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Galveston Park Board Update: June 27, 2013

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the board room.

Park Board to Request Funding for Beach Improvement Projects

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees plans to request \$300,000 in grant funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for three future projects at Galveston's beaches. The money, available through the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) program from the GLO, would help the Park Board fund a seaweed-enhanced dune project in partnership with Texas A&M University-Galveston, a beach user survey study in partnership with the University of Houston and a virtual model system to guide future projects. To receive the CEPRA funding, the Park Board has pledged \$90,000 toward the three projects from its sand replenishment fund and an additional \$20,000 of in-kind support.

Park Board Appoints Reps to BMAC and TDAC

During Tuesday's meeting, the Park Board appointed new members to the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC), which makes recommendations to the Park Board regarding beach maintenance operations. Greg Clark of The Galvestonian will replace Dave LaPorte; Artist Boat Executive Director Karla Klay will replace Norma Rubin; Bob Randall of Randall-Porterfield Architects will replace Councilwoman Marie Robb; Michael Kovich will replace Jason Pinchback as a new resource member; and Brandon Cook from the City of Galveston manager's office will replace Libby Stone. The board also reappointed Mike Pistone from the Hilton Galveston Island Resort; Jan Inlow from Galveston Restaurant Group; Maureen Patton from The Grand 1894 Opera House; Diane Olsen from the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council; Park Board Chair Dr. Craig Brown; Park Board Trustee Buzz Elton; and Erin Kay from the Galveston Chamber of Commerce to the Tourism Development Advisory Committee (TDAC).

New BMAC Beach Action Work Plan

Tuesday, the board approved a 2013-2014 beach action work plan developed by the Beach Maintenance Advisory committee. The beach action plan will focus on beach nourishment and enhancement projects, community outreach programs and research.

About the Park Board of Trustees

The Park Board of Trustees oversees beach maintenance and tourism development on Galveston Island, including operations for beach cleaning, the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on the Park Board of Trustees, please visit www.galvestonparkboard.org.

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