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Park Board of Trustees

**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
East End Lagoon Advisory Committee
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550**

1/9/2019 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order @ 9:00 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

The roll was called and a quorum was met.

Roll Call for Minutes:

Steven Creitz – Chairman, Jeri Kinnear -- Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell, Diane Olsen, Peter Moore, Eliza Quigley

Members Present: Steven Creitz – Chairman, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell, Diane Olsen, Peter Moore, Eliza Quigley

Members Absent: Jeri Kinnear -- Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown

Guests: Mike Svetz

Resource Members: Barbara Sanderson, Ernest Cook

Staff: Reuben Trevino, Dan Gundrum

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There was no conflict of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

There was no request to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider The Approval Of Regular Meeting Minutes From November 14, 2018 (Steven Creitz, 5

Minutes)

A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Alice Anne O'Donell to approve and seconded by Len Waterworth. The vote was unanimous of those present.

VII. Discuss And Consider Presentation Of The Draft Report East End Lagoon Business Plan (Michael Svetz, 45 Minutes)

A presentation was made by Michael Svetz to tie together all the comments that came back in November 2018 and a lot of conversations with staff. It was important to review opportunities to develop revenue. He wanted to run through a presentation based on the Draft Report provided and get feedback from EELAC to move forward. We want to actively manage and maintain the site. The Corp will play a major role on development. He reviewed recommendations for the next 5 years and how they are phased in. He also reviewed traffic, financial performance, programs and partnerships and funding strategies.

Comments from EELAC:

Peter Moore asked about whether the planned parking for Phase 1A can accommodate the visitation? Alice Anne recommitted elevated boardwalks as opposed to on ground trails. Alice Anne asked where in the sequence does the Corp delineation come in, because the Corp has so much to do with what can be developed? Len Waterworth believes that there are synergies that may be developing with the GLO/Corp coastal masterplan. How does EELAC tap into that \$30bill Corp process through mitigation and investment/funding for the area for enhancements? A strong case could be that if you are going to build this very large project you have to mitigate in this area, which could require money that could be put toward a project that has been guided by this updated business plan. The Corp project does line up with the calendar phasing. Len also visited Grand Isle State Park in Louisiana, fantastic birding, collaboration with the State Park system for our RV camping. Reuben asked Len what we need to have in place to make something happen immediately when funding flows through the coastal masterplan? For starters, a letter from the Park Board/EELAC should be sent in to the Corp about this location for mitigation. There are questions about restroom fees, but City Council is also talking about user fees across the island and how that works together. Len makes a recommendation that Park Board need to put a place holder for a conversation with the Coast Guard related to the fishing Barge. For assumptions, the same size RV site as Dellanera was used. It was recommended that the Park Board look at both public (Park Board) and private (Lease) operation of the RV site at EEL. Len mentioned another option, start with private and move to public, a hybrid operation.

EELAC understood the expenses and revenue models in the report. The comments above will be looked at and incorporated as appropriate into the document. This report will be brought back to the February EELAC meeting (with implementation plan and conclusions in the report) for final acceptance and recommendations to the Trustees. This Business Plan is a guiding document, dynamic and fluid.

VIII. Discuss City Council Presentation Related To The East End Lagoon Business Plan (Sheryl Rozier, 10 Minutes)

This item was deferred due to Sheryl Rozier (staff liaison) being out sick.

IX. Discuss Survey Questions Related To Users And Usage At The East End Lagoon (Sheryl Rozier, 15 Minutes)

The questions that were presented for discussion in the briefing papers were not appropriate for the area. 3-5 questions would be good. EELAC made recommendations:

Where are you from (Zip code), why are you here, what would you like to see, cleanliness.

X. Update On Coastal Management Program Grant Cycle 22 (Sheryl Rozier, 5 Minutes)

This item was deferred due to Sheryl Rozier (staff liaison) being out sick.

XI. Future Agenda Items

Final Business Plan, Drainage project updates.

XII. Announcements

There were no announcements. Next meeting will be February 6, 2019.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 10:32 am.