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Galveston Park Board Update: March 29, 2017

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Approves Electrical Upgrades at Stewart Beach

The Park Board Tuesday approved an agreement with Galveston-based Texas Gulf Construction Company for \$92,577 for electrical upgrades at Stewart Beach. The company will provide a stainless-steel electrical utility, an elevated platform for electrical panels and a chain-link fence to surround the utility. The funds will come from Federal Emergency Management Agency grant monies. Work is expected to begin this spring.

Park Board Awards 4th of July Fireworks Contract

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$22,000 contract with Liverpool, Tex.-based Sky Wonder Pyrotechnics for fireworks on the Fourth of July. The company provided fireworks shows for Galveston in 2015 and 2016. They will provide 1,778 shells for the show that is scheduled to take place along the Seawall at 37th Street and will begin at dusk.

Park Board Approves Agreements for Kayak Tours, Surf Lessons

Thanks to a concessionaire agreement with the Park Board, Artist Boat will offer eco-art and eco-tour kayak adventures at the East End Lagoon beginning this spring. Tours will be available to groups and individuals and prices will vary. The Park Board also approved a concessionaire agreement with Good Vibe Surf Lessons to provide surf lessons between 63rd and 65th streets along the Seawall. Lessons will begin this spring.

Park Board Amends Meeting Schedule

On Tuesday, the Park Board changed its meeting schedule from two meetings per month to one. The meetings will typically occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month and will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Park Board Plaza. Special meetings will be called as needed.

More Food & Beverage Options Coming to East Beach, Seawall

Galveston will soon be home to several new vendors serving snacks and drinks at East Beach and on the Seawall. At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved agreements with Kona Ice to sell frozen treats at East Beach and Kokomo Sno Co to sell snow cones on the Seawall between 19th and 21st streets. The new vendors will be in place this spring.

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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