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Galveston Park Board Update: April 25, 2013

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the board room.

Park Board Approves Changes to an Agreement with the City of Galveston

During Tuesday's meeting, the City of Galveston presented the Park Board of Trustees with proposed amendments to an interlocal agreement that outlines the handling of downtown parking meter funds. The most notable amendment would allow the city to transfer parking fee money, originally restricted for the marketing of downtown, to its general fund. The city would then be allowed to substitute its obligation for the parking fee money with other city funds, such as Surplus Convention Funds specifically designated for tourism promotions. After discussion, the Park Board approved the amended agreement pending the board's additional recommendations regarding the amount of funding the Park Board would receive, the length of the contract and the notice period required for contract termination. The Park Board decision came with a 6-2 vote with trustees Marie Robb and Buzz Elton voting against the contract. The agreement will now be sent back to City Council for consideration.

Park Board Supports New Galveston Art Commission Project

Galveston's downtown alleys will soon receive a facelift. Tuesday, the Park Board made a resolution to support a new Galveston Art Center project, which will feature local artist, Derek Anderson's paintings on alley-facing buildings downtown. Anderson, who has operated the Derek Anderson Studio since 2009, will paint murals with themes depicting various historical eras in Galveston. Anderson intends for the murals to serve as a historical timeline to showcase the island's culture. The Park Board believes the murals will create greater exposure of the island's historic downtown district and Galveston's recent designation as a cultural arts district.

New Vice-Chair Appointed to Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee

During Tuesday's meeting, Dr. Craig Brown appointed Clyde Steddum as the Vice Chair for the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC). Steddum has also served as a member of the Galveston Park Board of Trustees since August 2012.

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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