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Galveston Park Board Update: April 23, 2014

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Renee Adame Mural Dedication

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees hosted a mural dedication ceremony to posthumously honor former Trustee Renée Adame just before the regularly scheduled board meeting Tuesday at Park Board Plaza. The “Galveston Shorebirds” mural, which features a painting of native Galveston birds, was hung in the foyer of the Park Board offices for public display in honor of Adame’s many years of service and commitment to promoting Galveston as a destination for nature tourism, culture and special events. The dedication was a joint effort by the Park Board, Mitchell Historic Properties and Artist Boat.

Board Awards Contract to Louis Berger Group to Assess Oil-Spill Related Damages

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees Tuesday awarded a \$50,000 contract to consulting firm Louis Berger Group Inc., to assess damages related to the Texas City “Y” Oil Spill. The contract was awarded out of the Park Board’s general fund. The firm will identify affected areas of Park Board-managed beaches and property with the aim of finding solutions to help replace, restore and rehabilitate injured natural resources and resource services lost due to the spill. The firm will do this in three phases beginning with pre-assessment, an injury determination and restoration planning phase, and finally the actual implementation of the restoration. The firm will begin assessment immediately.

Board Approves Improvement Projects for Stewart Beach Park

On Tuesday, the Park Board approved several improvement projects for Stewart Beach. The upgrades, which will be paid for with \$205,000 in FEMA funds, include lighting improvements, utility upgrades, new signage and engineering management for the park. The Park Board will seek bids for implementation of the repairs and improvements. Work on the projects would begin next month.

Board Awards Contract for Construction of Observation Deck at Dellanera Park

Dellanera RV Park will soon receive an upgrade. Tuesday, the board approved a \$23,770 contract with Houston-based General Contractor Services Inc. to build an observation deck at the beach park. The Park Board believes the addition of an observation deck will enhance the visitor experience for Dellanera patrons. Construction is expected to begin within the month.

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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