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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**

2/6/2019 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order @ 9:01 am.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

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, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O'Donell, Diane Olsen, Peter Moore,

Members Absent: Jeri Kinnear -- Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Eliza Quigley

Guests: Keri Heath -- GDN

Resource Members: Barbara Sanderson,

Staff: Sheryl Rozier, Kelly de Schaun, 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 January 9, 2019 (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

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

VII. Discuss And Consider The Acceptance Of The East End Lagoon Business Plan And Recommendations To The Trustees For Review And Approval (Sheryl Rozier, 20 Minutes)

Steven Creitz began by stating that the committee needs to be aligned in support with moving forward with the plan. The East End Lagoon need broader support from the community as well. Sheryl began to go over the plan and provided an updated pro forma to replace page 41. All other requested changes were made from the January meeting. The pro formas show that you are to year 7-8 before the financials are in the black. Staff talked about making a five year plan might be daunting, but the committee had strong feelings about getting things going. Alice Anne was concerned about how much we are counting on the fishing barge and the operations & maintenance of the barge. Staff responded to the fishing concern and how they came about with their figures, as the Park Board does fishing well.

Kelly talked about the possibility of large development due to the coastal system that might be in place right there. Maybe the inclusion of a lot of hard infrastructure at the EEL is not necessarily appropriate. Maybe the concept of the mobile facilities like we are talking about for Stewart Beach. A brief overview of what is happening at Stewart Beach was given as well. She also brought back in the environmental educational component that has come in and out of the plan. This needs to be discussed further as a direct linkage with a future tourism market. Maybe there is a connection with the CVB and things they are already doing and offset some of the deficit.

Len brought up the fact that we wanted a five year plan but the revenues don't support it in pro formas. So, how do we get more revenue into the plan? But all plans change after you leave the line of departure. The EEL needs to be a competitive element in the community. He felt like the deficit was not a lot of money to find. Diane also agreed that there is always a reason to push the plan off and the deficit is not enough to push the plan. Peter agreed with what Len said about the plan dragging out over a 10 year plan, but we need to dedicate to finding the deficit. Steven agreed as well on a push forward. How do we garner the community support. Len talked about how everyone has networks that they can educate and touch with the EEL, can they help us?

Alice Anne wondered about the temperature of the Trustees, but the committee felt that if there was a vision set forward and that it is more about place and less about the money. The Trustees are very fiscally conservative, which is appreciated, but the City is part of the process and we can also look at the CVB, groups & philanthropy. We need to also think about our neighbors and support for environmental amenities off Apffel. Alice Anne wants to help with advocacy with the neighboring developments.

Sheryl asked: with the amenities, conversations and recommendations that have come forward in the plan, do we have general concurrence with the direction? The table felt yes, except with charging for a restroom amenity. But Alice Anne is sensitive to the RV Park and the neighbors and traffic will be a conversation as well. Len comments that if you had another funding mechanism to replace the RV Park then you are having another conversation.

Alice Anne O'Donnell made a motion and it was seconded by Diane Olsen with a unanimous vote to accept the plan with the following recommendations:

- Revise some of the costs listed in the pro formas (completed for the Trustees workshop meeting);
- Provide materials for background for the sake of educating the community to provide support and;
- Provide an informational brief to the Trustees and ask for their financial and institutional support.

VIII. Discuss City Council Presentation Related To The East End Lagoon Business Plan (Steven Creitz, 5 Minutes)

This item was deferred and no action or discussion was had.

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

Sheryl Rozier updated the committee about the wetland delineation work that was requested by the Corp for the project prior to doing any work. This was not anticipated in the grant request and has delayed the project somewhat and the outcome will not allow for some minor items to be included in the project. Sheryl

is working closely with the Corp and the GLO to make sure the scope of work and work plan are updated and all necessary items are addressed before proceeding with putting the project out for bid.

X. Future Agenda Items

Discuss advocacy piece for the committee and the community to use to speak about the EEL, Birding webcam at the EEL.

XI. Announcements

Two documents were left at the table, one is a letter that has gone out related to the coastal study and the EEL being recommended as a mitigation site and the second item is a copy of the report for FY 2017-2018 that was produced for the City. This is a document that we have provided year over year to support the funding that they have provided for the EEL.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06.