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Galveston Park Board Update: May 1, 2015

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

Galveston Park Board Receives Additional Funding for Beach Nourishment

On Tuesday, the Park Board approved a revised agreement with the City of Galveston for a beach nourishment project that will place beach-quality sand on the beaches between 61st Street and 81st Street. In this agreement, the Galveston Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) contributed an additional \$562,000 to the project. The General Land Office contributed an additional \$1.5 million in Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) funds. The Park Board will contribute \$3,427,500 from a portion of parking fees dedicated to beach nourishment. In addition, a group of local banks have collaborated to increase a loan to the Park Board for the project from \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million. Park Board staff sought the additional funding after bids to dredge the ship channel and place the sand on the beach came in higher than originally estimated, according to a report by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The nourishment project is expected to begin in June.

Park Board Approves to Participate in Artist Boat Conservation Program

The Park Board Tuesday approved to participate in Artist Boat's "1% to Conserve Galveston" program. In this program, the Artist Boat partners with local businesses to collect a voluntary one percent added to customers' purchases. The funds are earmarked for land conservation projects on Galveston Island. Park Board staff will begin offering the one percent of purchase prices to items sold at the Galveston Island Visitor Center.

Park Board Approves Agreement with Louis Berger Group for Emergency Services

The Park Board on Tuesday approved entering into an agreement with Houston-based Louis Berger Group for contingency emergency services. According to the terms of the agreement, the Louis Berger Group will help the Park Board prepare for, respond and recover from a natural or man-made disaster should one occur.

Texas Tequila and Margarita Festival Receives Park Board Support

The Park Board Tuesday approved to spend \$8,000 from its special event incentive fund in support of the second annual Texas Tequila and Margarita Festival. The festival will take place June 19 – 20 at Moody Gardens. The funds will be earmarked for marketing the event that features a margarita grand tasting, an outdoor festival and concerts.

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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