



Agenda Item: Initiate Development of the East End Lagoon Task Force

Background: The EELAC has been a community based committee of the Park Board since 2015 when the responsibility for the care of the area was officially passed to the Park Board. The committee's primary focus was the construction of Phase 1A as determined in the EEL Master Plan.

That goal has been met with the award of the RESTORE funding for the construction of a pavilion, trails and education interpretation opportunities. As development of the East End Lagoon forges ahead, the need to delegate responsibilities to maximize involvement and efficiencies has been identified.

In conversations with the East End Lagoon Advisory committee members, the Board of Trustees, and Park Board staff, it has been determined that the recommended course of action is to create a project specific East End Lagoon task force – led by Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council and Park Board staff to implement Phase 1 of the RESTORE grant. This would be undertaken concurrently with a motion to deband the EELAC and appoint some EELAC members to the Park and Amenity Committee starting in August.

The general responsibilities of the task force would include execution of two components of the RESTORE grant;

1. One mile of trail (\$184,000),
2. Environmental Interpretation and signage (\$136,000).

Specifically, the task force would;

- Determine the desired or stipulated terms related to the scope of work to be undertaken,
- Work with staff to format the scope into a "Request for Proposals" to circulate to potential contractors,
- Participate in selection committee to recommend to the Board a qualified contractor,
- Serve as a resource member and reviewer of proposed work,
- Vet and approve final deliverables.

Over the previous months, committee members have voiced support of the creation of such task force, while identifying the following participants:

- Steven Creitz
- Julie Ann Brown
- Diane Olsen
- Alice Anne O'Donnell
- Kristen Vale
- Anna Deichmann
- Clayton Leopold (Tentative)

Note: The task force operate as long as funding is available for development.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Chair of EELAC, Trustee Steven Creitz, solicit that the Chairman of the Park Board create the East End Lagoon Task Force with the above stated members and responsibilities.

Funding Source (if applicable): N/A