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## **Galveston Park Board Update: December 10, 2019**

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

### **Park Board Makes Recommendations for a Cruise Taskforce**

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board listened to recommendations made by the Park Board's cruise taskforce and offered amendments ahead of presenting them to the City Council. The taskforce recommendations set out to form a collaborative effort. The taskforce recommended the creation of a commission to inform on ways to leverage and manage cruise growth. The commission would also speak to potential economic, environmental, social and quality-of-life impacts related to cruise tourism and advocate for cooperative marketing efforts between the cruise line and the local destination marketing organization.

### **Park Board Continues Maintenance Efforts with Grant Submissions**

The Park Board voted to approve three grant submissions to the Galveston Industrial Development Cooperation. These projects include the further exploration of a sediment bedload collector that will use natural coastal to processes to address erosion, the design and engineering of a beach re-nourishment project starting at the Seawall to Eight Mile Road, as well as the securing of funding for future Babe's beach projects in 2021 and 2023.

### **Park Board to Install Two Water Slides for Beach Parks**

The Park Board approved the purchase of two 30 ft high inflatable water slides to be installed at Stewart Beach and East Beach to create an additional revenue opportunity at the beach parks. The slides will be available for use during the 2020 beach season. Tickets will be \$10 for unlimited daily rides.

### **Park Board Continues Investment in Seawall Beautification**

The Park Board approved the purchase of 113 new public litter receptacles to be placed along the seawall.

### **Park Board Business Plans Approved**

The Park Board approved annual business plans for its departments. The plans include project descriptions, completion dates, and funding sources. They also identify those responsible for completing the projects. The full plan is available for view at [www.galvestonparkboard.org](http://www.galvestonparkboard.org).

### **Park Board Approves 2020 Galveston Island Convention Center Operating Budget**

On Tuesday, the trustees unanimously approved the 2020 budget for the Galveston Island Convention Center. The budget amount is \$1,982,088 up less than 1% from last year.

### **Park Board to Support and Observe Embrace the Gulf 2020 Campaign**

The Park Board approved the observation of the Embrace the Gulf 2020 campaign that celebrates the resurgence of the gulf 10 years after the BP oil spill.

### **Park Board Approves Appointments to East End Lagoon Advisory Committee**

The Park Board voted to approve appointments to the East End Lagoon Advisory Committee. Diane Olsen, a representative from the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council, was appointed to vice

chair. Kristin Vale, a representative of the American Bird Conservancy, was appointed to the committee as a citizen-at-large representative.

**Announcements:**

- **Park Board Approves Purchase of Essential Beach Patrol Vehicle**

On Tuesday, the Park Board approved the purchase of two essential beach patrol vehicles needed ahead of the spring season. The vehicles being purchased are a Roxor beach vehicle and a junior guard 15 passenger van.

**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](http://www.galvestonparkboard.org).