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**Agenda Item:** Recognition Of Kristen Vale With American Bird Conservancy

**Background:** Kristen Vale, Coastal Program Coordinator for the American Bird Conservancy, has spent years helping protect coastal birds. Throughout her years of service to the Galveston Coastline and its' feathered inhabitants, Kristen has been a key resource for the Park Board. She has taken an active role as a member of the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee, the Parks and Amenities Committee and the East End Lagoon Task Force. In addition, Kristen has worked countless hours with Park Board staff on determining best practices for the management of the precious ecosystem we all strive to protect.

Without exception, Kristen has made our island a better place to live, work and visit. The work she has performed will have a lasting impact on not only the Park Board but also on the ecosystem she has worked so hard to protect.

Kristen will be leaving the island in mid-April, joining her husband in Oregon in their continued efforts to impact our world positively. Her countless hours of work and dedication will live on through the continued preservation of the East End Lagoon, East Beach Park, Big Reef, San Luis Pass and countless other natural habitats. We thank her for her service, and look forward to cheering her on as she does great things out west.

