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Galveston Park Board Update: September 30, 2016

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 27 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Goes After \$18M in Grants for Future Beach Nourishment

In keeping with the Park Board's commitment to finding outside sources of revenue to fund beach nourishment projects on the island, the organization recently applied for \$18 million in grants from the federal Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) Act. During the Park Board's regular meeting Tuesday, Director of Operations Reuben Trevino said the funds, if granted, will be earmarked for two dredge cycles beginning in 2019 that would nourish beaches along the seawall west of 61st Street. Park Board staff is also exploring additional funding sources for this project as well as future dune repairs and beach nourishment at Dellanera RV Park.

Park Board Appoints Advisory Committee Members

At its meeting Tuesday, Park Board Chairwoman Joyce Calver McLean appointed several community members to serve on its advisory committees. The Park Board approved the following appointments:

- Tourism Development Advisory Committee – Patty Rouse, Mitchell Historic Properties; Leon Garrison, Moody Gardens Hotel; Steve DeFelice, San Luis Resort; Jamie Christy, The Bryan Museum and Jaree Hefner, City of Galveston
- Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee –Dr. Meri Davlasheridze, Texas A&M University Galveston
- Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee – Brandon Cook, City of Galveston

Park Board Increases Concessionaire Fees

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved changes to its concessionaire application packet that increased vendor fees by 30%. Vendors wanting to operate on Galveston's beaches will now pay base rates of \$650, up from the \$500 base rate charged in the previous fiscal year. In addition, the application fee has been increased from \$275 to \$500 in order to cover legal fees and staffing. The Park Board reviews concessionaire information packets each year and makes changes as necessary.

About the Park Board of Trustees

The Park Board of Trustees oversees beach maintenance and tourism development on Galveston Island, including operations for beach cleaning, the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on the Park Board of Trustees, please visit www.galvestonparkboard.org.

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