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Minutes – Regular Meeting
Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
Park Board Plaza, 601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:30 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE PLEDGE WAS RECITED BY THOSE PRESENT.

III. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

ROLL WAS CALLED AND QUORUM DECLARED.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: JOYCE CALVER MCLEAN, JOHN ZENDT, DR. CRAIG BROWN (DEPARTED MEETING AT 2:30 P.M.), ROCKY SULLIVAN, MAUREEN PATTON, BUZZ ELTON, THAYER EVANS, SPENCER PRIEST AND PASTOR KERRY TILLMON (1:32 P.M.)

STAFF PRESENT: KELLY DE SCHAUN, REUBEN TREVINO, MIKE MOSER, CHRIS SADDLER, SHERYL ROZIER, SCHEL HEYDENBURG, JESSE OJEDA, TONY ANDRISEK, ROBERT LATHROP, PETER DAVIS, MELODY SMITH, LARRY JACKSON AND CARLA COTROPIA, LEGAL COUNSEL

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

NO CONFLICTS WERE DECLARED.

V. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

TAKI KYPREOS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING HIS CONCERN OVER THE DELAY IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE OWNERSHIP STATUS OF THE ALLEGED MACEO BEACH PROPERTY. MR. KYPREOS STATED THAT HE HAS LOST MONEY DUE TO THIS AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT MOVING TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

VI. CONSENT

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. **PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**
- b. **PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**
- c. **PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2016**

**d. PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES JOINT MEETING WITH GALVESTON CITY COUNCIL –
OCTOBER 13, 2016**

- B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR UPGRADE OF AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR BOARDROOM AND VIDEOTAPING OF BOARD MEETINGS**
- C. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE USACE TO UPDATE THE GALVESTON ISLAND SAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**
- D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SUBMITTAL OF THREE (3) GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE GALVESTON IDC TO SUPPORT ON-GOING BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT EFFORTS**
- E. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET**
- F. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2016-2017 E-MARKETING DELIVERABLES**
- G. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 DOWNTOWN MARKETING EXPENDITURES**
- H. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A NEW PROPOSAL WITH T-MOBILE FOR CELL PHONE SERVICE**
- I. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 2902 CHURCH (MAINTENANCE FACILITY)**
- J. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS GLO COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) CYCLE 21 GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN EAST END LAGOON DELINEATION, SURVEY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADA INTERPRETIVE TRAIN SEGMENT**
- K. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARD OF DELLANERA RESTROOM RESTORATION TO BUILDING SOLUTIONS**
- L. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARD OF DELLANERA ROOF REPLACEMENT TO FRED HARTEL Co.**
- M. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARD OF SEAWOLF PARK FENCE REPLACEMENT TO FOUR SEASONS DEVELOPMENT Co.**

MOTION: CRAIG BROWN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

SECOND: KERRY TILLMON SECONDED.

VOTE: MOTION WAS APPROVED (9-0)

VII. ADMINISTRATION

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PARK BOARD EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Mike Moser reported that the medical insurance quotes for the current employee insurance plan and the City of Galveston plan were presented to the Finance Committee on November 3, 2016. He stated that the cost of the current plan through United Health Care would increase 19% for the 2016-2017 plan year. Mr. Moser shared that the City had revised the plan previously offered to the Park Board and he reviewed these changes. He said that the City Plan would represent a savings of \$126,000 for the Park Board this budget year and that the Finance Committee unanimously voted to accept the City plan with the revisions offered and to adopt the following employee monthly contributions: Employee Only - \$50.00, Employee and Child - \$100.00, Employee and Spouse - \$150.00 and Employee and Family - \$290.00.

Maureen Patton asked how the employee contribution rates for the City plan compare to the current Park Board plan. Mr. Moser reviewed the current rates and said that while there is a small increase to some participants, the employee and family rate would be cheaper. He explained that they worked to not increase costs especially for those with children and family coverage since this impacts most of the lower paid staff. Joyce Calver McLean stated that the City only has two tiers in their program but to accommodate the Park Board, they have agreed to the four tiers.

Mrs. Calver McLean explained to the Board that staff is looking for approval to enter to develop an interlocal agreement with the City for the medical coverage. Kelly de Schaun said that as directed, she received a copy of the agreement the Port of Galveston currently has with the City and that there are terms and conditions in that agreement that the Park Board needs to coordinate with the City such as a seat on the Insurance Board, rates not increasing suddenly once a health assessment has been completed, and an exit clause clarifying responsibilities. A reserve also needs to be kept in contingency. Mrs. de Schaun said that staff would bring back the interlocal to the December meeting for Board approval.

Rocky Sullivan stated that at the appropriate time, he would also like to see what the cost savings would be for the Park Board to also partake in the City's Dental and Vision program. Kent Etienne, the City of Galveston Human Resource Director reported that language has recently been added to the interlocal agreement with the Port that includes supplemental coverage including Dental and Vision. He said he could forward that for the discussion and that the clause indicates "may" not "shall" so that coverage could be added at a later date.

Motion: Thayer Evans motioned to give staff approval to negotiate with the City an interlocal agreement for medical insurance.

Second: Buzz Elton seconded the motion.

Vote: The Motion was approved unanimously (8-0).

B. DISCUSSION CONSIDERING VIDEOCONFERENCING POLICY

Carla Cotropia explained that there has been confusion regarding the statute covering videoconferencing. To get a better understanding, she did more research and explained that it is not a requirement to post on the agenda where a trustee is videoconferencing in from for a meeting and that they are not required to be in a public location. She also explained that anyone from the public who wishes to videoconference in for a meeting can do so. Ms. Cotropia also explained that the statute does not have any restrictions on the number of times a person can videoconference in. She stated that the City of Galveston requires that a quorum be in the physical location. If the Board wishes to follow that policy, up to four trustees would be allowed to videoconference in at one time for a meeting. She reminded the Board that those who videoconference in are counted as attended and part of the required quorum for voting.

Ms. Cotropia stated that she is looking for direction from the Board to amend the current Board policy with this new understanding of the statute. She also recommended that guidelines be established for allowable reasons to videoconference in such as being sick or traveling. Maureen Patton agreed stating policy should not allow videoconferencing in just because someone doesn't want to attend the meeting in person. Thayer Evans would like the restriction on the number of times allowed removed and Rocky Sullivan agreed. John Zendt stated that while it is preferred to have people physically present, there also needs to be flexibility. Ms. Cotropia stated that she will revise the Board policy and bring back to the next meeting for approval.

- C. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEE BY-LAWS**
- a. CHANGE VOTING TO INCLUDE VIDEOCONFERENCING AS ALLOWED BY STATUTE AND PARK BOARD POLICY**
 - b. CHANGE IN ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO READ FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE BOARD**
 - c. ADDITION OF VOTING MEMBERS TO THE BEACH MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE PARKS AND AMENITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Carla Cotropia reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws. Thayer Evans disagrees with adding more members to the committees. He stated that the Parks and Amenities Committee is working fine with the seven members it currently has. He also stated that if these committee numbers are increased then he would like to see the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee and the Downtown Oversight Committee numbers also increased by the same percentage. He restated his opposition to increasing the number of members stating that larger committees have a hard time staying on track and that this also increases the number required for a quorum.

Kelly de Schaun replied that the Park Board manages community resources and stressed the importance of having the support of the community. She stated that before the Parks and Amenities Committee was created, the Board had input on tourism development and the beaches but not on the physical structures managed by the Park Board. Mrs. de Schaun explained that the Parks and Amenities Committee has seven members, one which did not attend any of the meetings. She stressed the importance of the building of the new Stewart Beach pavilion and that this committee has the potential to make important decisions regarding this project. She also stated that this committee has not really begun to deal with the strategic pieces of the business plan that they will need to.

Mrs. de Schaun also explained that there were a lot of people who applied to be on the Board this year and that some of these were not chosen due to their lack of experience with the Park Board. She said that by bringing some of these individuals into the committees, this will assist in educating them and giving

them experience. She also stated that many of the recommended added positions to these committees came from feedback from the Board.

Thayer Evans reiterated that members should also be added to the Downtown Advisory Committee and the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee. Maureen Patton agreed that more committee members should be added and stated that the reason the Tourism Development Advisory Committee is so robust is because of the number of people on the committee. Mr. Evans said he would also like to see community members added to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. de Schaun stated that she would like to get the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee and Parks and Amenities Committee membership added so that they could start the first of the year. She also said she would bring back recommendations for additional members to the other committees as discussed.

The second reading of these amendments will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

- D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEE BY-LAWS**
 - a. CHANGE BEACH NOURISHMENT ALLOCATION FROM BEACH USER FEES FROM \$1.00 TO \$2.00**
 - b. ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Carla Cotropia reviewed the by-law amendments.

Motion: Thayer Evans motioned to approve the second reading of the by-law amendments.

Second: Kerry Tillmon seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously (7-0, Rocky Sullivan was not in the room at the time of the vote).

- E. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 BUSINESS PLANS**

Kelly de Schaun explained that the presentation of the business plans would be divided between the current meeting and the next Board meeting.

Mrs. de Schaun presented to the Board the plans for the General Fund which includes Administration, Accounting and Project Management.

She reviewed the scope of work and the personnel make-up of the General Fund. She explained the community outreach goals such as the development and implementation of the legislative agendas on both the National and State level, maintaining leadership on National, State and Local associations and conducting community presentations regarding the Park Board plans and programs. Mrs. de Schaun then reviewed the operations and improved efficiencies plans which include plan development and monitoring, improving budget controls, technology improvements and marketing and imaging. She

discussed the master planning activities of defining the park boundaries, fundraising for the new Stewart Beach pavilion, drainage improvements and Land Acquisition Task Force recommendations. Mrs. de Schaun spoke about the project and program development plans, already in progress such as sustainable beach funding, as well as projects to be developed and solicited such as new applications for RESTORE. She also presented on project implementations such as the FEMA/CEPRA Beach Nourishment Project from 12th to 61st streets, the design and architecture for the Stewart Beach pavilion and the wrap-up of FEMA projects. Mrs. de Schaun finished her presentation by reviewing the human resource and staff development plans which include standardizing the orientation and on-boarding for new staff, professional development programs, transferring benefits and payroll administration to the Human Resources Manager and conducting a compensation study at the end of the fiscal year.

John Zendt asked Mrs. de Schaun what the priorities are in the General Fund. Mrs. de Schaun stated that the top three would be the FEMA wrap-up, Stewart Beach pavilion design and funding, and aligning personnel and human resource policies in-line with the City.

Peter Davis presented the plans for Beach Patrol to the Board. He gave an overview of the mission of Beach Patrol and reviewed some statistics from the past year. Chief Davis discussed the plans for operations including beach coverage, the recommended revisions for the City's code on beaches and waterways and the completion of the multi-purpose vehicle. He stated that the shoulder seasons are getting busier and that he is concerned about having proper coverage. Buzz Elton asked if a plan was being created to address the shoulder seasons and reduced coverage. Chief Davis said that Beach Patrol does have a plan but that it takes money to implement. Chief Davis then discussed Beach Patrol's plans for outreach which includes increasing the number of those exposed to the water safety talk presentations, participation in Texas coastal lifeguarding programs and increasing enrollment in the Jr. Lifeguard program. Chief Davis then presented the plans for guard recruiting, staff development and the continuation of prominent positions in National and International life guard associations. He concluded by reviewing the Emergency Response Plans Beach Patrol will undergo such as the annual review of the Park Board Emergency Plan and continued partnership with Galveston Marine Response.

VIII. PARKS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO SEAWOLF PARK ADMISSIONS

Reuben Trevino reviewed the recommended changes to the Seawolf Park fees. These changes include a slight increase in fishing rates to non-residents as well as offering a season pass for fishing that would cover the months of January through September. He explained that these have already been reviewed and approved by the Parks and Amenities Committee as well as the Finance Committee.

Motion: John Zendt motioned to approve the rates changes.

Second: Thayer Evans seconded.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously, (8-0).

B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD WITH THE OBLIGATED FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEET FOR SEAWOLF PARK PAVILION

Sheryl Rozier introduced Steve Rock with Louis Berger who has been assisting the Park Board with this FEMA project. Mrs. Rozier then explained that FEMA has agreed to obligate the project worksheet for repairing the pavilion at Seawolf Park. She explained that this agreement only covers repairing the pavilion to its original configuration without exceeding the original footprint, including the elevated annex. Mrs. Rozier reviewed the value of the project worksheet and explained that the Park Board has two options. She explained that Option A would be for the Board to move forward with the repair of the pavilion as stipulated by FEMA which should result in no out-of-pocket expenses for the Park Board. She explained that if the scope of work is completed and identically matches the project worksheet, any unforeseen costs would be paid for by FEMA. Mrs. Rozier also explained that there is an Option B which would allow the use of the project worksheet funds to be used on alternative projects such as the extension of the fishing pier, bank stabilization or flood mitigation. She stated that the demolition of the damaged pavilion and construction of a new pavilion would then fall solely on the Park Board, however it would be eligible for future FEMA storm funding in the event of damage.

Kelly de Schaun reiterated the two options available for this project and that while she would prefer to replace the pavilion instead of repair it, that financially, option A is the better choice.

Buzz Elton stated that before the storm, the pavilion did not generate much revenue and he would like to consider other options. Thayer Evans disagreed and said that he recommends going with option A. He stated that he is confident staff could generate more revenue from a pavilion.

Steve Rock explained that there are options for the design but that they must stay within the original footprint and that the process is very complicated. Mrs. Rozier concurred and stated that the Park Board would have to work very closely with FEMA to ensure that the project matches their specifications.

Mrs. Rozier also stated that this has been a seven-year process to come up with a resolution that is agreeable with FEMA. Kelly de Schaun asked what the timeline would be to have the pavilion rebuilt. Mr. Rock stated that the design process with FEMA would have to be completed before knowing that. Mrs. de Schaun estimated eighteen to twenty-four months if the Board decides to go with Option A. She stated that if the Board decides to demo the pavilion and build a new one, it could take up to ten years with planning and fundraising.

Maureen Patton asked how confident is staff that FEMA will do what they state they will do if there are extenuating circumstances once the construction begins. Mrs. Rozier said that she has a good relationship with her contacts at FEMA but has no track record on projects like this.

Rocky Sullivan asked about the status of the substructure. Steve Rock stated that an Engineering study was done after the storm but FEMA was not concerned with this due to the strong concrete structure of the pavilion. Mrs. de Schaun stated that should this be an issue, it could fall under the unforeseen costs covered by FEMA.

Buzz Elton stated that maintenance costs and revenue for the pavilion prior to the hurricane should be reviewed. He stated that he does not believe that the pavilion will generate enough revenue and believes that the funds should be used for alternative projects at Seawolf Park. Mr. Elton stated he would be voting against option A.

Rocky Sullivan would like to know what it would cost to demo the pavilion and what the best use of this property is before deciding.

Mrs. de Schaun stated that staff would bring back to the Board the information requested to assist with their decision.

C. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALTERNATE PROJECT REQUEST USING FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEETS FOR A PROJECT AT SEAWOLF PARK

Sheryl Rozier explained that the Park Board currently has five project worksheets plagued with problems that have prevented them from being completed or approved by FEMA. She stated that staff has been working with FEMA and Luis Berger on a process of re-allocating these for alternate project funding.

Mrs. Rozier reviewed three projects that have been identified as acceptable alternatives. The first would be bank stabilization at Seawolf Park which would allow for a bulkhead or boardwalk to be built over the existing rip rap along the shoreline. The second alternative would be to extend the fishing pier to help alleviate the current crowded condition. The third alternative would be for the mitigation of the beach park flooding at East and Stewart beaches which is currently being evaluated. She explained that the funds could be used for the construction solution devised by the engineering firm. Mrs. Rozier stated that staff is asking the Board for support for these alternate projects. Kelly de Schaun requested that the Board also provide priority for the projects, if approved.

Motion: Buzz Elton motioned to approve moving forward on the alternate projects in the order of Bank Stabilization at Seawolf Park, Mitigation of the Beach Park Flooding and the extension of the Seawolf Park fishing pier.

Second: John Zendt seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion Approved (8-0).

D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES INSIDE THE PARK BOARD FOR A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO CONSTRUCT PHASE 1A AT THE EAST END LAGOON

Sheryl Rozier explained that this item has been previously discussed in the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee Meeting as was also part of the discussion during the recent budget process. She stated that staff is asking the Board to send this to the Finance and Operations Committee for review and deliberation of funding opportunities and to provide recommendations to the Board.

Craig Brown stated that the estimate for Phase 1A is \$900,000. He has approached the City Manager about the City helping with the funding along with the Park Board and is hopeful that there will be private funding available as well. Dr. Brown stated that the Park Board is a key player in getting the support needed. Kelly de Schaun asked Dr. Brown what amount he was looking for the Park Board to contribute and Dr. Brown replied somewhere between \$300,000 to \$500,000. He stated that the determination of how much the different entities would need to contribute has not yet been determined and that the City was reviewing.

Buzz Elton stated that there is no planned revenue to maintain the facility once completed and that the Finance and Operations committee will need to discuss that as well. Thayer Evans stated that he has real concerns about the maintenance cost as well. He also expressed concern over the planned location for Phase 1A. Mr. Evans also stated that he is not sure that this is the right financial climate for this project.

Kelly de Schaun explained that the location was determined before Hurricane Ike when the City contracted with AECOM for the Master Plan and that significant money was invested to delineate the land. She stated that there is a very limited area for this project and that this location was approved by the Board before the architectural firm was hired. Mrs. de Schaun also stated that the permit requests are currently at the City for approval and to look at a new location would be starting over from the beginning at a significant cost.

Mr. Elton stated that during a previous meeting of the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee the Parks and Wildlife expressed interest in possibly having offices at East End Lagoon which would generate revenue. Mrs. de Schaun replied that this would only be a possibility if the Lone Star Recreational Area becomes legitimate and at this time, it has not been passed.

Motion: Craig Brown motioned to send this item to the Finance and Operations Committee for review and to look at funding options between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Second: Joyce Calver McLean seconded.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously (9-0).

THE MEETING ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:16 P.M.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND SECTION 551.072 – REAL ESTATE – DELIBERATIONS ABOUT PROPOSED RV PARK AT SEAWOLF PARK

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:40 P.M.

X. ACTION ITEM (S) RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

THERE WERE NO ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

KELLY DE SCHAUN ANNOUNCED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE NEXT TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH WAS CHANGED TO THE HILTON DUE TO THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST RECYCLING STATION ON THE BEACH. SHE STATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST OF THREE UNITS TO BE INSTALLED AND SHE THANKED JESSE OJEDA FOR ALL OF HIS WORK ON THIS PROJECT. MRS. DE SCHAUN INVITED ALL OF THE TRUSTEES TO ATTEND.

MRS. DE SCHAUN ANNOUNCED THAT THE PARK BOARD WAS RECEIVING AN AWARD FROM THE GALVESTON ISLAND TREE CONSERVANCY FOR THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORT ON BROADWAY. SHE STATED THAT SHE AND JOYCE CALVER MCLEAN WOULD BE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY AT THE BRYAN MUSEUM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, AND THAT TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

MRS. DE SCHAUN GAVE A REPORT ON THE LONE STAR RALLY. SHE STATED THAT SEAWALL PARKING MADE MORE MONEY THAN PREVIOUS YEARS BUT IT CAME WITH CHALLENGES. SHE STATED STAFF ASKED FOR SECURITY ENFORCEMENT DUE TO THE CROWDS BEHAVIOR. MRS. DE SCHAUN EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE CITY MANAGER MULTIPLE TIMES OVER THE WEEKEND AND THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TOPIC TO DISCUSS WITH THE MAYOR AT THEIR UPCOMING SCHEDULED MEETING. SHE STATED THAT THOSE PARKING WITH TRAILERS AND CAMPERS ON THE SEAWALL CHOSE TO PAY THE FINE INSTEAD OF MOVING. MRS. DE SCHAUN ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 400 NEW RV SLOTS AVAILABLE ON THE ISLAND AND THIS TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS WERE POPULAR WITH THIS CROWD. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT HOTEL OCCUPANCY RATES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR WEBSTER, TEXAS CITY AND LAMARQUE SINCE THE RATES IN THESE AREAS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ABOUT HALF OF WHAT THEY WERE ON THE ISLAND. MRS. DE SCHAUN STATED THAT A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE TO HAVE THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION. SHE STATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE CITY, THE RALLY THIS YEAR SURPASSED THE ONE IN STURGIS. JOYCE CALVER MCLEAN REPORTED THAT BRIAN MAXWELL SAID THAT THE CITY IS ESTIMATING 580,000 ATTENDEES THIS YEAR. SHE ALSO STATED THAT IT APPEARED THAT THERE WERE A LOT MORE PEOPLE DOWNTOWN THIS YEAR.

MAUREEN PATTON ASKED IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN STURGIS FOR THEIR EVENT. SHE STATED A COMMENT WAS MADE TO HER THAT THE EVENT IN GALVESTON WAS BETTER BECAUSE THERE WERE LESS RESTRICTIONS.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK ON THE BOARD CALENDAR DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOHN ZENDT ANNOUNCED THAT THE ICE SCULPTURES WOULD BE OPENING AT MOODY GARDENS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH ALONG WITH SANTA'S ARRIVAL.

MAUREEN PATTON ANNOUNCED THAT ELF WAS SHOWING AT THE GRAND ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:50 P.M.

SCHEL HEYDENBURG
BOARD REPORTER

SPENCER PRIEST
BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER