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Galveston Park Board Update: February 27, 2014

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 25 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Board Discusses Resolution for Galveston Trolley Transportation System

On Tuesday, the Park Board of Trustees heard a presentation from Tourism Development Advisory Committee (TDAC) Chair Steve Kalbaugh on the committee's recommended plan of action to bring a trolley system back to Galveston. The plan proposes the City of Galveston operate a trolley system on the same route that existed prior to Hurricane Ike. The proposed trolley route would service downtown Galveston, areas of the seawall and the University of Texas Medical Branch campus. The proposal also includes the implementation of shuttle bus routes for rubber tire trolleys intended for tourist transportation. The shuttle bus would service downtown Galveston and areas of the seawall with a stop at Moody Gardens. The board will further discuss the conditions of the proposed trolley plan and vote on a resolution at its next regularly scheduled meeting March 11.

Board Approves Funding for Several Popular Galveston Events

Tuesday, the Park Board of Trustees agreed to dedicate \$6,000 from its special event fund to support the sixth annual Galveston Island Beach Revue coming up May 16-17. This year, Beach Revue will take place at Beach Central with new events and activities. The board also approved to dedicate \$6,000 from its special event fund to support the third annual JaGa Reggae Fest, to be held April 11-13 at Beach Central. In addition to the two popular events, the board also approved \$8,000 in special event funding toward the return of the Redfish Rodeo, an all-women's fishing tournament, to be held for its second consecutive year at the Pelican Rest Marina in Galveston September 26-29. The Park Board's special event fund is designed to attract new events to Galveston and to stimulate growth in existing events. Particular emphasis is given to events that produce overnight business for the island and promote out of town visitors.

Concert Series to Return to R.A. Appfel Park this Beach Season

In an effort to provide a better visitor experience and boost visitation to East Beach, the board approved a \$25,000 contract with Galveston-based music promoter U.S. Backline to book live entertainment at the park's recently built pavilion throughout the beach season. The music promoter will book 18 performances to take place from 3-6 p.m. during spring break on March 16 and 23 and Sundays May 25-Sept. 7.

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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