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Galveston Park Board Update: February 16, 2017

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 14 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

More Food & Beverage Options Coming to Stewart Beach, Seawall

Galveston will soon be home to several new vendors serving snacks and drinks at Stewart Beach and on the Seawall. At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved agreements with Island Ice to sell frozen treats and J&L Concession Inc. to sell fresh fruit and other items at Stewart Beach. In addition, Hurricane Cowboy Shaved Ice will sell refreshments at Izard Park, located on the Seawall at 51st Street, and Chillicious will offer drinks and snacks at Hampton Battery Park, located on the Seawall at 45th Street. The new vendors will be in place this spring.

Park Board To Begin Beach Erosion Study

This fall, the Park Board will begin a beach erosion study aimed at determining structural solutions for erosion-prone areas of the island. The study is a combined effort of the Park Board and United States Army Corps of Engineers and will cost \$150,000, according to a presentation given by Park Board Director of Operations Reuben Trevino at the board's meeting Tuesday. Trevino said the study will evaluate a variety of solutions, such as constructing groin fields or breakwaters to serve as impediments to erosion at Dellanera beach. The study is part of the Park Board's long-term sand management plan.

Renovations Continue at Seawolf Park, Admission Price Increases

In an effort to increase visitation to its facilities, members of the Undersea Warfare Center (UWC) at Seawolf Park have recently made repairs and renovations to its facilities and plan to increase educational programming there. On Tuesday, the Park Board heard a presentation from Cavalla Historical Foundation (CHF) Director Kelley Crooks who provided an update on the World War II era U.S.S. Stewart destroyer escort and U.S.S. Cavalla submarine. He said that in 2016 upgrades including a new fence, restroom renovations, improved signage and the restoration of anchors had been completed at the Park-Board managed facility. He said the CHF is working to make its website more interactive, developing a smartphone app to augment existing audio tours and is planning to add a docent program. At the meeting, the Park Board also approved a proposal to increase the price of admission to the attractions from \$5 to \$10 for adults and from \$2 to \$5 for children. The price increase will take effect this spring. Increased revenue will go toward continued maintenance and improvements.

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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