



City of Galveston

Meeting Notes
BEACH ACCESS AND DUNE PROTECTION PLAN REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Room 204, 2nd Floor of City Hall
823 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas

The meeting called to order at 1:01pm.

Members present: Dreiss; Gregg-Hirsch; Mohn; Railey; Steinhaus; Trevino
Members absent: Reinhart; Ross-Sanchez; Sivon

Request to address committee on non-agenda items

- Peggy Zahler – Thanks for broadcasting committee meetings. Please consider how the increase in tourists on the West End negatively impacts property owners
- Jeff Sterling – Miramar. Suggestions: prohibiting vehicles from driving on beach and uniformity at each access point. Also, there should be police patrolling beaches
- Susan Fennwald – Relies on public access to the beach. Hotel Occupancy Tax, not the city, should fund signage, walkovers, etc.

JM – what are the ordinances regarding alcohol on the beach?

Off-beach parking for subdivisions

- JD – Can Mob-Mats be used instead of walkovers?
- RGH – There is a plan to prevent flooding, they just need the funding

RT arrived at 1:43.

Discussion from Committee on Access points

AP 1: Apffel Park

- Flooding issue.
- RGH - Drainage study to try to improve conditions.
- Seasonally staffed.

AP-1A: Beachtown

- DH and RT have been working to remediate flooding at entry.
- Need to address lack of parking spaces.
- DH – Need to follow up with adjacent developer.
- Signage – Currently, there are no parking signs along street. Need a more obvious sign designating that it is a public access point.
- RGH – Standardized signage.

AP-1B: Palisade Palms

- Access Point Signage is too small - need more visibility to distinguish public parking area.

AP-1C: West of the Islander East (Grand Beach Area)

- Why Islander East does not have an access point?
- Good signage
- JS – Did not use Turtle Island Restoration Network signs. Would committee consider having property owners use signs everyone else (throughout country) is using?
- DH – No signage requirement on books? Subdivision regulations?

AP-1D: Preserve at Grand Beach *Create*

- Gated subdivision.
- Public access to beach only if beach goer pays to drive through Stewart Beach (ADA free access).
- Lacks signage.

AP-2: Stewart Beach

- RT – Be careful about specifying number of spaces. Where did the number 342 come from?
- Parking calculations: calculated by the square footage of the off-beach parking area. This determines how many spaces are available.

AP-3: Seawall Beach Urban Park and AP-4: End of Seawall will dedicate an entire meeting to these access points.

*Note: CC will be discussing Seawall paid parking at August 9th meeting

AP-5: Dellanera

- High erosion area.

AP-6: Pocket Park #1

- What is the possibility of expanding off-beach parking?
- Spaces possibly miscounted.
- Is it possible to dedicate property for off-beach parking?

AP-7: Sunny Beach

- Bollards moved to an angle.
- Privately owned land next to subdivision.
- Narrow roads, no cul-de-sacs in subdivision for emergency vehicle turnaround.
- Widen the right-of way – is that a possibility?

Future meetings

- Next meeting to be on August 21st, 8:00am to 10:30am
- Discussion of meetings beginning in September to be on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (tentatively)

Future discussions

- Public input survey available on website.
- Assign access points to committee members for field observations.
- Consistency in signage and bollard plans.
- Future public meeting date(s).

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.