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Park Board of Trustees

**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550**

1/3/2019 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The pledge was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members Present: Jason Worthen, Steven Creitz, Mary Branum, Wanda Buttner, Sam Malcar, Mario Rabago, Kristen Vale

Committee Members Absent: Marlo Landreth, Robert Callies, Josh Hargrove, Michael Guillot, Captain Gary Bell

Staff in Attendance: Reuben Trevino, Dan Gundrum, Beth Thornton

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the Committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Steven Creitz made a motion to approve the November 8, 2018 meeting minutes.

Second: Wanda Buttner

Vote: Approved (7-0)

VII. Introduction Of Dan Gundrum The New Park Superintendent (Reuben Trevino, 5 Minutes)

Reuben Trevino introduced the new Parks Superintendent, Dan Gundrum, to the Committee.

VIII. Presentation On Seawolf Park Change In Hours (Larry Jackson, 10 Minutes)

Reuben Trevino announced Seawolf Park changed the business hours. The park was open 24 hours and once the cold nights hit, there were very few guests fishing and there has already been a drop since December 16. Last year it resulted in approximately \$7,000 loss. The new park hours will be 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 24 hours Friday and Saturday. Guests are being advised as they enter the park and signage has been updated.

IX. Seawall Urban Park Program Overview And Referendum Update (Reuben Trevino, 15 Minutes)

Reuben Trevino updated the Committee on the Seawall Urban Park Program and the upcoming referendum requesting changes in parking fees. The current program sunset is 2020 and the City of Galveston is being proactive on changes so if the referendum does not pass the first time, there will be an opportunity to make changes to the referendum. Changes include a parking fee of \$2 an hour, \$16 for the day and \$45 for the annual pass. The parking revenue covers the cleaning, maintenance and amenities along the beach and seawall.

X. Presentation On Reduction Of Single Use Straws Turtle Island Restoration Network (Joanie Steinhaus, 10 Minutes)

Joanie Steinhaus, Turtle Island Restoration Network (TIRN), shared information on single-use straws, their life span and impact on the environment. She is meeting with local restaurants, hotels and HOAs in the same regard. Some restaurants will now only give out straws when asked for one. TIRN will be adding links for information on their website and looking for grants/sponsors to print promotional materials, i.e. window clings, wrap cards, signs.

XI. Discuss And Consider Drone Rules Within Park Board Managed Parks (Kristen Vale, 15 Minutes)

Kristen Vale gave a presentation on the effects of drones and birds on the beaches. She gave examples on how the drones disturb wildlife and ways to fly drones to reduce the birds from being disturbed. She also explained some of the FAA regulations that drone owners are required to adhere to.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Drone rules for the Trustees to consider

XIII. Announcements

- Meg Winchester, Director of CVB, has been with the Park Board for 12 years. She recently accepted a position as CEO and President of Visit Spokane and has tendered her resignation effective mid-January.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.