



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Island Strategic Action Committee

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

5:30 PM

Seashore Middle Academy
14253 S. padre Island Dr. C.C. TX. 78418

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A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

Present: 13 - Meagan Furey, Robert Corbett, Roy Coons, Cheryl Segrest, Stephen Armstrong, Terry A. Palmer, Marvin Jones, Robert Pruski, Craig Thompson, William Hibbs, Alan Guggenheim, Kamran Zarghouni, and R. Bryan Gulley

Excused: 1 - Charles F. Duffley

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

This was passed.

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1. [24-1139](#) ISAC Meeting Minutes for 6/4/24

Attachments: [ISAC Minutes Unapproved 6.4.24](#)

G. Unfinished Business

2. 22-0397 Ex-Officio Member Updates

Watershore & Beach Advisory Committee (not in attendance)

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (not in attendance)

Visit Corpus Christi (Brett Oetting)

Summer season about over, compared to other summers looking to end flat, overnight stays down 8% (Galveston down 15%, SPI down 20%), price of travel and goods going up, coastal destinations seeing a dip. 8% decrease in the occupancy rate, number of hotel rooms sold is down 10% but double that in other coastal areas, takes a little longer to get Airbnb data but are expecting around the same numbers, maybe lower.

Recently had a great meeting with the Barefoot Mardi Gras organizers and will be working with them to grow the event over the next few years, plans to extend to an all day event and maybe even a weekend long event, more on that to come. With the end of summer, new fall campaign has been launched in northern states.

Nueces County (Bryan Gulley)

Notice to proceed has been issued for Bob Hall Pier, Callan Marine has 460 days to complete but hope to get it done sooner, should be complete by this time next year. Briscoe King Pavilion needs additional funding (\$1.9M), looking to ask the TIRZ for the additional money. Still no permit from the USACE for the living shoreline on Packery Channel but they do have grant funding available.

3. 24-0896 Beach Updates

Darren Gurley, Gulf Beaches & Natural Resources Superintendent

Summer wrapping up, lifeguards had a great season, team still moving a lot of sand from Alberto, got the USACE permit, season is now over so they can start moving sand from North Packery near the seawall to the south (100 feet from the water with the permit), taking a survey to council so we know exactly where we can move sand, lots of build back recently, nice berm near the beach, will fill in the rest with fresh sand.

Expects to get a lot of lifeguards back due to the raises and longevity pay, 8 winter positions we keep, 5 positions to apply for as well, just applied to be USLA certified. No drownings this year, 8 rescues (one with seven people!), preventables and welfare checks increased. Working to be more preventative, not reactive. First Junior Lifeguard Program was a huge success, expecting it to grow over the next few years.

4. 24-0897 Parks Updates

Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

PARD also working with Barefoot Mardi Gras team including Traffic Engineering, looking to extend the parade route and use the public roadway, will meet with the organizers over the coming year to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Beach to Bay - scheduled for Memorial Day weekend due to conflict with Buc Days and Blue Angels show but staff is reviewing traffic reports and considering other dates.

Commodore Park - full update on the October ISAC agenda, estimated groundbreaking in September 2025, Turner Ramirez is handling the design, lots of structures to design.

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**5. [24-1508](#) No Wake Zone Update**

Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Parks

The approved route has been sent to Engineering, signs have been ordered, there are a few contractors on our list that can install the signs. Current route is south of 361 to causeway.

Vice-Chair Bryan Gulley - not in favor of the no wake zone, too far of a route, has personal property along the route. Thinks that we should be enforcing the No Wake Zone as it is already, if we slow the boats down too much it takes way too long, in favor of keeping it as is, adding signage, and improving enforcement.

Darren Gurley - proposal to move it closer to the curb and the kayak launch.

Member William Hibbs - wants to see it extended. There are so many people along the shoreline and this is important for safety. Too many people take the S-turn at high speeds so it makes sense to keep it to the entire length of it.

Member Alan Guggenheim - concern about the extension being too long and not really working, proposes sections of no wake zones with more signage to be more effective.

Member Robert Pruski - runs his boat company through that area, thinks it's incredibly dangerous and has seen a lot of near misses, it's a question of when not if.

6. [24-1507](#) Island Mobility Plan Update

Attachments: [ISAC Mobility Plan Update 9.4.24](#)

Keren Costanzo, Planning Manager

See presentation for more information.

Draft Island Mobility Plan to come back to ISAC around November.

Discussion of drainage issues along the roadways, proposals to utilize culverts, native plant species, bar ditches, etc.

Discussion of developments on the island and upcoming mobility improvements.

ACM Heather Hurlbert - There are shared paths being created by both developments. On the Lake Padre side there will be a path with a format that will allow for access to the bridge. On the Whitecap side, planned bridge that will run north/south, shared path, not sure how they are planning on connecting them but there is a design to do so. Both are TIRZ projects (developer incentives for mobility improvements). Also to include two pedestrian only bridges that will connect north and south. \$15 million earmarked in the TIRZ for implementation of the Island Mobility Plan plus other funding for general mobility

projects.

Member Bill Hibbs - motion of support to proceed with the mobility plan as presented to TxDOT.

Member Cheryl Segrest - amendment to motion: move forward with priority of Commodores to Whitecap in the first phase.

Roll Call Vote taken.

Aye: 12 - Meagan Furey, Roy Coons, Cheryl Segrest, Stephen Armstrong, Terry A. Palmer, Marvin Jones, Robert Pruski, Craig Thompson, William Hibbs, Alan Guggenheim, Kamran Zarghouni, and R. Bryan Gulley

Nay: 1 - Robert Corbett

Excused: 1 - Charles F. Duffley

Abstained: 0

7. [24-0900](#) By-Laws Review

Attachments: [ISAC Amended Bylaws July 2024](#)

Discussion of updates to By-Laws.

Motion by Bill Hibbs to accept updated by-laws.

Second by Marvin Jones.

Passed unanimously.

Aye: 13 - Meagan Furey, Robert Corbett, Roy Coons, Cheryl Segrest, Stephen Armstrong, Terry A. Palmer, Marvin Jones, Robert Pruski, Craig Thompson, William Hibbs, Alan Guggenheim, Kamran Zarghouni, and R. Bryan Gulley

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I. **Future Agenda Items**

Proposed agenda items for October meeting:

- 1) ADP Projects Update
- 2) Island Seawall Update
- 3) Commodore Park Update w/Possible Action
- 4) Subcommittee Review
- 5) Elevation/Flooding Resolution Update from DSD

J. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm