



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston Special Meeting

7/6/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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 and Jason Worthen.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

V. Requests To Address The Board

There were no requests to address the Board.

VI. Presentation Of Board Governance Items (Carla Cotropia, 10 Minutes)

Carla Cotropia reviewed several governance items for the Board. She reminded them that they are insured and protected as trustees when performing their duties as a group at the meetings and she cautioned them against acting on items individually, even if well intentioned so as not to be singled out should there be any legal actions taken as a result.

VII. Election Of Board Of Trustees Officers (Chair, 10 Minutes)

Maureen Patton shared that she thought it would be prudent for the Board to maintain the current officers considering what has happened over the past year. She stated that they have the experience and knowledge needed as this time.

Motion: Maureen Patton motioned to reappoint Spencer Priest as the Chair of the Board.

Second: Jason Hardcastle seconded.

Vote: Approved (6-0, Fluke, Collins and Creitz abstained).

Motion: Spencer Priest motioned to reappoint Will Wright as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Second: Marty Fluke seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

Motion: Spencer Priest motioned to reappoint Dave Jacoby as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

Second: Maureen Patton seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

VIII. Discuss Park Board Committee Composition And Responsibilities (Kelly De Schaun, 15 Minutes)

Kelly de Schaun shared two recommended changes to the current committee composition for discussion. The first change would be the integration of the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee into the Parks and Amenities Committee. She reported that this committee was adopted from the City when the Park Board took over the responsibility for the East End Lagoon but now that there is a business plan and forward movement with RESTORE, the committee feels comfortable combining efforts.

The second change would be the addition of a Workforce Development Committee. Mrs. de Schaun shared that Galveston, like other destinations, faces challenges with finding workforce, especially those that have industry knowledge and see tourism as a career. Maureen Patton mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce already has a workforce committee. Mrs. de Schaun replied that the Chamber group is working to bring workers to the island and that this committee would be more about educating and developing the workforce. She shared that a group of stakeholders have been meeting the past several months to discuss and have put together a three-year plan to implement solutions to improve applicant training and increase the workflow from the hospitality and tourism programs in area such such as those offered at Ball High School, Galveston Community College and Texas A&M Galveston. Dave Jacoby voiced his support and expressed the importance of getting students involved early.

Mrs. de Schaun reported that a draft of the amended by-laws would be brought forth at the next Board meeting for review.

IX. Executive Session

The meeting entered executive session at 2:03 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 Litigation - Sonya Poretto V The City Of Galveston Park Board Of Trustees Et Al

X. Action Item (S) Resulting From Executive Session

The open meeting resumed at 2:42 p.m.

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

There was no action taken.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- Legislative updates
- Approval of strategic plan
- Bylaw changes
- Trustee committee appointments
- 3rd Quarter CIP update
- Stewart Beach selection committee for PPP

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Schel Heydenburg
Board Reporter

Dave Jacoby
Board Secretary