



Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee

4/1/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called. There was a quorum present.

Committee Members Present: Jason Worthen, Marty Fluke, Hal Needham, Ben Ritt, Marie Robb, Craig Vance, Peggy Zahler, Jerry Mohn, Jen Johnson and John Machol.

Resource Members Present: Allison Buchtien, Rhonda Gregg-Hirsch, and Brandon Hill.

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 Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Peggy Zahler

Second: Jerry Mohn

Vote: Approved (10-0)

VII. Presentation On Natural Marine Hazards (Chief Peter Davis, 20 Minutes)

Chief Peter Davis briefed the committee on the natural and human hazards that present themselves at the beach daily. He emphasized that outreach and being able to educate the public are very necessary and helpful in keeping beachgoers safe. Chief Davis talked about the need for a new headquarters for Beach Patrol with an emphasis for a facility 'on the sand'. Chief Davis would like the new facility to be carbon neutral, and if we can do it quick enough we would be the first public safety facility in the country to do that. Chief Davis reminded BMAC members about the Wave Watcher volunteer program that Beach Patrol runs. Mr. Jerry Mohn requested that an item pertaining to the Beach Patrol Headquarters come back to the committee so that they can show support for the facility.

VIII. Update On Seaweed Relocation Permit Decision (Kimberly Danesi, 10 Minutes)

Mrs. Kimberly Danesi updated the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee on the decision made by the Board of Trustees to include the whole island when applying for the renewal of the Sargassum Relocation permit, and the continuation of the Seaweed Emergency Relocation Program for the HOAs/POAs on the island.

IX. Update On Spring Break Key Performance Indicators (Vince Lorefice, 10 Minutes)

Mr. Vince Lorefice went over the key performance indicators for Spring Break for the beach parks. The weather impacted revenue and attendance, however, Dellanera and East Beach both had an increase in numbers. Slight decrease overall in comparison to last year with a \$5,000 difference. Although a slight decrease in revenue, the number is compared to a record-breaking year in 2021. Expectations for Key Performance Indicators for this summer are looking positive.

X. Update On Blue Flag Designation (Elizabeth Schneider, 5 Minutes)

Miss. Elizabeth Schneider updated the committee on the status of the Blue Flag eco-award that the Park Board is seeking for East Beach Park. The application period opens up in the fall and in the meantime, the Park Board is using the summer 2022 season as a 'mock trial' for what a season flying a blue flag would look like. Educational events have been planned and water quality is being tested and monitored. Committee members mentioned that the educational events should cater to a younger crowd to instill stewardship and teach people young.

XI. Update On The Leave No Trace Ordinance Collections (Elizabeth Schneider, 5 Minutes)

Miss. Elizabeth Schneider provided an update for the Leave No Trace City Ordinance and the overnight collections in the month of March. The numbers have decreased significantly compared to previous years. Staff suggests this is in thanks to the consistent communication with short-term rentals and West End residents.

XII. Update On World Oceans Day Festival (Elizabeth Schneider, 5 Minutes)

Miss. Elizabeth Schneider provided an update on the World Ocean Day Festival that Artist Boat and the Park Board are hosting at East Beach on June 4th. Members of the committee were asked to join an adhoc for the event to prepare for the booth that BMAC will have at the event.

XIII. 2021-2022 Committee Work Plan

Jason Worthen reported that the committee is on schedule with the work plan.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

- Review of Strategic Plan Goals
- Sargassum and Hurricane Forecast – Dr. Hal Needham
- Chief Peter Davis – Lifeguarding facility Headquarters
- World Ocean's Day

XV. Announcements

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.