



**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Joint Meeting with Galveston City Council
823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas 77553**

2/28/2019 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The joint meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Trustees Present: Spencer Priest, Maureen Patton, Craig Brown, Jan Collier, Steve Creitz, Victor Viser and Jason Worthen.

Trustees Absent: Will Wright and John Zendt

Staff Present: Kelly de Schaun, Mike Moser, Anna Lopez, Sheryl Rozier, Kimberly Danesi, Dan Gundrum, Reuben Trevino and Carla Cotropia, Legal Counsel.

A. Discuss East End Lagoon Business Plan

Sheryl Rozier showed flyover footage of the East End Lagoon area pointing out each location of projects, including those completed, those in progress and those proposed. She gave a brief history on the East End Lagoon and an overview of the vision. Mrs. Rozier shared several options for funding to maintain the park but that the Park Board is supportive of user fees for the planned amenities to fund this area and not admission fees to the park. She stated that the Park Board is seeking acceptance of the Business Plan as the guiding document to move forward, noting that there are still many areas of due diligence required before implementation. Mrs. Rozier also shared that approval is also being requested for acceptance of the 1.4 million RESTORE grant funds and for the City's contribution of \$50,000 per year for eight years to bring the investments to financial stability. Council member David Collins shared his support of the plan. He stated that he had some concerns but believed these would be answered as part of the due diligence. Council member Cole asked why the Park Board is requesting the City to contribute and not using funds that the Park Board already has. Spencer Priest explained that the Park Board funding is restricted and that the Hotel Occupancy Tax and Beach User fees are restricted by the state. He explained that the funding each park receives, stays in that specific park and is not used on other parks. Dr. Cole also recommended that the Park Board discuss with the Coast Guard the adjacent land and how it could be part of this.

Craig Brown reported that this item will be on the City Council agenda for approval at the March meeting.

B. Discuss Park Board Management Of Arts And Historical Preservation Funding

Craig Brown reported that this item was discussed and voted on at the February 26, 2019 Board meeting and that a motion was approved to bring to City Council requirements to take over the plan. He shared that currently the funding for the Arts and Historic Preservation Board is 6/8 of a penny and that the Park Board would take over management with a minimum of 5/8 of a penny and supplement the remaining 1/8 of a penny. Spencer Priest clarified that the Park Board would try to make up this 1/8 as allowed by the budget. Council member David Collins shared his support of the Park Board assuming management of this but stressed that the smaller organizations remain recipients of these funds. He stated that he also agreed with the comments made by Victor Viser at the Board meeting on the 26th, that these funds could be used in combination with funds of the Convention and Visitor's bureau to market these organizations. Victor Viser stated that it would be possible to form an alliance under the Park Board's umbrella as leverage for grant opportunities. He also shared that the arts are an important part of quality of life for the residents of Galveston.

Spencer Priest stated that if the Park Board assumes management of this funding, the current plan would be to bring the existing Arts and Historic Preservation Board to the Park Board as one of its committees and that there would most likely be no changes to the current procedures and policies for the first year but that it all depends on the timing. Dr. Brown shared the motion that the Park Board approved which included requiring a minimum of 5/8 of the penny, a ten year commitment, retain \$50,000 at the City for public art and that the reserve funds from this ordinance be transferred to the Park Board for distribution. Dr. Brown reported that this item would be brought to City Council for consideration and a vote at the March meeting.

III. Adjournment

The joint meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Schel Heydenburg
Board Reporter

Maureen M. Patton
Board Secretary