

STEWART BEACH AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING - MARCH 4, 2022

3/4/2022 - Minutes

1. Declaration Of A Quorum And Call Meeting To Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: City Council Members John Listowski and David Collins; Park Board Trustees Marty Fluke and Jason Hardcastle; City Manager Brian Maxwell, Park Board CEO Kelly DeSchaun.

3. Public Comments (Limited To Three Minutes Each)

Lloyd Martin suggested swapping the stage and the sports arena on the proposed drawing.

4. Consider For Approval Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2022

Jason Hardcastle made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mart Fluke seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.

5. Discuss Options For Enhancing Stewart Beach

The committee discussed the 'proposed dream layout' sketch of Stewart Beach provided as a working proposal by Brian Maxwell. Members suggested possible uses and amenities at the park to include a parking garage, rooftop restaurant, mobile amenities, food truck area, beach sports area with lighting, fire pits, a reservable area, pavilions, a world class handicap area, off-season amenities, airstream park, planetarium, movie theater, tourist center, transit hub, retail, kiosks, visitors center.

It was suggested that a roundabout is needed at Seawall and Broadway, and the possibility of eliminating some parking spaces on Seawall.

Kelly DeSchaun read a letter from the GLO related to the line to build. Marty Fluke reported on a call with Jeff Cantwell with Landry's regarding the non-compete clause in the Landry's agreement. Paul Schultz will be getting back with Mr. Fluke.

Future items of discussion: cost of a parking garage, off-season amenities, commitment of free parking spaces, tourist center. Michele Hay will provide ideas for park equipment at the next meeting.

Possibilities for alcohol sales were discussed: don't sell and allow people to bring in; sell during events; allow 'to go' drinks from the restaurant; keep an area alcohol free; bring their own vs. sell; limited area beer garden; separating beer from the cars.

Jason Hardcastle suggested a full service resort that would include cabanas, infinity pool, airstreams, boardwalks, and pickeball.

Michele Hay will get with the Legal Department to answer the questions: does the go car track have restrictions? Is it included in Stewart Beach?

Brandon Hill will ask the GLO about parking spaces.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on 202 at P.M.

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

***City Council Members may be attending and participating in the discussions**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409-797-3510).