



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

7/16/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

All stood and the pledge of allegiance was said.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee members present: Jason Worthen, Marty Fluke, Ben Ritt, Jerry Mohn, Peggy Zahler, Kris Benson, Ron Gwin, Marie Robb, Kelli McClure, Hal Needham

Resource members present: Allison Buchtien

Staff present: Lauren Novack

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. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting by Peggy Zahler.

Second by Marie Robb.

Vote: 10-0

VII. Discuss Fireworks Debris And Impacts On Wildlife (Jason Worthen, 15 Minutes)

Jason Worthen discussed the debris from fireworks that washed ashore the morning after the "Juneteenth"

fireworks display at the 29th street jetty. The items were described as wire, monofilament-type material, hard plastics and water soaked cardboard. The question of whether or not the Park Board should be funding such items while also attempting to clean up trash and marine debris led to a lengthy conversation about where the priority should lay.

It was decided that this item would be brought back in August with more research and information behind it.

VIII. Discuss And Consider Endorsement Of Talking Trash Roundtable Series Recommendations To Board Of Trustees (Peggy Zahler, 20 Minutes)

Peggy Zahler presented the "Let's Talk Trash Roundtable Series" recommendations to the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee and urged them to vote yes and give support behind the initiatives as these developing programs make their way to the board.

Dubbed "Let's Talk Trash Roundtable Series", volunteers from the Beach Maintenance and Park and Amenities Committees were recruited to strategize approaches over four facilitated sessions. Additional interested parties joined into the conversation as well. Participants brainstormed around a series of concerns and approaches, generating ultimately 9 worthwhile 'programmatic approaches'. 'Programmatic' was defined as being a multifaceted approach and appropriate to the Park Board's strengths and responsibilities. Ultimately the following three recommendations were identified as priority programming to address litter on Galveston beaches: standardization of equipment, receptacles and collections across the parks and beachfront, implement a business pledge program, create programs to instill stewardship among locals.

The biggest concern from all committee members during the discussion was how and who would be responsible for enforcement of some of these trash initiatives.

Jason Worthen made a motion to endorse the roundtable series recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Second by Kelli McClure.

Vote: 10-0

IX. Visitor Comment Letter (Kimberly, 5 Minutes)

A letter from a visitor outlining their stay in Galveston and their disappointment with trash and debris left out was shared with the committee. This letter was also published in Galveston Daily News.

X. Discuss Leave No Trace Collections (Lauren Novack, 5 Minutes)

Lauren Novack presented the figures for this year's Leave No Trace collections and made a comparison from to last years and the decline we have seen due in large part to additional signage and community outreach.

XI. 2020-2021 Committee Work Plan

The committee reviews the work plan at every meeting to ensure they are on track and to see what upcoming projects they may have.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Park Board funding fireworks and the city's enforcement of having and shooting off fireworks, especially on the beaches
- Hal's Tropics and Sargassum Update

- BC/NB Budget presentation
- Enforcement of the trash initiatives and by what entity

XIII. Announcements

- ASBPA's Texas Chapter Luncheon at the San Luis on August 12th.
- WIGIPOA meeting Saturday July 17th.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.