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Galveston Park Board Update: April 10, 2014

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Board Approves Funding for Galveston Transportation Plan

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees Tuesday approved to dedicate an additional \$10,000 toward an island-wide transportation plan that would alleviate existing traffic congestion issues that impact economic development and community improvement. The board also approved for the organization to authorize staff to seek additional funding from other groups. The plan will include the study of the role of transportation in supporting economic growth, job creation and business accessibility and visibility. The plan is intended to guide the Park Board and the City of Galveston in developing short-term and long-term solutions to traffic congestion, recommend options for intra-island connectivity and the development of an action plan to implement the recommendations.

Board Approves Addition of Galveston Historical Foundation Representative to its Tourism Development Advisory Committee

The Park Board Tuesday approved a change in the organization's by-laws to include the addition of a Galveston Historical Foundation (GHF) Representative to its Tourism Development Advisory Committee (TDAC). The board approved this addition after hearing a recommendation made by TDAC. The committee said that because GHF is very involved in tourism, adding a representative to TDAC would offer a different perspective than other members on the committee. The new position has been appointed to GHF Executive Director Dwayne Jones effective immediately.

Board Approves funding for Two Galveston Special Events

Galveston's Moody Gardens Hotel will be home to the Texas Tequila & Margarita Festival this summer after the board approved \$10,000 in special event funding for the new event. The festival will be held June 13-14 featuring an exclusive social event, live music and fireworks. The board also approved a \$2,000 sponsorship to fund live entertainment for the Juneteenth Marker Dedication event hosted by the Galveston Historical Foundations' African American Heritage Committee and the Texas Historical Commission. The board believes the event and evening concert will draw visitors to the downtown area.

Contract Awarded for Enhanced July 4 Fireworks Display

Tuesday, the board awarded a \$29,500 contract to local Alpha-Lee Enterprises to produce the annual July 4 display hosted by the Park Board. In recognition of the 175th anniversary of the City of Galveston, the Park Board will coordinate with Alpha-Lee Enterprises to produce and enhanced fireworks display with the addition of 550 shells at this year's celebration.

Contract Awarded for Reconstruction of Pocket Part #2 Pavilion

Tuesday, the Park Board of Trustees awarded a \$198,260 contract to Galveston-based Rismiller Construction, Inc. for the reconstruction of the Pocket Park #2 pavilion. The project is expected to be completed within the next three months.

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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