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Galveston Park Board Update: October 23, 2018

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board to Share in Purchase of Power Grids for Special Events

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved spending \$20,000 to offset the purchase of power grids to be used during special events held in downtown Galveston. The promoter for Lone Star Rally will contribute \$28,500 for the grids that can be used during that event and during special events including Dickens on the Strand, Mardi Gras Galveston and others that take place on the Strand. The grids will supply cleaner power to the events than diesel-fuel generators that many promoters and vendors currently rely on.

Park Board Staff to Receive Leadership Training

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved a contract with Houston-based Motivational Transitions for 32 hours of leadership and team building training for 16 front-line staff managers and supervisors. The \$16,580 package will include a leadership profile assessment and communications training. Funding will come from the department budgets the participants represent.

Park Board to Support Birding Tourism Activities

On Tuesday, the Park Board approved allocating \$20,000 for the promotion of birding tourism activities on Galveston Island. The Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council will manage the funds and use them for marketing efforts that include developing itineraries for birding tours, obtaining video testimonials from area birders, developing birding blogs and social media posts and building a stock of birding photos. The funds will come from the tourism development budget.

Announcements

- On Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$41,707.50 contract with Texas City-based R.O. Hernandez & Son for a paving project at the Coastal Zone Management Maintenance Facility. Funds will come from the capital improvement budget.
- At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$180,347 spend for a 2019 rear loading freightliner refuse truck from Houston Freightliner for its Coastal Zone Management department. The truck will serve to replace a similar vehicle the department rented to handle litter collection.

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.