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Park Board of Trustees

**Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston
Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
601 Tremont Street, Galveston, Texas 77550**

5/9/2019 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance

The pledge was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Committee Members Present: Jason Worthen, Steven Creitz, Sam Malchar, Mario Rabago, Kristen Vale, Robert Callies, Mary Branum and Joe Zdunek(arrived at 9:12 a.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Marlo Landreth, Wanda Buttner, Michael Guillot and Ross Garcia

Staff in Attendance: Dan Gundrum, Reuben Trevino and Kelly de Schaun

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

V. Requests To Address The Committee

There were no requests to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Discussed the approval of the minutes.

Motion: Robert Callies motioned to approve the April 4, 2019 Parks and Amenities meeting minutes.

Second: Steven Creitz seconded.

Vote: Approved (7-0-0)

VII. Discuss And Update Funding For Artist Boat For Bucket Brigade (Dan Gundrum, 5 Minutes)

Dan Gundrum updated the Parks and Amenities Committee that funding for Artist Boat for Bucket Brigade was budgeted for line item SB51-7000. Discussed Artist Boat event Ocean's Day on June 8th and getting flyers handed out to promote the event.

VIII. Discuss And Update On Funding For Cluster Concept Design Work With Rogers Partners(Dan Gundrum, 5 Minutes)

Dan Gundrum updated the Parks and Amenities Committee that the Funding for Comfort Concept Design Work with Rogers Partners was budgeted for line item SB51-7006. The Board of Trustees deferred to a later date for further discussion.

IX. Discuss And Consider Drone Rules For The Parks (Dan Gundrum, 30 Minutes)

Discussed prohibiting drone usage around conservation areas, especially East Beach. Drones should not be flown over pedestrians. Designate a drone zone. Approval needed from park managers for drone usage at the parks.

Discussed no drone usage, unless authorized by manager and obtain a drone permit. It would be easier to police at Parks; Seawall would be more difficult.

Drone usage concerns on how drones would affect wildlife.

Drone usage at Pleasure Pier and Seawall currently operated by personnel and does not need to through FAA. Years prior, flying over large crowds was a FAA violation. To fly over large crowds had to go through FAA.

Conferred with Mario Rabago if The City of Galveston is planning on having rules for drone usage and currently there are no plans for drone usage. Kelly de Schaun asked that Dan Gundrum contact Carla Cotropia to see the enforceability of drone rules and to bring it to joint meeting with The City of Galveston. Also check with Carla Cotropia to see if drone users can get flight plans.

Kelly de Schaun suggested the maps of the parks with fly zones and rules to enact and enforce are needed to vote on drone rules. Once voted then go to The City of Galveston for ordinance rule.

Vote to ban drone usage with the exception of manager approval.

Motion: Robert Callies motioned to write verbiage to ban drone usage with the exception of manager approval.

Seconded: Sam Malchar seconded.

Vote: Approved (8-0-0)

X. Discuss Parks And Amenities Business Plan (Dan Gundrum, 15 Minutes)

Dan Gundrum reviewed and updated the Parks and Amenities business plan. Secret shopper program needs a more elaborate plan to gather information. Paying mystery shopper limited compared to survey program. Looking for thoughts about recruitment. Kelly de Schaun suggested Wave Watchers and flyers from CVB to call to action to promote secret shopper program. Additional suggestions were CTA involvement, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, advertise through Strobe, utilize local hotels and calling on locals through the use of flyers and call to action cards to recruit secret shoppers. Budgeted line item is limited to \$1500. Limiting the amount of surveys to 25. Kelly de Schaun stated that additional money would be found to fund the secret shopper program.

XI. Updates From Parks Superintendent (Dan Gundrum, 15 Minutes)

Dan Gundrum updated the Parks and Amenities Committee regarding Wi-Fi enhancements, new attractions at parks creating unrestricted funds, mystery shopper program and park tours. Kelly de Schaun requested that Dan Gundrum put a memo of cost to get sponsorship for Wi-Fi costs. Giving the contributors naming rights. New attractions are temporary. Park tour at Stewart Beach will be catered by Queens.

XII. Future Agenda Items

Discuss New Years Eve Event, Discuss rules and authorization of drone rules, Discuss Stewart Beach master plan, Discuss RA Apffel Park master plan, Discuss secret shopper recruitment and results, Discuss sponsorship of Wi-Fi, Updates on monthly reports and recap Stewart Beach Tour.

XIII. Announcements

Parks and Amenities meeting is being moved from June 6, 2019 to June 13, 2019.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.