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Galveston Park Board Update: June 23, 2020

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

- The Park Board voted to set the Hotel Occupancy Tax penny at \$1,506,665. This constitutes a 25% reduction in budget from the 2018-2019 revenues. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the recommended reductions were based off of the Smith Travel Report and trends predicting declines in group business.
- Park Board Executive Director Kelly de Schaun presented a diversity plan to include organizational policy and actionable steps to create an environment of inclusion. The board was in favor of the policy and will be part of the conversation going forward.
- The Park Board voted to award a contract in the amount of \$127,017 for work to be done at Seawolf Park. The work consists of demolishing the pavilion at Seawolf Park, rendering the site safe and secure and repairing replacing concrete aprons on the north channel side of the pavilion. Work is expected to begin in October.
- The Park Board plans to construct an offshore breakwater at the west end of the seawall. Baird engineering will work with members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Park Board to construct a device that will manually move sand from a high point to an area prone to erosion on the island's west end. The project is earmarked through an already approved FEMA hazard mitigation proposal. Work on the project is expected to begin in June 2020.

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.