7/1/2020 - Minutes

I. Call Meeting To Order
The meeting was called to order @ 9:01 am.

II. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum
Roll Call for Minutes:

Steven Creitz – Chairman, Diane Olsen – Vice Chairman, Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O’Donell, Peter Moore, Eliza Quigley, Kristen Vale

Members Present: Steven Creitz – Chairman, Diane Olsen – Vice Chairman (9:05), Trey Click, Julie Ann Brown, Len Waterworth, Alice Anne O’Donell (phone), Peter Moore (phone), Eliza Quigley (9:22 phone), Kristen Vale

Members Absent: None

Guests: No guests due to the first COVID Ring Central meeting

Resource Members: Barbara Sanderson, Ernest Cook, Deborah January-Beavers (phone)

Staff: Sheryl Rozier, Kelly de Schaun

III. Conflict Of Interest Declarations
There was no conflict of interest declared.

IV. Requests To Address The Committee
There was no request to address the committee.

V. Update On Habitat Management Plan (Julie Ann Brown, 10 Minutes)

Julie Ann provided an overview of the draft plan produced for GINTC by SWCA Environmental Consultants to develop a habitat management plan for the East End Lagoon ADA Trail area (6.407 acres). The plan was an invasive and undesirable species management draft plan, which was reviewed by Julie Ann, Anna Deichmann & Kristen Vale.

The good news is that the invasives were relatively low. The plan identified three management methods. GINTC is waiting to hear back on possible chemical options that were not identified in the draft plan. They are also waiting to hear back about some of the specific species on site that were not addressed in the plan. Also, they will be looking for an actual recommended schedule for work once they hear back. The
work was done at the end of May.

GINTC will be in a position to assist the Park Board with a management plan for the trail area, using this work as a guide/schedule.

Ernest Cook asked about the fire and the condition of the property. Kristen believed that it was beneficial for the ecosystem. An amazing fire with no negative downside. He also asked about the non-native palm trees in the area, but they are not mentioned in the plan. Kristen indicated that the Cabbage Palm is native.

VI. Update On Comprehensive Wetland Delineation (Sheryl Rozier, 10 Minutes)

Sheryl provided an update. GINTC per the EELAC Action Plan did engage with GAI Consultants to produce a comprehensive wetland delineation of the two parcels of land that make up the EEL. The request was to provide to reports to keep the parcel separate, especially for discussions with the Corp in receiving Jurisdictional Determinations.

A draft report for each parcel has been received and they are very thorough reports for review. A call will be scheduled with GAI to have a presentation on their findings.

An update on their findings will be brought back to EELAC and the process will continue forward with a package submitted to the Corp for their deliberation. Just a reminder that this was produced as a planning tool so we know what land we have for development and conservation. Thanks to GINTC for funding this effort and the habitat management plan.

VII. Update On Special Events Guidelines (Kristin Vale, 15 Minutes)

Kristen is also the conservation representative on the Parks and Amenities Advisory Committee for the Park Board. She was asked to assist with producing some guidelines or best management practices to balance large events with the natural/conservation environment out at East Beach, the EEL and the neighborhood to the West. This document will be used at PAC and EELAC along with Park Board staff input as a living document to assist with decision making.

This document is intended to provide guidance and discussion of best management practice recommendations for large event venues at East Beach adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas. This is a living document that is subject to change as the sensitive environmental areas will likely change naturally through time, and as new information and concerns are brought to attention. She went over the following concepts with some recommendations related to: Timing, Placement, Control level of use, Trash & Noise.

Due to COVID this document is still in review. Since the document was not shared, maybe it would be best to have an actual presentation at the next EELAC meeting, due to the effort of work by Kristen. Trey asked about the car capacity at East Beach.

This item will be brought back to the next EELAC Meeting and the document will be circulated prior for review and discussion. Staff will also work with Kristen prior to that meeting for review and refinement.

VIII. Update On Lagoon Access CMP 22 Grant Project (Sheryl Rozier, 5 Minutes)

We have had progress during a pandemic with the remediation project at the lagoon. We now have safe access into the lagoon for human powered water craft, three ADA parking spaces and a regraded area for recreation. At this time the project is probably 95% complete.

IX. Discuss FY 20-21 Action Plan And Budget (Sheryl Rozier, 20 Minutes)

Sheryl reviewed the FY 2019-2020 Action Plan. Even with the pandemic we made a lot of progress with the action plan. She also briefly reviewed the FY 19-20 EEL Budget. This next year we will go into the EEL with a tight, lean budget. Maintenance and control of the site will be a priority along with what EELAC can
support with planning activities and any volunteer work we may be able to launch.

Kelly talked about how the Park Board is trying to bring on a programming person. EEL provides a place for this in conjunction with our partners, producing interaction in a place. EEL is the perfect opportunity due to the pent up demand to be outdoors. This is also an opportunity for education.

Trey agreed that there is a huge demand from parents and we should look for corporate sponsorships as well. Alice Anne talked about challenges because we can only handle a small number with social distancing in perspective and maintaining safety. Park Board on the same page and looking for opportunities for individual families. Sheryl mentioned with all the technology that the children are already using that we could turn to video's for education to bring awareness. Ernest agrees on the limited capacity and concurs with the possibility of video technology. Diane agrees with the video for safety and it is a great opportunity when it is hot. She also agrees that it is a prime opportunity to be outside. Kristen is hyped up for the possibility of creating a curriculum that they can take to the EEL and Trail.

Kelly will work with the marketing team with a social media plan to promote for the Fall. She will work on bringing EEL into the curriculum efforts that they are doing for next year. She also talked about grant writing to bring interest from philanthropy. This will be brought back as part of the work plan.

X. Future Agenda Items
Best Management Practices & Operational Guidelines for Large Events at East Beach, Action Plan/Business Plan & Budget for FY 20-21, Kelly's items about marketing, curriculum and grant writing,

Alice Anne mentioned the Fort San Jacinto improvements & the channelside fishing amenity.

XI. Announcements
Kristen brought up the huge use of Boddeker and the fishing community and looking for enforcement of people parking everywhere on the road.

XII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned @ 9:59 am.