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**Galveston Park Board Update: November 12, 2019**

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

**Park Board Hears End of Year Recap**

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board Executive Director Kelly de Schaun presented the results of the 2018-2019 business plan for the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30. In that time, the organization collected \$8,035,644 in Hotel Occupancy Tax. De Schaun outlined work that was accomplished in each department including Coastal Zone Management, Beach Patrol, Tourism Development, Beach Parks and Administration. Highlights include more than 1.5 million pounds of recyclable items and debris were collected from beaches, the Beach Patrol staffed 32 lifeguard towers during the summer season and presented 27,719 beach safety talks to area students, more than 7.1 million people visited Galveston with an economic impact of \$1.2 billion, beach parks admissions totaled \$4,498,400 and 100 standard operating procedures throughout various departments were developed.

**Park Board Approves Purchase of Mobile Visitors Center**

On Tuesday, the Park Board approved spending up to \$60,000 to purchase a recreational vehicle and to have it customized. The vehicle will be used as a mobile visitors' center for the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). The Park Board approved working with Midlothian Texas based P&K Kustomz for custom work that will include converting the interior to flexible workspace and a storage area, adding a pullout canopy and wrapping the vehicle.

**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](http://www.galvestonparkboard.org).