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Park Board of Trustees

**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee**

10/7/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members present: Steven Creitz, Jason Worthen, Mary Branum, Anna Deichman, Sam Malchar, Diane Olsen, Alyson Poston, Kristin Vale and Joe Zdunek.

III. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

IV. Requests To Address The Committee

A comment was read from Bill Hynek regarding Agenda Item X.

V. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kristin Vale motioned to approve the minutes for the August 5, 2021 and September 2, 2021 Parks and Amenities Committee meetings.

Second: Joe Zdunek seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

VI. Employee Spotlight - Justin Painter (Nate Stevens, 5 Minutes)

Nate Stevens introduced Justin Painter, Relief Manager for East Beach. He gave an overview of his professional experience and shared the value he has added to the Parks team since joining the Park Board in March 2021.

VII. Introduction Of New General Manager Of Parks And Committee Liaison Vince Lorefice (Kimberly Danesi, 5 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi introduced Vince Lorefice, the new Parks General Manager to the committee and shared that he would be assuming the role as the staff liaison for the group.

VIII. Presentation By Eepi Chaad On A Public Art Installation At Seawolf Park (Eepi Chaad, 15 Minutes)

This item was deferred.

IX. Update On Park Revenues And Key Performance Indicators (Corey Holcomb, 10 Minutes)

Corey Holcomb reviewed the revenues and key performance indicators for the parks as of Sunday, September 19, 2021. Overall the parks performed very well with Dellanera, Seawolf and Urban Park all exceeding budgets. He also reported that all of the parks survived hurricane Nicholas with little or no damage.

X. Discussion On Helicopter Concession At Stewart Beach (Kimberly Danesi, 20 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi gave an overview of the helicopter concession at Stewart Beach. She reported that complaints had been received regarding the noise of the helicopter and frequency of flights. Mrs. Danesi shared that staff discovered that the concessionaire had been flying two helicopters but once notified that the agreement only allowed for one, they immediately ceased operating the second one. In addition, after sharing the citizen concerns with the concessionaire, she reported that they would do their banking off shore to minimize the noise, invest in equipment that would reduce the flap from the wings and install camera's to monitor the flights. Mrs. Danesi asked the committee for their input and after discussion, the overall consensus was that the concessionaire has been working with the Park Board to address these complaints and the committee recommended giving them time to install this new equipment and monitor to see if this addresses the noise concerns.

XI. Present Standards Of Operation And Standards Of Excellence For Concessionaire Partner Program (Ann Hobing, 15 Minutes)

Ann Hobing shared that staff has been working on developing standards for concessionaire operations and excellence. These include safety, hours of operation, quality, signage, litter control, preparedness, guest service and professionalism as well as marketing and communications, environmental stewardship and special events and programs. She also reported that staff would be monitoring and doing routine checks to ensure that these standards were being kept.

XII. Discuss And Consider Approval Of 2021-2022 Parks And Amenities Committee Work Plan (Kimberly Danesi, 20 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi reviewed the proposed Parks and Amenities 21-22 work plan. She shared that it would also be updated as needed.

Motion: Kristin Vale motioned to approve the FY 2021-2022 Parks and Amenities Work Plan.

Second: Mary Branum seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Public Art Installation at Seawolf Park
- Mobile Amenities Update
- CIP timeline
- Guest Experience Initiatives
- Stewart Beach Public-Private Partnership update

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.