



**Agenda Item:** Discuss and Consider Creation of a Seawolf Park Development Task Force

**Background:**

In 2014 the Park Board of Trustees engaged with Randall Porterfield for an in-depth master plan of Seawolf Park. Over the past 8 years this plan has been reviewed by numerous committees exploring different options of implementation. Recently, there has been renewed interest in revisiting this plan looking at how the past ideas can be incorporated into recent concepts.

As the premier Cultural Experience Park, Seawolf Park is home to the Galveston Naval Museum who manage the USS Cavalla and the USS Stewart. Seawolf Park was also home of the second largest immigration station in the United States, second only to Ellis Island.

The request before the Board is to establish a Task Force using the below criteria.

Coordinate the various projects under each entity's responsibility for the cohesive development of the Park as envisioned in the Master Plan. Specifically, this Task Force will review and input on the site plan, discuss project schedules and coordination, ensure permitting and approvals.

**Goals:**

- Highlight the Park as a Cultural Experience Park
- Maintain "Parks within a Park" cohesion through standardization of signage, architecture, and cross-promotions.
- Fast track development through the coordination of simultaneous pursuit of capital projects.
- Ensure funding opportunities support development needs.
- Obtain City support for development.

The recommended Task Force Committee Members are as follows:

Marty Fluke – Chairman of the Board  
Jason Hardcastle – PAC Chairman/Board  
Michael Bouvier – City Council/Board  
Brain Abugel – CHF Chairman & CEO  
Charles Wiley – Former Police Chief  
City Representative - TBD  
Kimberly Danesi - COO