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Galveston Park Board Update: August 23, 2016

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 23 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Swears in Trustees, Appoints Officers

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board swore in three new trustees. The new trustees are John “Rocky” Sullivan, principal owner of the Galveston Yacht Basin; Maureen Patton, executive director of the Grand 1894 Opera House; and Spencer Priest, area revenue manager for the San Luis Resort. The new trustees will each serve two-year terms. Joyce Calver McLean was named Park Board Chairwoman, John Zendt was named vice chair and Spencer Priest will serve as the secretary/treasurer.

Park Board to Seek Funding for East End Lagoon

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board offered its support to seek grant funding for the East End Lagoon. At its July meeting, the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee (EELAC) recommended that the Park Board seek grant funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Coastal Management Program (CMP) Cycle 22. The requested funds will go toward the clean-up and rehabilitation of a parcel of land there and enhanced ADA access to the area. The Park Board will seek \$55,000 in funding and will need to provide a local match of \$13,750. If approved, the funds will be distributed in September 2017.

Park Board Adopts Vehicle Fleet Policy

The Park Board on Tuesday approved a vehicle fleet policy. The policy establishes a Vehicle Committee that will oversee procedures to be followed when a department requests a new vehicle, wishes to transfer a vehicle to another department, vehicle maintenance guidelines and budgeting for and purchasing vehicles and heavy equipment.

Board Approves Task Order with Louis Berger for Support of FEMA Projects

The board Tuesday approved a contract with Pennsylvania-based Louis Berger Group to provide technical and administrative support to the Park Board for FEMA-related recovery projects. The Park Board works with Louis Berger through the approval of task orders which authorize work up to the predetermined amount of \$49,929. The current task order will engage Louis Berger representatives Steve Rock and Rich Peters in a 6-12 month plan that will address quarterly updates, project amendments, close-out of completed projects, requests for reimbursements and clarification of insurance issues.

Announcements

- On Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$51,362 spend for a new shade structure from Sugar Land-based Fun Abounds. The structure will cover the stage at East Beach providing protection for the performers there and support for the sound system. Funding for the structure comes from a FEMA project worksheet that was submitted in 2013.
- At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved the purchase of a \$19,628 2015 GMC Savana 15-passenger van for use by the Beach Patrol from Galveston-based Classic Auto Group.

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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