



Agenda Item: Presentation On City of Galveston Beach Survey (APTIM Representative, 20 Minutes)

Background: The rise of COVID in 2020 resulted in millions flocking to coastal communities in search of outdoor recreation opportunities. Increase in visitation on Galveston Island had a significant impact on solid waste collections and trash left on our beaches. The Park Board launched a "Talk Trash" initiative that engaged citizens and local stakeholders to find creative solutions to not only solid waste handling, but preventative actions such as educating visitors, residents and local businesses on best waste management and reduction practices. Several initiatives came out of those discussions, with a strong emphasis on education.

In January 2021, the Park Board reached out to The Washed Ashore Project, a non-profit traveling art exhibit made entirely of marine debris collected from beaches, with the intent of bringing a handful of their sculptures to the island as part of our Blue Flag Initiative. The initial conversation led to greater opportunities for collaboration among the institutions. In July 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the first phase of several proposed for Galveston Island.

The exhibit was officially launched on Saturday, December 10th and will run through Friday, March 3rd.

Visit Galveston has also gamified the experience, making the Washed Ashore experience at Galveston an island-wide scavenger hunt. You can search for 20+ art pieces and find unique items within each sculpture. You can also participate in the #WashedAshoreGTX Social Media Sweepstakes and the Washed Ashore Challenge to win special prizes.

Washed Ashore Sculpture Locations

1. Grace, Humpback Whale Tail - Seawolf Park
2. Octavia, Giant Pacific Octopus - Saengerfest Park
3. Annie, Anemone - Visitor Information Center
4. Jelly Bloom - Galveston Arts Center
5. Stanley, Sturgeon - Bryan Museum
6. Brody, Adelie Penguin - Railroad Museum
7. Finn, Mako Shark - Tremont Hotel
8. Noah & Sunny, Fish - The Grand 1894 Opera House
9. Pinky, Fish - Galveston Children's Museum
10. Sea of Debris wall hanging - Rosenberg Library
11. Rosa, Bald Eagle - Pier 21
12. Priscilla: Parrotfish - Royal Caribbean Cruise Terminal
13. Gumdrop Jelly Reef - Grand Galvez
14. Edward, Leatherback Sea Turtle - Pleasure Pier
15. Flash, Marlin - Rainforest Café
16. Giacometti, River Otter - Moody Gardens
17. Greta, Great White Shark - Moody Gardens Aquarium
18. Sylvia, Silvertip Shark - Artist Boat Heritage Preserve



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- 19. Flip Flop Fish - Dellanera RV Park
 - 20. Seamore, Pot-Bellied Seahorse - Dellanera RV Park

Staff Recommendation: n/a

Funding Source (if applicable): n/a