



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston

12/14/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 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 a quorum declared.

Trustees Present: Spencer Priest (3:10 p.m.), Will Wright, Dave Jacoby, David Collins, Steven Creitz, Marty Fluke, Jason Hardcastle, Maureen Patton and Jason Worthen.

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

V. Requests To Address The Board

There were no requests to address the Board.

VI. Consent

Motion: Maureen Patton motioned to approve the consent agenda items.

Second: Jason Hardcastle seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Priest not present at time of vote).

- A. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Service Agreement With Johnson Controls For The Heating, Ventilation And Air Conditioning (HVAC) System At Park Board Plaza (Schel Heydenburg)
- B. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Asset Disposal Through GovDeals.Com (Larry Jackson)
- C. Discuss And Consider Approval OF Information Technology Security Assessment Proposals From AltiusIT (Bryson Frazier)

VII. Administration

- A. Discuss And Consider Approval Of 2022 Galveston Island Convention Center Operating Budget (Alex Villamil, 15 Minutes)

Alex Villamil presented the proposed 2022 Operating Budget for the Galveston Island Convention Center.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve the 2022 Operating Budget for the Galveston Island Convention Center.

Second: Maureen Patton seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Priest not present at the time of vote).

- B. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Second Reading Of Proposed By-Law Amendment Concerning Article XI - Committees (Carla Cotropia, 5 Minutes)

Carla Cotropia reviewed the proposed bylaw change that would remove the terminology Ad Hoc Committee from the Standing Committee section.

Motion: Dave Jacoby motioned to approve the bylaw change being proposed.

Second: Steven Creitz seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Priest not present at the time of vote).

- C. First Reading Of Proposed By-Law Amendment Concerning Article XI-Committees (Carla Cotropia, 5 Minutes)

Kelly de Schaun shared that with the elimination of the the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee several positions were added to the Parks and Amenities committee (PAC). Two of the positions added to the bylaws were done in error and this amendment is to correct. These positions should have been part of the East End Lagoon task force created as a sub-committee of PAC.

- D. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Trustee Appointment To The Workforce Development Committee (Spencer Priest, 5 Minutes)

Motion: Jason Hardcastle motioned to approve his appointment to the Workforce Development Committee as Vice-chair.

Second: Steven Creitz seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Priest not present at time of vote).

- E. Standing Committee Updates (Committee Chairs, 15 Minutes)

The chairs provided an update on the current activities of their committees which included a presentation of the Blue Flag Study and the Stewart Beach Public Private Partnership.

VIII. Operations

- A. Update On The Coastal Erosion Planning And Response Act (CEPRA) Cycle 12 Grant Program Submissions (Sheryl Rozier, 5 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier announced that the three projects submitted for the Cycle 12 CEPRA grant program have all been approved for awards. She reminded everyone that the projects submitted were the 8 mile road beach project, matching funds for the FEMA Harvey repair project at Babe's Beach and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Beach Nourishment and Dune Restoration permits.

- B. Discuss And Consider Approval To Authorize Staff To Negotiate Postponement Of The 2023 Babe's Beach Nourishment BUDM Project To 2025 (Kimberly Danesi, 10 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi gave an overview of the RESTORE program and the award for the two cycles of beach nourishment for Babe's Beach. The first cycle was completed in 2021 with the second cycle planned for 2023. Mrs. Danesi shared that with the three tropical systems impacting the area in 2020, the west end was significantly impacted. She reported that there is an opportunity to use the dredge cycle scheduled for 2023 to nourish some of these impacted areas and that she would like to discuss postponing the Babe's Beach project

until 2025. The west end project would be managed by the City of Galveston and not the Park Board. No decision would be made without final approval from the Board of Trustees.

Motion: Jason Hardcastle motioned to authorize staff to negotiate postponement of the 2023 Babe's Beach Project to 2025.

Second: Jason Worthen seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Priest not present at time of vote).

C. Presentation On Park Board Of Trustees Beach Patrol Police Department (Peter Davis, 15 Minutes)

Peter Davis reported on the history of the Beach Patrol police department and shared that law enforcement has been part of beach patrol for over 100 years. He explained that beach patrol's priorities and order of deployment are water safety/rescues, medical response and enforcement. Chief Davis stated that the beach patrol police primarily handle minor issues such as park rules and misdemeanors with Galveston Police Department (GPD) handling major issues and arrests. He reported that there are currently 6 law enforcement officers out of the 14 year-round staff which costs the Park Board annually approximately \$45,000 for salary, training and equipment. Chief Davis would like to have additional law enforcement that could be dedicated security for the parks and seawall beaches as well as special events and would decrease the dependency on the City to provide security for the parks.

Chief Davis also offered the trustees the opportunity to do a ride-along with him on a weekend and see first hand the operations of the department.

D. Discuss And Consider Mobile Amenities At Stewart Beach (Vince Lorefice, 10 Minutes)

Vince Lorefice presented the concept plan for the initial phase of mobile amenities for Stewart Beach. He shared that the plan was presented to both the Parks and Amenities Committee and the Finance and Operations Committee and he has implemented the changes they requested such as construction concepts to extend the useful life of the units as well as the addition of a restroom unit. Jason Hardcastle added that the Finance and Operations committee was unanimous in their opinion that the units must be visually appealing and not appear as just trailers on the beach. Mr. Lorefice reported that in order to expedite the process, staff is looking to procure through buy board and the General Services Administration contracts. He presented staff choices and asked for approval to proceed with the purchase of the three mobile units, one retail/snack bar and two restroom, approval to purchase the stainless steel toilets and urinals and approval for Crescent Electric to install the electric to the mobile amenities.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to approve the requested purchases.

Second: David Collins seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0, Priest not present at time of vote).

E. Discuss And Consider Approval To Execute An Agreement With Rogers Partners For Up To \$115,000 For The Schematic Design Of A Beach Services Facility (Sheryl Rozier, 15 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier shared that with the plan to decommission the pavilion at Stewart Beach, a facility for beach patrol and park management is needed. She shared that Rogers Partners has already done initial work to qualify the needed space when they were working on a potential design for a new pavilion and with their knowledge of the area, staff is recommending hiring them to do a schematic design of a beach services facility to serve as the entrance to Stewart Beach. Dave Jacoby asked if any other firms had been considered? Mrs. Rozier reported that Rogers Partners was previously vetted through the pavilion design process but that no other firms had been contacted for this project.

Motion: Marty Fluke motioned to defer this item to the Finance and Operations Committee for review and recommendation.

Second: Dave Jacoby seconded.

Vote: Approved (9-0).

F. Presentation Of Seawolf Park Master Plan For Consideration And Approval By Galveston City Council (Kelly De Schaun, 10 Minutes)

Kelly de Schaun reviewed the current operations at Seawolf Park and the current amenities including the Galveston Naval Museum, fishing pier and recreational areas. She gave an overview of the master plan done in 2014 as well as a recommended proposal done by UTSA College. Mrs. de Schaun reviewed a list of possible uses and shared the proposed process to confirm interest in pursuing opportunities for the park which included have the Parks and Amenities Committee discuss, discussions with the Cavalla Historical Foundation, City Management Staff and potential developers . The Board consensus was approval to proceed as proposed with the proposed plan coming to the Board for approval before presenting to City Council.

IX. Executive Session

The meeting entered executive session at 3:50 p.m.

- A. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.072 - Possible Lease Of Real Property And Texas Local Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter - Stewart Beach Development
- B. Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.071 - Consultation With Attorney On A Matter In Which The Duty Of The Attorney To The Governmental Body Under Texas Disciplinary Rules Of Professional Conduct Of The State Of Texas Clearly Conflicts With This Chapter - Legal Matters Concerning Litigation - Sonya Poretto V The City Of Galveston Park Board Of Trustees Et Al

X. Action Item (S) Resulting From Executive Session

The open meeting resumed at 4:38 p.m.

- A. Discuss And Consider Action For Any Executive Session Item Listed On The Meeting Agenda

There was no action taken.

XI. Discuss Presentation For Joint Meeting With Galveston City Council (Spencer Priest, 10 Minutes)

Marty Fluke gave an overview of the presentation he is planning for the joint meeting with City Council January 6th on the Stewart Beach Public Private Partnership. He shared that he will be reinforcing the goals of generating revenue and enrichment of the area for both visitors and residents.

XII. Monthly Report

Michael Woody distributed the November monthly report and introduced Neil Murphy the newly hired Director of Strategic Communications.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

The joint meeting with Galveston City Council is scheduled for January 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

XIV. Announcements

Michael Woody distributed the trustee talking points for the month which included concessionaire program updates and the holiday promotions.

The advisory committee meetings are scheduled to go back to in person in January 2022.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Schel Heydenburg
Board Reporter

Dave Jacoby
Board Secretary