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**Agenda Item:** Discuss and Consider Approval to Co-Sponsor the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lighting Project

**Background:** There has been much discussion between City staff, Board staff, and the Downtown Partnership about the 25th Street Lighting Project. Originally, it was planned for the Park Board to be the lead on this project. However, after further review, staff believes that the best course of action regarding this important initiative is to create a sponsorship position with the City of Galveston. The Park Board is not in the position, nor should it be, to bid out and contract a project on City property that the Park Board does not manage, the product of which is to be applied to City landscape and tied to City utilities.

Instead, staff recommends that the Park Board become the Co-Sponsor of the 25th Street Lighting Project.

The City of Galveston has already invested in the installation of power to the esplanade on 25th street from Seawall to Harborside. In addition, they have purchased, planted, and will maintain the landscaping and power expenditures on 25th Street.

The Park Board's monetary sponsorship will be remitted to the City of Galveston and applied to the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of the 25th Street Lighting Project with a vendor of their choosing. This will likely include the wrapping and installation of Dynamic RGB 5mm string lights and net lights on approximately 144 palms/oak trees/crape myrtles spanning from Seawall to Harborside. The Sponsorship includes the maintenance of the newly installed lighting on a schedule as determined by the City of Galveston, and a signage budget to produce 60 coated aluminum signs, two per intersection (a double-sided sign), naming the project and the sponsors.

The total contribution will be \$182,000. \$174,000 for materials, installation, and maintenance (year 1), and \$8,000 for program sponsor signage. Funding for future maintenance contracts tied to the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lighting project will be negotiated annually between the City of Galveston and The Park Board.

**Funding Source:** FY2023 Budget – TD-70-7002 Special Projects

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval to Co-Sponsor the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Lighting Project.