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Galveston Park Board Update: April 15, 2013

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the board room.

Park Board to Partner with GLO on Beach Nourishment Project

The Park Board of Trustees on Tuesday agreed to partner with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) on a \$16.8 million beach nourishment project to take place along the Seawall, affecting the 3.6-mile stretch of shore from 10th to 61st streets. The majority of the project will be funded by grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The remainder of the project will be funded by state grant money from the Coastal Erosion Planning Response Act, Park Board funds and City funds. The Park Board will utilize funds generated from beach user fees at the Parks, as well as solicit funding from the City's Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). After formal approval from the state, the Park Board estimates that actual construction will begin within eight months to a year.

Park Board Changes Policy on Shade Structures at Stewart Beach

The Park Board on Tuesday approved a change in policy that now allows beachgoers to bring shaded structures to Stewart Beach. Previously, the Park Board prohibited the use of tarps, tents, shelters and canopies at the park out of concern for public safety. However, after reviewing frequent requests for shade, the board changed its policy to allow shade structures in a designated special use area. The new policy does not allow items that impede views, and requires all shade structures to be properly anchored.

New Concessionaires at Beach Parks

Beachgoers can soon expect additional perks at the island's beach parks as the Park Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved an agreement with three new concessionaires. This beach season, East Beach will offer jet ski rentals from Gulf Coast Jet Ski, Stewart Beach will offer beach-themed rides from All Around Amusements and Orange Leaf will host frozen novelty stands along Seawall beach between 10th and 60th streets.

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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