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Park Board of Trustees

Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee Regular Meeting 601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550

4/1/2021 - 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 quorum was declared.

Committee Members Present: Steven Creitz, Jason Worthen (9:05am), Mary Branum, Marlo Landreth (phone), Sam Malchar, Wanda Buttner, Robert Callies (9:06am), Joe Zdunek, Kristen Vale, Anna Deichmann, Cesar Garcia (9:05am)

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: Kristen Vale made a motion to approved the March 4, 2021 Parks and Amenities Committee meeting minutes.

Second: Sam Malchar seconded.

Vote: Approved (10-0)

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of PAC 2020-2021 Work Plan (Steven Creitz, Mario Rabago, 10 Minutes)

Steven Creitz, Mario Rabago and Kelly de Schaun led a lengthy conversation regarding the committee's priorities for the 2020-21 Work Plan. All members offered their feedback and came to a consensus for the direction of the committee.

Motion: Mary Branum made a motion to approve the following items be prioritized for the 2020-21 Parks and Amenities Committee Workplan

- Improve litter control measures
- Improve engagement with residents and their use of amenities
- Brainstorm and implement conversation and nature tourism opportunities

Second: Jason Worth seconded.

Vote: Approved (10-0)

VII. Discuss And Consider Seawall Urban Park Ambassador Program And Kiosk Removal (Kimberly Danesi, 10 Minutes)

Following up on her presentation to the committee in March, Kimberly Danesi came back to the committee for their approval to recruit and hire three part time Seawall Ambassadors and to seek new business partners to assist with cash payments for the Seawall Parking Program, eliminating the need for the parking kiosks currently located on the seawall.

Motion: Sam Malchar made a motion to approve hiring 3 part time Seawall Ambassadors and to allow staff to pursue new business partnerships to assist with cash payments in order to remove the parking kiosks.

Second: Mary Branum seconded.

Vote: Approved (10-0)

VIII. Employee Spotlight - Nate Stevens, Manager, R.A. Apffel Park
Mario Rabago introduced Nate Stevens, Manager, R.A. Apffel Park.

IX. Presentation Of Partnership Efforts At R.A. Apffel Park And Big Reef (Nate Stevens, 10 Minutes)
Nate Stevens shared a PowerPoint presentation with the committee that highlighted the Park Board's ongoing partnership with the American Bird Conservancy and their efforts to protect and monitor bird nesting activity occurring within Big Reef and R.A. Apffel Park.

X. Update On Stewart Beach Pavilion Concrete Spalling (Mario Rabago, 10 Minutes)
Mario Rabago updated the committee on recent and ongoing repairs to concrete damage at the Stewart Beach Pavilion. He shared that engineers and architects have been engaged to make site visits to help determine whether rehab and repair is financially feasible as opposed to demolition and rebuild. Kelly de Schaun reminded the committee about the mobile amenities that had been considered last year and suggested that something like that might be looked at as interim facilities. Seawall Parking staff and Mario Rabago's office will be relocated to the Plaza Building. She told the committee that a task force is working to put together a scope of work to develop a public private partnership. She further suggested that an open house at the Pavilion might be a good way to draw the community in to see what the issues are and to offer their feedback.

XI. Update On Stewart Beach Public Private Partnership (Ann Hobing, 5 Minutes)
Ann Hobing told the committee that a task force has selected Jones Lange Lasalle (JLL) as an advisor to assist in developing a Request for Qualifications from developers and other interested parties. JLL will be scheduling a site visit soon to look at facilities and conduct meetings with stakeholders to determine the requirements.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Blue Flag Program
- Open House at Stewart Beach
- Parks Marketing Plan
- Concessionaire Program Update
- Spring Break Numbers

XIII. Announcements

Kristen Vale told the committee about the "Lights Out Texas" program to help protect migratory birds. The program runs from April 19 - May 7 and urges residents and businesses to turn out any non safety related lights between the hours of 11pm and 6am. Kimberly Danesi reminded the committee that Seawolf Park will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3. Admission will be free for Galveston residents and the Easter Bunny will be there. Steven Creitz told the committee that the June 19 Legacy Project has engaged mural artist Reginald Adams to complete a 5000 square foot mural at Old Galveston Square, 2211 Strand.

Mario Rabago reminded the committee that the next Adopt A Beach day is April 17.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.