



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

8/20/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee Meeting was called to an order at 9:01 AM

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Members Present: Jason Worthen, Marty Fluke, Ben Ritt, Craig Vance, Jerry Mohn, Peggy Zahler and Marie Robb.

Members Absent: Bianca Broman, Kris Benson, Ron Gwin, Eric Tucker, Kelli McClure and Hal Needham.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interests declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

Mr. Gregg Hurt requested to address the committee with concerns regarding fireworks debris.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Marie Robb made a motion to approve July, 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

Second: Jerry Mohn second the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (7-0)

VII. Presentation Of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Beach Cleaning And Nourished Beach Draft Budgets (Bryson Fraizer, 20 Minutes)

Bryson Frazier, Chief Tourism Officer for the Galveston Park Board presented Beach Cleaning and Nourished Beach draft budgets. The committee was advised of the major spends that were upcoming in the next budget.

VIII. Update On Sargassum And Hurricane Forecasts (Hal Needham, 20 Minutes)

Hal Needham was not able to make the meeting. This item will be presented at a future meeting.

IX. Discuss And Consider A Recommendation To The Board For Funding Of Firework Displays (Jason Worthen, 15 Minutes)

Jason Worthen shared how he enjoyed the fireworks in previous years before joining this organization. The knowledge he is now receiving has persuaded him to ask to cancel future fireworks due to the negative impacts the fireworks pose on the environment.

Motion: Jason Worthen would like to make a motion that the Park Board not financially support the firework displays based on the negative impact it has on the environment.

Second: Marty Fluke seconds the motion.

Vote: Marty Fluke and Jason

Motion does not pass.

Worthen continued to state the Park Board are stewards of environmental protection and suggest that the Board not participate in financially supporting the fireworks.

It was suggested to come up with alternatives to the fireworks before asking the Board or City officials to cancel. It was suggested to perhaps workshop the topic with some additional analysis. It was mentioned that the fireworks funding is earmarked but this can change when additional discussions are placed.

It was suggested to possibly have the fireworks display over land and the tourism department will look into finding alternative sites and activities. An alternative solution suggested was the Drone show but members stated this option is very expensive.

Some members were concerned that if the fireworks were cancelled there will be problems and the City would lose visitors to Brazoria County.

Future discussion will be coming to discuss alternative activities for the 4th of July.

X. Discuss And Consider A Recommendation To The City Of Galveston For Enforcement Of Illegal Fireworks (Jason Worthen, 15 Minutes)

Mr. Jason Worthen states there is a need for discussion regarding enforcement of illegal fireworks. There is a lack of enforcement for illegal fireworks and discussion was made to remedy the situation. The committee understands that the Police is busy during the 4th of July weekend but they are asking for suggestions for an alternative plan.

It was stated that violators need to be ticketed more rather than allow to continue to violate this rule. Members believe that most doing the violations do not live here and may never pay for their ticket. The question was posed if there is another way to use enforcement without using the police such as the City Marshal. The Marshal's typically work weekdays and there is only one Marshal for the weekend. To use additional marshal's or police there needs to be extra funding to support them which is not in the City's budget.

Suggestions were shared among the committee including using citizens to write tickets. It was acknowledged by the committee to come up with a proposal of options before it was sent to the Board or City officials.

No Motion was set.

XI. Update On Leave No Trace Collections (Kimberly Danesi, 5 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi stated there has been a decline of collection of beach property left behind. She shared the number of items left on the beach each year and how that number continues to dwindle in size.

XII. 2020-2021 Committee Work Plan

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Alternative ideas land area for firework display

Update on Sargassum and Hurricane Forecast

October Trash Initiatives

Workplan

Survey

Drone Shows

XIV. Announcements

Marty Fluke appointments for BMAC will be coming soon

Jerry Mohn west Galveston island property meeting and Marie Robb will present

East Beach Sand Castle Event August 21-22, 2021

Sheryl Rozier gave an update on the beach nourishment project and pumping started at the end of July.

September 18, 2021 is adopt a beach.

October 9, 2021 [CLEANGALVESTON.ORG](http://CLEANGALVESTON.ORG) will have a walk about.

Committees will go back to meeting virtually

Next Meeting will be held in October 2021 September meeting canceled

XV. Adjournment

The Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM