Michael Woody)

XIII. Monthly Report

Neil Murphy distributed the monthly report and talking points and shared several highlights.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

- Park Board agreement with the Cavalla Historical Foundation
- Tammy Canavan presentation on reporting benchmarks
- Update on Stewart Beach Taskforce

XV. Announcements

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Schel Heydenburg
Board Reporter

Dave Jacoby
Board Secretary