



**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee**

6/2/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members present: Steven Creitz, Jason Worthen, Mary Branum, Lisa Carnes, Sam Malchar, Diane Olsen, Alyson Poston, Joe Zdunek.

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: Mary Branum motioned to approve the minutes for the April 7, 2022, Parks and Amenities Committee meeting.

Seconded: Diane Olsen seconded.

Vote: Approved: (8-0)

VII. Update From The East End Lagoon Task Force (Kimberly Danesi, 5 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi presented the latest update from the East End Lagoon (EEL) Task Force. Since the last update on March 3, 2022, the Task Force has met with Coleman Coker, a professor of Architecture from the University of Texas. This meeting was conducted to determine if his students will design the interpretive signage throughout the EEL trails. They also met with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to address topics such as proposed impacts, design concerns, minimizing environmental impact, etc. This Joint Evaluation Meeting will determine if a Federal Permit is necessary. Moving forward they will finalize their work plan, update drawings and specs, and the design of trails and signage.

VIII. Update On Park Revenues And Key Performance Indicators (Corey Holcomb, 10 Minutes)

Corey Holcomb reviewed the revenues and key performance indicators for the parks as of May 15, 2022. Excluding Urban Park, all park revenues are exceeding budgeted revenues. All park staff is working on general maintenance, and upkeep while hosting multiple events. Stewart Beach is scheduled to open on May 27, 2022, and the mobile amenities will arrive in two to three weeks.

IX. Presentation Of Park Programs For 2022 (Tara Donnelly, 10 Minutes)

Tara Donnelly a Texas A&M Galveston student, interned with the Park Board from January through May as the Program Development Intern. In this role, Ms. Donnelly assisted the Parks Coordinator, Nicole Charlebois in developing a programming calendar for Summer 2022. These programs were developed through researching relevant content for the six-beach park to create the 101 Days of Summer Fun Calendar. Ms. Donnelly then presented this calendar along with relevant details to the committee.

X. Discuss And Consider Recommendation To The Board Of Trustees To Proclaim July Parks And Recreation Month (Ann Hobing, 5 Minutes)

Ann Hobing requested the Parks and Amenities Committee motion to approve and bring forward the recommendation to the Board of Trustees to designate July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Motion: Sam Malchar made the motion to approve and bring forward the designation of July as Parks and Recreation Month to the Board of Trustees.

Seconded: Diane Olsen seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0)

XI. Discuss And Consider The 2022 - 2023 Parks And Amenities Committee Work Plan (Vince Lorefice, 5 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi, in place of Vince Lorefice, requested the discussion and consideration of the approval for the proposed FY 2022 - 2023 Work Plan for the Parks and Amenities Committee.

Motion: Joe Zdunek motioned to approve the FY 2022 - 2023 Work Plan for the Parks and Amenities Committee.

Seconded: Mary Branum seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0).

XII. 2021-2022 Committee Work Plan

The committee recognized that the Draft Budget Review, scheduled for the Parks and Amenities Committee meeting on June 2, 2022, was not included on the agenda. Kimberly Danesi informed the committee that a meeting will be held on June 7, 2022, to discuss the Draft Budget Review.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- The committee meeting scheduled for August 4, 2022, will be dismissed as the agenda item is to approve the FY 2022 - 2023 Work Plan was approved during the June 2, 2022, meeting.

XIV. Announcements

Kimberly Danesi announced that the World Oceans Day Festival will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at R.A. Apffel Park and invited the committee members to join.

Kimberly Danesi announced that the Park Tours have been rescheduled for July. This reschedule is due to a delay in the arrival of the aluminum frame mobile amenities at Stewart Beach. The Park Board insists the amenities be included as part of the Park Tours.

Kimberly Danesi announced that in honor of Juneteenth there will be island wide events and invited the committee members to review the calendar and join the celebrations of this historic holiday.

Jason Worthen announced his appreciation of the Park Board's decision to recognize July as National Parks and Recreation Month. Kelly De Schaun requested in the creation of the proclamation to include the donations provided to the City of Galveston by the Park Board to support of the City's parks and recreations, as well as allowing free entry into Seawolf Park for residents.

Kelly De Schaun invited the committee members to participate in the Galveston Cultural Connections event at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on June 2, 2022. This event is hosted in partnership with the Galveston Park Board, the City of Galveston, the Galveston Arts Center, and the Historic Downtown.

Kelly De Schaun announced that the Board of Trustees will be deliberating on a contribution to bring a Juneteenth celebration to the Grand Opera House through African American gospel singers.

XV. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.