



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

10/13/2022 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

This meeting was called to order at 9:01 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: Jason Hardcastle, Mary Branum, Anna Deichmann, Randall Kopfer, Diane Olsen, Tony Pathyil, Alyson Poston, Joe Zdunek

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

Public comments were made by Justin Johnson, Richard Sort, and Bill Hynek in regard to item VII. Board of Trustees Chair, Marty Fluke addressed the committee in regard to welcoming the new Parks and Amenities Committee members.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mary Branum motioned to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2022, and July 7, 2022, Parks and Amenities Committee meetings.

Seconded: Joe Zdunek seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0)

VII. Review Of FY21.22 Park Revenues (Corey Holcomb, 10 Minutes)

Vince Loreface stated that the review of the FY21.22 park revenues does not include funds from the General Fund or the Hotel and Occupancy Tax.

Corey Holcomb proceeded to review the revenues and key performance indicators for the parks as of September 25, 2022. Due to the agenda overview submission date, the revenues shown are six days short of the end of FY22 on October 1, 2022.

Dellanera RV Park exceeded the expected budgeted camping revenue by \$232,000.10 and exceeded the expected budgeted gift shop sales by \$4,294.52. Revenue from the beach user fees was less than the expected budget by \$7,920.00 due to an increase in annual pass sales and the Nourishment Project at Babe's Beach making it a more desirable location on the west end of the island.

Seawolf Park exceeded the expected budgeted admission revenue by \$66,847.50. Revenue from fishing was less than the expected budget by \$60,145 due to the flounder moratorium.

Urban Park's total revenue was less than the expected budget by \$190,685 due to two Pay by Phone outages during Memorial Day weekend and Independence Day weekend.

East Beach exceeded the expected budgeted revenue by \$155,795.12 while Stewart Beach's total revenue was less than the expected budget by \$153,043.50. This deficiency is due to the initial Stewart Beach budget accounting for an additional month of

revenue but due to the delay of the drainage project start date, Stewart Beach was unable to capture that month of revenue. Marketing and staff directed Stewart Beach traffic to East Beach, which is reflected in the revenue offset between the two parks.

VIII. Discuss And Consider Eligibility Of Galveston Adventures Helicopter Tours For New Agreement (Ann Hobing, 10 Minutes)

Ann Hobing reviewed the Galveston Adventures Helicopter Tours Concessionaire Agreement in order to determine their eligibility for a new agreement. The review included an overall performance assessment of Galveston Adventures in which staff recommended eligibility be granted for the Right of First Refusal for a new agreement to take effect when the current agreement expires on October 31, 2022.

Motion: Mary Branum motioned to move this item forward to the Board of Trustees and approve the eligibility for the First Right of Refusal to be granted to Galveston Adventure Helicopter Tours for a new agreement.

Seconded: Randall Kopfer seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0)

IX. Presentation Of Concessionaire Partner 2023 Request For Proposals (Ann Hobing, 5 Minutes)

Ann Hobing updated the committee on the 2023 Concessionaire Partners' Request For Proposals (RFP) which was made public on August 1, 2022. The RFP was shared publicly on Facebook, the Park Board Website, and local and regional chambers of commerce. The RFPs were due no later than August 31, 2022. By this date, zero proposals were received. As of October 13, 2022, Ann Hobing is actively accepting RFPs for the Islander Gift Shop at Stewart Beach and other non-existing concessionaire operators.

The committee recommended a review of the application process and articulating the language of the RFP to not deter individuals when they see a deadline.

X. Update And Timeline Presentation For The Parks 2022-2023 Capital Projects (Sheryl Rozier, 15 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier provided a high-level update on the 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The projects listed in the CIP require City Council approval, involve larger funding streams, or have other important implications to the parks the Park Board manages. The 2022-2023 CIP represents capital projects at R.A. Appfel Park, Stewart Beach, Seawolf Park, East End Lagoon, and Seawall Urban Park.

These include:

- R.A. Appfel Park Drainage Project
- Stewart Beach Concrete Repair Work
- Beach Patrol Headquarters at Stewart Beach
- Seawolf Park USS Stewart Mooring Project
- Seawolf Park Fishing Pier Extension
- Seawolf Park Ship & Sub Bulkhead
- Contingency Seawolf Park Erosion Fill
- Contingency Seawolf Park RV Park
- East End Lagoon RESTORE funding which will support bidding and construction of an outdoor interpretive center.
- Deployment of six mobile restrooms on Seawall Blvd.

Coastal Projects include:

- Dellanera RV Park Beach Repair Harvey FEMA
- Babe's Beach Repair Harvey FEMA
- Engineering Design and Permitting for an Offshore Breakwater
- USACE Beach Nourishment Permit Amendments
- Engineering and Design from Dellanera's West Boundary to 13 Mile Road Beach Nourishment
- Engineering and Permitting for Emergency Ramps West of 61st St.
- Stewart Beach Vegetation Mitigation
- Babe's Beach BUDM RESTORE

XI. Update On The Washed Ashore Island Wide Art Exhibition (Kimberly Danesi, 15 Minutes)

Kimberly Danesi presented information regarding The Washed Ashore Project that will be coming to Galveston Island in December 2022. Washed Ashore is a non-profit traveling art exhibit made entirely out of marine debris collected from the beaches of Oregon. The intent of this project is to raise awareness of the impact that waste has when left on our beaches and to educate visitors, residents, and local businesses on the best waste management and reduction practices.

This project will come in two phases. The first phase will be the exhibition of 21 existing Washed Shore pieces in various locations around the island from early December 2022 through early March 2023. The Park Board will build on the momentum

created in phase 1 by launching an Artist in Residence Program in phase 2. This program will pair a local artist with Washed Ashore to create a piece specifically for Galveston. Staff will update the Board of Trustees with the final details of phase 2 before proceeding with an agreement.

#### XII. 2022-2023 Committee Work Plan

Parks and Amenities Chair, Jason Hardcastle, anticipates additional meetings will be added to the work plan in order to capitalize on enhancing Park Board-managed parks.

#### XIII. Future Agenda Items

#### XIV. Announcements

Anna Deichmann announced that Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council (GINTC) will be hosting a Photography based Nature Walk at East End Lagoon on October 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Ann Hobing announced that the final Women in Coastal Science speaker for 2022 will be Lucy Flores with Texas Beach Watch at East Beach on October 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Hobing also mentioned the series is gaining momentum and support for 2023.

Diane Olsen announced that the ice sculptors have arrived at Moody Gardens Ice Land and are they excited to be back after 2 years.

Vince Lorefice announced that the Stewart Beach ADA Access Channel 2 news segment has increased visitor interest. Ann Hobing added that it has been an honor to work with UTMB and is excited to continue working with them on accessibility at the parks.

#### XV. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.