



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

6/3/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02am.

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, Hal Needham, Ben Ritt, Heidi Whitehead, Marie Robb, Craig Vance, Peggy Zahler, Jerry Mohn, Jen Johnson and John Machol.

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

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

Mr. Jerry Mohn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 1, 2022 and May 6, 2022.

Ms. Peggy Zahler seconded the motion.

Vote: 9 - 0

Ms. Heidi Whitehead abstained from the vote as she was not present for the April 1, 2022 meeting.

The motion to approve the meeting minutes from both meetings was passed unanimously.

VII. Sargassum Forecast Update (Hal Needham, 15 Minutes)

Dr. Hal Needham updated the committee that the seasonal forecast update for sargassum is looking positive with little chance of an inundation in the forecast.

Mrs. Kelly de Schaun notified the group that the Park Board has contracted with Dr. Hal Needham as a resource for the sargassum forecast for the Park Board throughout the season.

VIII. Seaweed Emergency Relocation Program Enrollment Update (Elizabeth Schneider, 10 Minutes)

Miss. Elizabeth Schneider provided an update on the Seaweed Emergency Relocation Program enrollments. The program was created by the Park Board to be of assistance in the community should there be an emergency inundation of sargassum. There are currently 8 Home Owner Associations or Property Owner Associations that have enrolled in the program with 2 more that still had an extension with time to apply. Mr. Brandon Hill updated the committee on the Park Board's plan with the City of Galveston for the Park Board to obtain the Beach Maintenance Permits for the Home Owner Associations instead of the communities obtaining the permit to participate in the program. Mr. Brandon Hill clarified that the Beach Maintenance Permits will only be for the scope of work included in the Seaweed Emergency Relocation Program by the Park Board of Trustees.

IX. Discuss And Consider Support Of Project Vesta (Kimberly Danesi, 30 Minutes)

Mrs. Kelly de Schaun updated the group on the Park Board's decision to pass Project Vesta to the City of Galveston to spearhead the project. Mr. Brandon Hill briefed the committee on where the discussion with Project Vesta stands and what is needed from Project Vesta to move forward.

X. Discuss 2022-2023 BMAC Work Plan (Kimberly Danesi, 15 Minutes)

Mr. Jason Worthen presented the 2022-2023 BMAC Work Plan to the committee for review. The committee reviewed the Work Plan as a group and discussed the particular items that will be brought forth within the next year.

XI. Update On BMAC World Ocean Day Booth (Elizabeth Schneider, 10 Minutes)

The Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee will have a booth at Artist Boat's World Ocean Day Festival. The booth will include games and activities pertaining to sargassum, trash, and sand. Volunteers were requested from the committee to man the booth throughout the event.

XII. 2021-2022 Committee Work Plan

The Committee is on schedule with the 2021 - 2022 Committee Work Plan.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

The committee requested that the following future agenda items be brought forth:

- An update on the sargassum forecast and the tropical weather forecast
- The budget for Beach Cleaning will be brought forth in the August meeting

XIV. Announcements

Mrs. Kelly de Schaun reminded the committee of the Park Tours available for BMAC members to see the new mobile amenities at Stewart Beach.

Miss. Elizabeth Schneider reminded the group of the next speaker, Kari Howard, for the Women in Coastal Science Series happening every fourth Friday of the month until the end of October.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02am.