1/8/2020 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order @ 8:58 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The pledge was not recited due to the offsite meeting and no flag present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

The roll was called, and a quorum was met.

Roll Call for Minutes: Steven Creitz – Chairman, Diane Olsen -- Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell, Peter Moore, Eliza Quigley, Kristen Vale

Members Present: Steven Creitz – Chairman, Diane Olsen -- Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell, Peter Moore, Eliza Quigley (9:15 am), Kristen Vale

Members Absent: None

Guests: Anna Deichmann, Vivian Victoria, Lauren Scott

Resource Members: None

Staff: Sheryl Rozier

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There was no conflict of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

Sheryl Rozier announced Diane Olsen’s position as our new Vice Chair and introduced Kristen Vale as our newest committee member.

Jonathan Frank, a Galveston resident, approached the group during the meeting and made a few comments. They included: not enough police presence, place restroom facility at Fort San Jacinto, as a local he would not want to pay to park at Fort San Jacinto, the fishing areas get really trashed, trails are
beautiful and he would be interested in helping.

VI. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of Regular Meeting Minutes From November 6, 2019 (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2019 was made by Alice Anne O'Donell to approve and seconded by Len Waterworth. The vote was unanimous of those present. Eliza Quigley did not vote as she arrived after this item.

VII. Discuss 2019-2020 Meeting Calendar (Sheryl Rozier, 5 Minutes)

Sheryl Rozier reviewed the FY 2019-2020 meeting calendar. She notified the committee that the May meeting would need to be moved back a week, which would be May 13, 2020.

VIII. Site Tour To Gain A Better Understanding Of The Areas Of The Preserve (1 Hour)

The January 8, 2020 EELAC meeting was held out at the Lagoon. The Committee initially met at the end of Seawall Blvd at what is commonly known as the Fort San Jacinto Historic Point (San Jac). This provided a visual vantage point to describe the parcels of land that are typically discussed with the committee. Sheryl Rozier gave an overview of the current features of the San Jac area and described what we commonly refer to as the triangle and its features. She described the project that is out for bid adjacent to the lagoon. She talked about parcels and the need for the comprehensive delineation as well. All parcels at the EEL are owned by the City of Galveston. She addressed questions related to Boddeker and its condition/future. Trey Click brought up traffic and parking as an ongoing discussion point. Len Waterworth pointed out that with development in the area that would increase the need for investment in the San Jac and surrounding areas to accommodate parking. He also commented on the high use of San Jac and its revenue generating potential. Discussion was had around the possibility of paid parking in the area to support the EEL. This would be a discussion to engage with the City at a future meeting. Steven updated on a previous meeting at the site where City officials wanted to see the area developed into an observation point with plantings, a gateway and improvements. Questions related to responsibilities in the area were asked and would need City input. Alice Anne commented about the Fishing Amenity and understanding where that would be along the channel could provide more direction on development and where the parking could be and why we would charge for parking. Maybe the ‘triangle’ is developed for parking. Eliza wants to know if this is a priority for the Trustees and do we have anything financed that we can do now? She would like to see the marketing being used for something. Sheryl reviewed upcoming projects and investments at the EEL. Len discussed cash flow to generate more cash flow. Many questions were asked about paid parking; but could not be answered without City representation. Kristen Vale did comment that without some amenity and San Jac, charging for parking probably would not be well received. Show improvement and vision for the area.

After the lengthy conversation at San Jac the meeting and all attendees moved to the Nature Trail. The group was given a brief guided tour where Alice Ann O’Donell, Kristen Vale, Diane Olsen and Anna Deichmann provided information to the group. The other topic discussed on site was the maintenance plan for the trail.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Dive into the Action Plan.

X. Announcements

Ribbon Cutting on April 1, 2020 @ 5pm. Please invite at least 2 people to join. A ‘Save the Date’ will be produced to be shared.

XI. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned @ 10:10 am.