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Park Board of Trustees

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Galveston Park Board Update: July 24, 2019

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24th at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Welcomes Three New Trustees & Appoints Officers

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board swore in three new trustees Dave Jacoby, Marty Fluke, and David Collins. Spencer Priest was reappointed as Chair. Jan Collier will now serve as the Board's Vice Chair. Maureen Patton will remain the Board's Secretary/Treasurer and will also chair the Finance and Operations Committee. David Collins will serve as the City Council Ex-Officio member. Jason Worthen will chair the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee. Steven Creitz will now chair the Parks and Amenities Committee as well as the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee. Will Wright will chair the Tourism Development Advisory Committee.

Park Board Approves Resident Sentiment Survey & Lodging Study

On Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$100,000 contract with Longwoods International and a \$30,000 in-kind commitment with Vision Galveston to conduct a residents' sentiment survey and facilitated dialogues within the community. The goal of the survey and the talks is to better understand and determine ways to solve tension points linked to the high numbers of tourists to the island. The Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City of Galveston will also conduct a study to review primary tourism products with a focus on accommodations. Together, these two products will help to identify a strategic plan to guide future tourism development in Galveston.

Park Board Approves Pursuing National Endowment for the Arts Grant

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$100,000 expenditure for the fiscal year 2019-2020 to fund a cultural mapping project. The project will enable the Park Board, City of Galveston and Texans for the Arts to identify ways to promote the arts to visitors.

Audit of Park Board's Compensation Practices Shows No Wrongdoing

On Tuesday, the Board announced that the City of Galveston's audit of compensation practices at the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau show no wrongdoing. Park Board Chairman Spencer Priest said the audit findings provide a public platform for the Park Board to show that the organization is a transparent government entity that follows best practices and remains committed to being good stewards of public funds.

Announcement

- Chief Peter Davis presented the inaugural Leroy Columbo Lifesaving Award on behalf of the Park Board to the Jamaica Beach Volunteer Fire Department

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.