



NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
East End Lagoon Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 10, 2019 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 June 5, 2019 (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

Documents:

[JUNE 5, 2019 EAST END LAGOON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)
- VII. Discuss And Consider The FY 2019-2020 East End Lagoon Budget (Sheryl Rozier, 15 Minutes)

Documents:

[2019-07-01 2019-2020 EEL BUDGET WORKING.PDF](#)
- VIII. Discuss Feedback On Vision Galveston Strategies And Recommendations (Kelly De Schaun, 20 Minutes)

Documents:

[VISION GALVESTON RECOMMENDATIONS.PDF](#)
- IX. Future Agenda Items
- X. Announcements
- XI. 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 July 5, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Approved
to Format

Steven Creitz
Chair, EELAC
Board Executive Director

Approved

Spencer Priest
Chair, Park Board of Trustees

Approved as

Kelly de Schaun
Park

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

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East End Lagoon Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
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6/5/2019 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance
The pledge was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum
Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Member Present: Steven Creitz, Jeri Kinnear, Julie Ann Brown, Alice Anne O'Donell and Eliza Quigley.

Committee Members Absent: Trey Click, Len Waterworth, Diane Olsen and Peter Moore.

Guests: Anna Deichmann, Lauren Scott and David Collins.

Staff in Attendance: Sheryl Rozier, Reuben Trevino and Mike True.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations
There were no conflicts of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee
There were no requests to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of Regular Meeting Minutes From April 3, 2019 (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 3, 2019.

Motion: Alice Anne O'Donell motioned to approve April 3, 2019 East End Lagoon Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Second: Jeri Kinnear seconded.

Vote: Approved (5-0-0)

VII. Discuss The Draft FY 2019-2020 East End Lagoon Budget (Sheryl Rozier, 15 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier discussed the draft FY 2019-2020 East End Lagoon Budget to be voted at the July 2019 meeting. The draft is inclusive of \$50,000 from The City of Galveston. The budget consists of in and out items that are used for contingency spending. Any unspent funds get funneled back into the next year's budget as a nonrecurring revenue.

The idea that a head count of visitors at the East End Lagoon is needed. The idea of a camera to determine foot count would be hard to maintain, as someone would have to count and currently there is not budgeted man-power to complete the task. Jeri Kinnear recommended a possible laser that is solar powered and equipped to assist with foot count. The laser would have to be low and out of sight and reliable for accuracy.

The Park Board Maintenance team currently maintains Big Reef and Boddecker on the Channel side. As the East End Lagoon evolves, RA Appfel Park will most likely handle the management of the East End Lagoon. As of now, the \$11,000 currently designated for cleaning is not enough and will have to be increased in the next fiscal year. The change increase will include increasing the amount of times the port o lets are cleaned and possibly adding more port o lets. The trail will also require more custodial attention. This will also be reflected in the budget.

The idea of getting small, one-seater benches or two-seaters with a hump in the middle to deter people from sleeping on the benches. Benches will be picked out and aid for through GINTC's fund, specifically from donations from Moody Gardens Member Events.

Due to the East End Lagoon largely being unmanned; it is hard to stop people from fishing and picnicking/camping on the sandbar inlet of the lagoon. Signage is one way to at least let the people know that picnicking/camping isn't a desired activity in that area.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items presented July voting on budget, Ribbon cutting for new trail save the date October 12th, 2019, Management plan discussion and dredging the lagoon inlet for lagoon health.

IX. Announcements

Announcements were made about progress on the RESTORE funding for the open-air nature center, the Annual Beach Patrol fundraiser and tourism pays event.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Park Board of Trustees East End Lagoon Budget Year 2019-2020 - Line Item Support <u>DRAFT</u>				
				7/1/2019
Account #	Name	Description	change	Revenue
4041	Concession Fees	Artist Boat		\$650.00
		Fruit Cup Vendor		\$975.00
				\$1,625.00
4050	Loan Proceeds	RESTORE Ph 1A start up funds		\$500,000.00
4585	Miscellaneous	Misc-Grant/Donation		\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
4650	Grant Proceeds	CMP Cycle 21		\$0.00
		CMP Cycle 22		\$34,425.00
		RESTORE Ph 1A (Contingency)		\$1,350,000.00
				\$1,384,425.00
4670	City Reimbursement			\$ 50,000.00
4720	Transfer - Seawolf Park			\$ -
4699	Nonrecurring Revenue	Prev FY fund balance	-	\$55,978.00
Account #	Name	Description	change	Expense
5000-5080	Salary	Salary/Taxes/Fringe (25%-Proj Mgr)		\$23,644.36
5115	Advertising & Promotions	RFQ/RFP/Bid Notices		\$200.00
5156	Interest Expense	RESTORE Ph 1A Kempner Loan (1.5%)		\$7,500.00
5162	Signage			\$1,500.00
5163	Permits	City of Galv & Others as req'd		\$0.00
5164	Meetings & Seminars	Lunch with Chair/Vice Chair		\$100.00
5170	Miscellaneous	Channel Fishing Amenity Planning		\$5,000.00
		RESTORE Ph 1A Construction		\$14,706.86
			-	\$19,706.86
5200	Audit Fees	Annual	+	\$104.50
5204	Professional Fees	RESTORE		\$0.00
		Grant Support		\$2,000.00
		Business Plan Development		\$0.00
				\$2,000.00
5242	M & R Equipment	Gates/Bollards/etc.	-	\$2,000.00
5251	Principal Payment	Repay Kempner Loan (in/out with #4050)		\$500,000.00
5254	Small Tools & Equipment	Supplies for maintenance		\$500.00
5407	Grant-Matching Proceeds	RESTORE Ph 1A (contingency)		\$1,350,000.00
		CMP Cycle 21		\$0.00
		CMP Cycle 22		\$45,900.00
				\$1,395,900.00
5420	Port-O-Lets	2 units @ \$68/ea x 12 (4x/month)	+	\$2,422.88
8003	Transfer-Beach Cleaning	Cleaning Big Reef		\$0.00
		Cleaning EEL Trail / Parking		\$12,334.92
		Cleaning EEL Misc / Old Trail Parking		\$8,010.12
		Cleaning Parking (Nash)		\$4,731.96
		Parking 1 Maint (Fishing)		\$0.00
		Parking Maint (Nash)		\$3,790.80
		Parking 2 Maint (Old Trail)		\$3,790.80
		Parking Trail Maint		\$3,790.80
			+	\$36,449.40

Recommendation

A HISTORIC WALKABLE GULF COAST CITY EMBEDDED IN NATURE.

Improve access to environmental resources.

- 1 Build a bike path along the length of the Island.
- 2 Operate a bus service to beaches and parks on weekends.
- 3 Build out an on-street bike network.
- 4 Build a bike path cantilevered off of the Galveston Causeway.
- 5 Create multiple connected public bayfront access points.
- 6 Create a kayak trail along the bayside.
- 7 Complete an East End park and preserve that is accessible to Downtown.

Improve awareness of Galveston's natural resources.

- 8 Establish a Galveston Bay National Seashore.
- 9 Develop a robust cross-cultural, cross-generational environmental education strategy.
- 10 Fund a Galveston Environmental Education Center.

Bring ecology and green infrastructure to urban areas with immediate, implementable projects.

- 11 Implement demonstration green infrastructure projects Downtown.
- 12 Adopt green street standards and convert parts of large road right-of-ways into a green urban network.

Support infill and strategic development alongside conservation.

- 13 Set up a communication tool between organizations doing conservation work in Galveston.
- 14 Change zoning and implement incentives to increase density.
- 15 Change zoning and implement incentives to protect areas of ecological value from development.
- 16 Require all development to be walkable and connected.
- 17 Consider dense mixed-use development in the East End in combination with the recommended park and preserve in this area.

A KNOWLEDGE CENTER FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE ACTION AND INNOVATION.

Develop a coastal innovation cluster.

- 18 Define and develop a coastal innovation cluster, connecting local researchers, educators, and business leaders.
- 19 Apply for a US EDA i6 grant.
- 20 Create a coastal Innovation communications tool.
- 21 Found a research group to illustrate the financial benefit of investing in resilient infrastructure.
- 22 Create a board with representatives from each of the higher education institutions in Galveston to enhance collaboration.
- 23 Fund a professor of practice in coastal innovation.
- 24 Evaluate the potential for an incubator with a dual / split-year focus on (sustainable) hospitality and tourism and coastal innovation.

Create a comprehensive approach and investment strategy for resiliency and drainage.

- 25 Implement a multi-department approach to flooding, supported by vote on bonds to fund investment in drainage and resiliency.
- 26 Hire a dedicated Community Rating System (CRS) staff to try to improve Galveston's CRS class from a 6 to a 5.
- 27 Set up a Stormwater Consortium.
- 28 Create a comprehensive drainage and green infrastructure investment plan, including stormwater / drainage system retrofit to closed pumped system, and citywide green infrastructure strategy.
- 29 Join global networks addressing climate change responsiveness to access resources.
- 30 Establish a disaster savings fund.
- 31 Use tax incentives for mitigation.

Launch pilot programs and identify initiatives to fund to kick-start coastal innovation programs.

- 32 Test innovative, productive uses for the waterfront.
- 33 Support and enhance efforts for dredge material to support resiliency efforts.
- 34 Support a formal study of aquaculture for the Island.
- 35 Develop a regional nursery plan for post-disaster vegetation recovery.

Coordinate major regional infrastructure projects.

- 36 Set up a coastal flood protection infrastructure review board to evaluate federal and state resiliency proposals from a local perspective and advocate for solutions that benefit Galveston as well as the region.

Build more resilient buildings.

- 37 Mandate stronger, more resilient building codes, and innovate on resilient codes.
- 38 Create an evolved / innovative building typology for West End development that focuses on regenerative practices and updated building technologies.

A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT - BECAUSE IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

Create thriving, attractive, walkable retail nodes.

- 39 Build pedestrian-scale retail districts.
- 40 Provide support for infill retail Downtown.
- 41 Add grocery stores / supermarkets in the eastern urban core to improve food access.
- 42 Build small-scale retail incubators and other infrastructural support for small businesses.

Increase public access to the urban waterfront.

- 43 Rebuild the seawall as a more attractive and enjoyable destination.
- 44 Create public parks and access points along the port waterfront.

Expand and enhance city parks.

- 45 Improve parks and open space Downtown.
- 46 Ensure that there are quality parks within walking distance of every home.
- 47 Initiate a signature catalytic park project.

Attract and grow tourism uses that build on Galveston's character, history, and assets.

- 48 Convene tourism and hospitality business owners and stakeholder organizations to develop a coordinated, collaborative, and cooperative strategy for sustainable tourism in Galveston.
- 49 Convene ecotourism organizations, stewards of natural assets, and tourism promotion stakeholders to develop a short-term framework to promote ecotourism in Galveston.
- 50 Conduct a study to understand the dynamics of tourism workforce issues.

Further regulate short-term rentals to mitigate problematic impacts on the local housing market.

- 51 Cap the total number of short term rental permits, and regulate locations of short-term rentals, to limit the effects these investments have on the housing market for long-term residents.
- 52 Collect additional fees that can go directly to support housing for teachers, first responders, and tourism and hospitality employees.
- 53 Advocate to ensure that the state legislature continues to allow localities to regulate short-term rentals appropriately.

Create a transit network that serves the needs of residents and visitors.

- 54 Operate frequent streetcar and bus service
- 55 Improve bus stops.

Maintain and improve key roadway connectivity.

- 56 Build a bridge to Pelican Island that is an asset for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- 57 Manage cruise ship terminal traffic and parking.

A PLACE WHERE RESIDENTS CAN FIND QUALITY JOBS, AND WHERE ALL WORKERS CAN FIND QUALITY PLACES TO LIVE.

Support small business growth as an economic development strategy.

- 58 Adopt a small business attraction strategy focused on Downtown and key commercial corridors.
- 59 Plan for new real estate models to support small businesses.
- 60 Link small business attraction programs to areas that also include walkable retail and mixed-use development.

Build on Galveston's local assets to foster growth in entrepreneurship and well-paying jobs.

- 61 Create entrepreneurship training for people not affiliated with colleges and universities.
- 62 Build additional industrial assets on Pelican Island to provide local well-paying jobs that support the Port of Galveston.
- 63 Targeted outreach and programming for non-high school graduates.

Provide Galveston's children with a high-quality education from cradle to career.

- 64 Support the many programs and stakeholders who are already working on this.
- 65 Invest in modern educational facilities that serve Galveston's students and the community.

Grow community support systems for Galveston youth and families.

- 66 Develop community-based assets that support academic achievement and economic opportunity for residents of all ages.
 - Technology and wifi availability at public recreation centers.
 - Public wifi access near schools, commercial corridors, recreation centers, and other key points.
- 67 Develop a facility that offers family entertainment and programming, with a particular focus on outside-of-school programming for pre-teens and teens.

Create a diversity of infill housing options that benefit from proximity to Galveston's unique attractions, and market these housing options regionally.

- 68 Create a development toolkit to support and attract new housing development.
- 69 Conduct an assessment of potential housing demand from key demographics including students, young and growing families, and regional residents who desire more urban living.
- 70 Encourage denser development that remains consistent with Galveston's historic character.

Build community development infrastructure for Galveston.

- 71 Establish a Community Development Corporation in Galveston, that includes a Community Land Trust component to develop long-term community assets, including attainable homeownership, rental, and commercial assets.
- 72 Form a Revitalization Authority to acquire, hold, and sell vacant properties strategically for high-quality residential and commercial development that meets community needs.

Ensure that teachers, first responders, and hospitality workers can live on the Island.

- 73 Build housing for Galveston's hospitality workforce that is accessible to hospitality job centers.
- 74 Establish community land trust homeownership options that will be priced appropriately for teachers, first responders, and other middle-income workers.

Create holistic revitalization on Broadway and North of Broadway.

- 75 Invite neighborhood residents' voices into future planning efforts for the North of Broadway area through intentional capacity building, community engagement, and partnerships.
- 76 Acquire and assemble vacant properties to be redeveloped into cost-attainable, quality housing assets that can benefit people including teachers, first responders, and hospitality workers.
- 77 Preserve existing residents in place, with improvements to housing quality and access to supportive services.
- 78 Facilitate commercial and mixed-use development on Broadway that leverages public realm investments to form a mixed-use, attractive, walkable corridor.
- 79 Add quality amenities including open spaces, educational facilities, retail and food access.
- 80 Implement green infrastructure and drainage improvements to manage frequent nuisance flooding.

Take action to reduce the costs of living for Galveston residents.

- 81 Work with local utilities to provide energy-efficiency programs that work for historic and modern properties, and for single- and multi-family buildings, to help manage high-utility costs for residents.
- 82 Support rehabilitation of:
 - Lower-quality multi-family rental properties that serve low-income populations (work with HUD on this).
 - Owner-occupied homes that need safety, health, and accessibility improvements.
- 83 Support the Galveston Housing Authority as it works to rebuild housing damaged in Ike and secure a sustainable maintenance fund for its properties.
- 84 Advocate for the State of Texas to act as a reinsurer and require insurance companies to provide windstorm coverage with all homeowners' insurance policies where such coverage is required or indicated.
- 85 Build local public services offices on the Island.

A CITY THAT IS VALUED FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOUSTON REGION, THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND THE NATION.

Market Galveston.

- 86 Clearly define the value that Galveston provides to the region and advocate for resources commensurate with this value.
- 87 Market Galveston's education system to regional residents, major employers, visitors, and local residents.
- 88 Partner with Houston universities and NASA for regional marketing.

Connect to the region.

- 89 Participate in regional transportation planning.
- 90 Implement 2-way, all-day, 7-day-a-week transit to Houston.

Build a culture of civic participation.

- 91 Increase civic participation, with a focus on underrepresented groups.