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*Park Board of Trustees*

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

4/7/2021 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

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

II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members Present: Steven Creitz, Julie Ann Brown, Alice Anne O'Donnell (9:15am), Kristen Vale, Lauren Scott, Jim O'Neill

Committee Members Not Present: Diane Olsen, Len Waterworth, Peter Moore

III. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

IV. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the committee.

V. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kristen Vale made a motion to approve the March 3, 2021, East End Lagoon Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Second: Julie Ann Brown seconded.

Vote: Approved (5-0)

VI. Discuss East End Lagoon Phase 1A Development (Nate Stevens, 15 Minutes)

Nate Stevens and Sheryl Rozier updated the committee on the progress of the acceptance of the \$1.3 million reimbursement grant for the development at East End Lagoon. Kelly de Schaun asked that the conversation be limited to what specifically this RESTORE project will cover and that the work is still a year to a year and a half away. Mrs. Rozier outlined where the plans currently stand and what might need to be updated from the original submission in 2016.

VII. Discuss East End Lagoon Development Plan (Kelly De Schaun, 15 Minutes)

Kelly de Schaun shared the East End Lagoon Business Plan that focuses on the next five years under three foundational pillars: conservation, outdoor recreation and education. She stressed the need to build

visitation while the pavilion and trails are being built and prior to revenue generation. She discussed options for a fishing barge or a camping opportunity managed by a private public partnership similar to what Stewart Beach is pursuing. She told the committee that she has an opportunity to address the City Council on April 28 to ask them to agree on the pavilion construction even with no revenue to support it, and asking for their support of some sort of revenue generation option or a commitment of funding. The committee members offered their opinions and feedback on the fishing and camping ideas.

VIII. Discuss East End Lagoon Peninsula Closure (Steven Creitz, 15 Minutes)

Steven Creitz led a discussion regarding the decision to add signage at the East End Lagoon Peninsula rather than closing it off. Kristen Vale has created a graphic to help educate visitors about nesting birds in the area. Kelly de Schaun suggested that the graphic should be given to Melody Smith to let marketing appropriately "brand" the signage and to translate into Spanish and Vietnamese. Committee members offered their comments and support for the signage.

IX. Presentation Of Partnership Efforts At R.A. Apffel Park And Big Reef (Nate Stevens, 10 Minutes)

Nate Stevens shared a PowerPoint presentation with the committee that highlighted the Park Board's ongoing partnership with the American Bird Conservancy and their efforts to protect and monitor bird nesting activity occurring within Big Reef and R.A. Apffel Park.

X. East End Lagoon Trash Receptacle Wrap (Nate Stevens, 5 Minutes)

Nate Stevens showed the committee pictures of the new "bear proof" trash receptacle recently placed at East End Lagoon. Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council purchased the unit and designed and purchased the decorative "wrap" for it.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- Update on Kelly de Schaun's appearance before the City Council

XII. Announcements

Kristen Vale told the committee about the "Lights Out Texas" program to help protect migratory birds. The program runs from April 19 - May 7 and urges residents and businesses to turn out any non safety related lights between the hours of 11pm and 6am. Kristen also told the committee about a recent "Monty" sighting. He is a migratory bird from the Chicago area who winters here between Bolivar Flats and East Beach. He was spotted at East Beach.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09am.