NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
East End Lagoon Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Park Board Plaza, Board Room - First Floor
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550

I. Call Meeting To Order

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

V. Requests To Address The Committee

The public shall be allowed to address the Committee regarding one or more agenda or non-agenda items. All requests to address the Board must be submitted in writing to the Board Reporter the day of the Board meeting. Each person shall be limited to three (3) minutes regardless of the number of items addressed.

VI. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of Regular Meeting Minutes From February 5, 2020 (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

Documents:

2020-02-05 EELAC MEETING MINUTES.PDF

VII. Discuss And Consider Channel Side Fishing Amenity (Sheryl Rozier/Len Waterworth, 20 Minutes)

Documents:

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VIII. Update For The Trail Ribbon Cutting (Sheryl Rozier, 10 Minutes)

Documents:

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IX. 2019-2020 Committee Work Plan

Documents:

EELAC 2019-2020.PDF

X. Future Agenda Items
XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, on or before February 28, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Approved
Steven Creitz  Spencer Priest  Kelly de Schaun
Chair, EELAC  Chair, Park Board of Trustees  Park Board Executive Director

Please Note Members of the City Council may be attending and participating in the discussion.

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2/5/2020 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order
   The meeting was called to order @ 9:00 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance
   The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum
   The roll was called, and a quorum was met.

Roll Call for Minutes:

Steven Creitz – Chairman, Diane Olsen – Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell, Peter Moore, Eliza Quigley, Kristen Vale

Members Present: Steven Creitz – Chairman, Diane Olsen – Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell (9:07 am), Peter Moore (9:10 am), Kristen Vale

Members Absent: Eliza Quigley

Guests: Anna Deichmann, Lauren Scott, Mario Rabago

Resource Members: Barbara Sanderson, Deborah January-Beavers

Staff: Sheryl Rozier, Reuben Trevino

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations
   There was no conflict of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee
   There was no request to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of Regular Meeting Minutes From January 8, 2020 (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2020 was made by Diane Olsen to approve and seconded by Trey Click. The vote was unanimous of those present. Alice Anne O'Donell and Peter Moore did not vote as they arrived after this item.
VII. Discuss And Update On The FY 2019-2020 EELAC Action Plan (Sheryl Rozier, 20 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier provided an overview and update of the FY 2019-2020 EELAC Action Plan. The committee discussed items and how specific members will be assisting with certain activities. GINTC will also be assisting with this plan. A calendar for the remainder of the FY should be established to stay on track.

VIII. Discuss Items Related To Improvements For Fort San Jacinto Historic Point (Steven Creitz, 20 Minutes)

Barbara Sanderson brought Mario Rabago to the meeting to assist with the discussion about improvements for Fort San Jacinto Historic Point. There is an interest in collecting parking fees from the area for revenue generation that would go back into the EEL area. There is parking on the top of Seawall at the far east end and also the possibility of a surface lot down below on the channel side of the property. EELAC needs to understand what the City's feeling about this proposition, with the revenue staying at and for the EEL. This would not be beach user fee. Other improvements that have been contemplated could include light and using the flagpole, providing public art, providing a place to sit/stand and use the turret as a vantage point, selfie opportunities, restrooms and picnic tables.

The City and Park Board needs to review the new interlocal to confirm responsibilities. Electrical connections and ownership need to be confirmed. Mario mentioned that the City could look at the light pole that appears to be theirs to see what it would take to get it functioning again. He also commented that with the new interlocal the Park Board would be managing the channel side of Boddeker. A concept plan of what would be proposed would need to be drafted and shared with the City with a white paper describing the revenue stream, improvements and maintenance.

An extended conversation about paid parking in the area continued, along with costs that currently being expended that might not be visible to the public. Len Waterworth commented that a cash flow needs to be formalized to see what we could actually generate for capitalization of future projects, similarly to the exercise with the fishing amenity. Mario mentioned making revenue off a concession opportunity (food truck) in lieu of paid parking.

Diane recommended a task force to review the area and improvements recommended. This was agreeable to the committee.

IX. Update On GINTC Commitments To The East End Lagoon (Diane Olsen, 10 Minutes)

GINTC Board did approve looking for a firm to do a comprehensive delineation and paying for the service. They have requested three bids. Sheryl and Anna will work on getting this out for bid. GINTC is also looking for bids to develop a habitat plan for the EEL, which EELAC would review. GINTC is also offering nature walks monthly. This calendar needs to go up on Galveston.com, Park Board website and EEL website, which Sheryl will follow up on. They are also looking at a special trash can for the area. Signage was also discussed with needs and wants.

X. Update On Committee Member Responsibilities (Sheryl Rozier, 10 Minutes)

Sheryl reviewed the documents in the briefing papers and reminded the committee about their attendance responsibilities.

XI. Future Agenda Items

Channel side fishing amenity findings/info, best management practices (special event guidelines), task force findings for Fort San Jac.

XII. Announcements

Reminder about the Ribbon Cutting on April 1, 2020 @ 5pm. Please invite at least 2 people to join. The Chamber will be involved as well.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned @ 10:16 am.
Agenda Item: Discuss and Consider Channel Side Fishing Amenity (Sheryl Rozier/Len Waterworth, 20 minutes)

Background:
In 2018-2019 EELAC worked with Pros Consulting to develop a Business Plan for the East End Lagoon (EEL) to support the AECOM Master Plan, which is being used as a guiding principals document.

The vision that came out of the plan made recommendations for the next five years. These recommendations included the following:
- Implement Phase 1A (RESTORE)
- Plan Trails
- Implement Cycle 22 Funding (Lagoon shoreline remediation and parking project)
- Implement Trail Head off Apffel Road
- Restoration of Original East Beach Entrance
- Development of a Paid Fishing Opportunity
- Development of RV Campground

Pro Formas were developed for a ten-year tract with the following:
- Fishing Only (1st & 2nd year)
- Fishing and EEL Pavilion (3rd & 4th year)
- Fishing, EEL Pavilion and RV Camping (5th through 10th year)

In conjunction with Park Board staff and the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee, the consulting team recommended the development of a paid fishing opportunity in the deep-water shipping channel. This would allow for a revenue source to offset the expenditures of the maintenance and operations of the East End Lagoon.

In the FY 2019-2020 EELAC Action Plan one of the items was to research the channel side fishing amenity regulatory hurdles. At this meeting Staff will present research to date to support this opportunity for EELAC to deliberate and make recommendations to the Trustees.

Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends that EELAC make recommendations to the Trustees on a path forward for this amenity for the EEL.

Funding Source (if applicable):
Needs to be determined and budgeted accordingly.
East End Lagoon Advisory Committee (EELAC) Action Plan
FY 2019-2020

EELAC Reviews and recommends policy as it relates to the vision, resource allocations and overall operation of the East End Lagoon Nature Preserve (EEL) and its related activities. An important underlying purpose of the committee is to protect the Preserve, while creating economic and recreational opportunities for the area.

Early on, strategic planning sessions with members of the EELAC and Park Board staff were held to determine short and long-term priority actions which would ultimately define the direction of the East End Lagoon vision, usage and development.

Although the Committee uses the AECOM plan as a guiding principles document; in FY 2018-2019 an updated Business Plan was produced to provide a new vision for the Preserve with a ten-year proforma and next steps. The areas of the updated plan focused on the implementation of Phase 1A (RESTORE project), planning for new trails, implementation of CMP Cycle 22 funding, provide a trailhead off Apffel Park Road, restore the entrance into Apffel (East Beach) Park off of Apffel Park Road, develop a paid fishing opportunity and develop a RV park campground (possibly privately run).

FY 2019-2020 Action Plan Items:

- Research the channel side fishing amenity regulatory hurdles
- Conduct a comprehensive wetland delineation through a partnership with GINTC
- Review design documents for the RESTORE grant
- Support the development of the interpretive planning package for the RESTORE grant
- Review a habitat management plan for the trail, produced by GINTC
- Produce special event guidelines to be used for East Beach that will support decision making for the greater EEL area
- Study parking and access issues as they relate to East Beach, EEL, Boddecker and the potential RV Park development
- Develop a calendar of events and/or programs offered at the EEL
- Provide recommendations for beautification and potential amenities related to Fort San Jacinto Historic Point and the adjacent City of Galveston property

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Board Approved
Date 1-28-2020
Signature Shydenburg