



Meeting Agenda - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Basement Training Room

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee shall advise the City Council as to all public parks and the buildings therein, public outdoor recreation areas and centers, and any other grounds placed under its purview by the City Manager.

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Public Comment

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting. When addressing the committee, please give your name/address & state your point as briefly as possible. Please be advised that the Open Meetings Act prohibits the board members from responding to or discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to do the following:

- 1) Make a statement of factual information;*
- 2) Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry; or*
- 3) Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.*

C. Approval of Absences: Howard Schuaer & Thomas Cronnon

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0350](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024

Attachments: [Draft Mins02.15.2024](#)

E. Director's Report

2. [24-0351](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for March 2024

Attachments: [Directors Report - 03.13.2024](#)
[Spring Break 2024 Final Revised 2.22.24](#)

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [24-0232](#) Possible Ordinance Regarding Prohibition of Smoking/Tobacco Products in Certain Outdoor Areas

Attachments: [240201 DRAFT ORDINANCE - Smoking ban](#)

4. [24-0244](#) Bird City Texas Program

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

5. [24-0385](#) Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation Update, Mai Bernal, Major Projects Engineer, Engineering Services

H. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

- *Island Strategic Action Committee*
- *Water Shore & Beach Advisory Committee*
- *Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity Subcommittee*
- *Adopt-A-Park Subcommittee*
- *PRAC Strategic Action Plan Subcommittee*

I. Future Agenda Items

J. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 15, 2024

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A. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established with Thomas Cronnon and Howard Schauer absent.

B. Public Comment

Shirin Delsooz at 6030 Tapestry addressed the Committee and spoke to a grant program offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife that would provide funding (80%), if approved, for mobility trails in the City.

C. Approval of Absences: Jerry Plemons

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [23-1910](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

A motion was made by Shawn Flanagan to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion passed.

E. Director's Report

2. [24-0206](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for February 2024

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks & Recreation, gave the following updates:

- Miradors & Seawall Upgrades (lighting) and the upcoming ceremony on March 1, 2024
- Cole Park (playground closure, press release, fencing & project completion)
- Sherrill Park
- Possible future Wranonsky Park budget initiatives
- Upcoming City Council Items
- The opening of Sherwood Dog Park (future light installations)
- PARD Promotional video
- Parker Park redesign

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [24-0232](#) Possible Ordinance Regarding Prohibition of Smoking/Tobacco Products in Certain Outdoor Areas

Staff updated the Committee that this item has been withdrawn from a future City Council agenda for their consideration as Council/City Leadership feels that broader community support is needed for a successful adoption. Staff ask for PRAC's assistance in fostering broader community support, whether it be through the school district or health professionals. Chair Lindsey requested to put this topic on the next agenda for further discussion. No action was taken.

4. [24-0207](#) Adopt-A-Park Applications

Chair Lindsey distributed a document which explained the proposed application process to adopt a park that involves three separate tiers with specific directions/tasks. The tiers advance with responsibility with Tier 3 being the most involved. The subcommittee has been working to streamline this process and to also make the application available to be submitted online. The goal in improving the application process was to give a concise understanding of the responsibilities in adopting a park so that people would be highly interested in participating. No action was taken.

5. [24-0244](#) Bird City Texas Program

PRAC member, Joan Adams-Wolfe gave information on the application process which involves rigorous requirements for certification. She presented a brief informational video from the Texas Parks & Wildlife regarding Bird City Texas. She expressed how becoming a Bird City can be beneficial, particularly through tourism since Corpus Christi is a coast community with migratory birds. The certification process involves partnerships with several organizations, non-profit businesses and local institutions. To bring awareness of Bird City, she said the next step would be to bring organizations together to discuss involvement. Chair Lindsey suggested creating a possible subcommittee for this effort. No action was taken but it was specified to have this topic on the next agenda.

H. Subcommittee & Committee Liaison Reports

Twila Stevens gave the following updates for ISAC:

- Dredging/Beach Nourishment is complete (two-way lane from Whitecap to 3A Jetty)
- Lifeguard recruitment
- Commodore Park Master Plan - Community Engagement
- Beach rescue facility at Lively Beach
- Steepness of boat ramps at Packery Channel
- New water line for a fish cleaning station at Packery Channel
- Padre Island Mobility Plan

I. Future Agenda Items

- Bird City
- Proposed Ordinance for Smoking Prohibition

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Department Updates

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PRAC Follow-Up Questions



PARK UPDATES

- Sherrill Park Master Plan:
Design Phase is at 60% and plans have been submitted for Staff review.
- Waldron Park - Parking Improvement Plan:
Public Works has begun construction on additional parking space to alleviate congestion during youth sporting events.



UPCOMING EVENTS





EGG HUNT BY THE BAY

15,000
EGGS!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

THE WATERS EDGE, 602 S. SHORELINE BLVD

GAMES | PRIZES | EASTER BUNNY | FOOD TRUCKS



EVENTS

Tree Planting – CommuniTree CC:

Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Schannen Park

Commodore Park Master Plan - Proposed Renderings:

Community Meeting - March 20, 2024, 6 p.m. at Seashore Learning Center

TAMUCC Beach Volleyball Tournament:

- McGee Beach - March 29th & 30th
- Participating Universities: University of Texas, UT El Paso, TAMUCC, University of Tennessee Martin & Steven F. Austin.
- The Islander Tournament will be televised on ESPN+.
- To kickoff the event, Parks & Rec will have a 5k Glow Run & V-Fit Productions will have an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning.



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Spring Break Youth Camps



CAMPS

SPARK: March 11th – 15th

Youth ages 6 to 16 - Lindale Recreation Center
Morning & Afternoon Sessions - \$25 / child / weekly session.

VACATION STATION: March 11th – 15th, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Youth ages 5 to 13 - Two campsites:

- Galvan Elementary School for \$30/child/day
- Wood River Elementary for \$20/child/day

PLAY: DISCOVERY DOJO: Saturday, March 9th - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lindale Senior Center - Indoor & outdoor activities.
*Free Admission/Registration is NOT required.

Participating Organizations:

- TAMU-CC Chemistry Club/Rocketry Club
- Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve
- Junior League of Corpus Christi
- South Texas Botanical Gardens
- Del Mar College GIS
- Nueces Electric Cooperative



YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

BASKETBALL CAMP:

Boys/Girls, Ages 8 to 17 - Corpus Christi Gym

4-day camp, Mon –Thurs

March 11th – 14th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$70/player

Kids will learn how to dribble, shoot, pass & other skills through drills. Experienced players will learn techniques to improve their game.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP:

Boys/Girls, Ages 8 to 17 - Corpus Christi Gym

4-day camp, Mon – Thurs

March 11th – 14th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fee: \$70/player

Participants will learn the fundamentals of volleyball or take their skills to the next level.





GOOD NEWS 😊



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More Good News

Annual Texas Recreation & Parks Society (TRAPS) Conference:

- 6 PARD employees attended the conference in Galveston.
- The conference offered a variety of sessions including park development, designing recreation buildings & educational programming.
- Staff had the opportunity to meet with Chief Peter Davis, Galveston Beach Patrol & President of USLA, to gain operation knowledge about their Beach Lifeguard Program (40 years of experience).



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A sunset over the ocean with a semi-transparent text box. The sky is filled with horizontal bands of orange, yellow, and light blue. The ocean is calm with small waves. The text box is a dark grey rectangle with white text.

Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Spring Break 2024 Operational Plan



Beach Operations Schedule Maintenance, Rescue & Parking Permits Sellers

Maintenance	6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Beach Rescue on Beach	11a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Permit Sellers on Beach	11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parks Operations Maintenance March 8 to March 17, 2024

North Beach Crew	7 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
McGee Beach Crew	7 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Normal Crew at both Beaches -	4 Each

Addition Crew for Spring Break North Beach - 4

Addition Crew for Spring Break McGee Beach - 4

Marina Operations Spring Break 2024

March 9 to March 17, 2024

Normal Operations – 7 days a week, 24hrs a day

Marina Field Staff - 3 shifts

- 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.
- 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Each shift will clean bathrooms, empty trash cans,
& pick up trash on the landmasses.

Office Staff Operates

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

SPLASH PAD HOURS OF OPERATION

MARCH 9 - 17, 2024
8:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

LOCATIONS:

- ▶ Lindale Park | 3133 Swantner Drive
- ▶ Salinas Park | 1354 Airport Road
- ▶ Bill Witt Park | 6869 Yorktown Boulevard (Temporarily Closed for Park Construction)
- ▶ West Haven Park | 1718 Cliff Maus Drive

POOL SCHEDULE JANUARY 3 - MAY 26, 2024

RECREATIONAL SWIM

Collier Pool:
Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am-2pm

Natatorium:
Saturday & Sunday 2:30pm-6pm

LAP SWIM

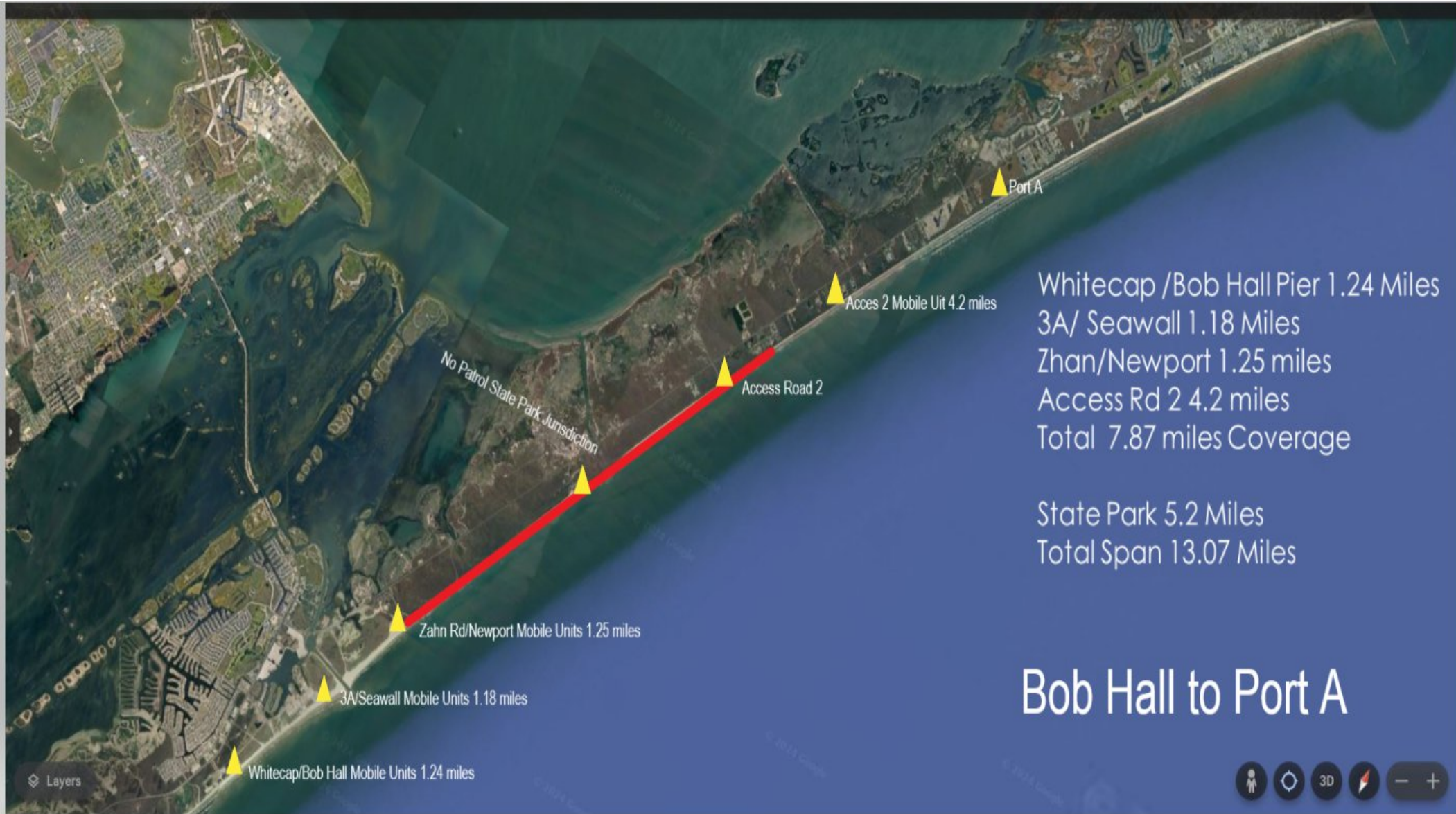
Collier Pool:
Monday-Friday 6am-9am;
11am-2pm; and 4pm-6pm

Natatorium:
Monday-Friday 6pm-8pm

Gulf Beach Rescue Report Last Four Years

Rescues				
	2023	2022	2021	2020
General Contacts	9,087	11,099	15,068	10,839
Drowning	1	0	1	1
Emergency Lane Violation	574	1323	610	616
Intoxicated Persons	30	18	31	13
Jellyfish Stings	1,919	404	1,614	1,234
Major Medical	18	8	19	16
Minor Medical/1st Aid	182	205	276	179
Missing Persons	16	32	32	20
Preventative	20,284	7,756	4,617	2,588
Rescue	42	16	13	23
Jetski Boat Rescues	15			
Stingray	18	36	47	114
Welfare Check	121	210	124	154
Wildlife Contact	6	39	43	24
Totals	34,336	21,193	22,495	15,892

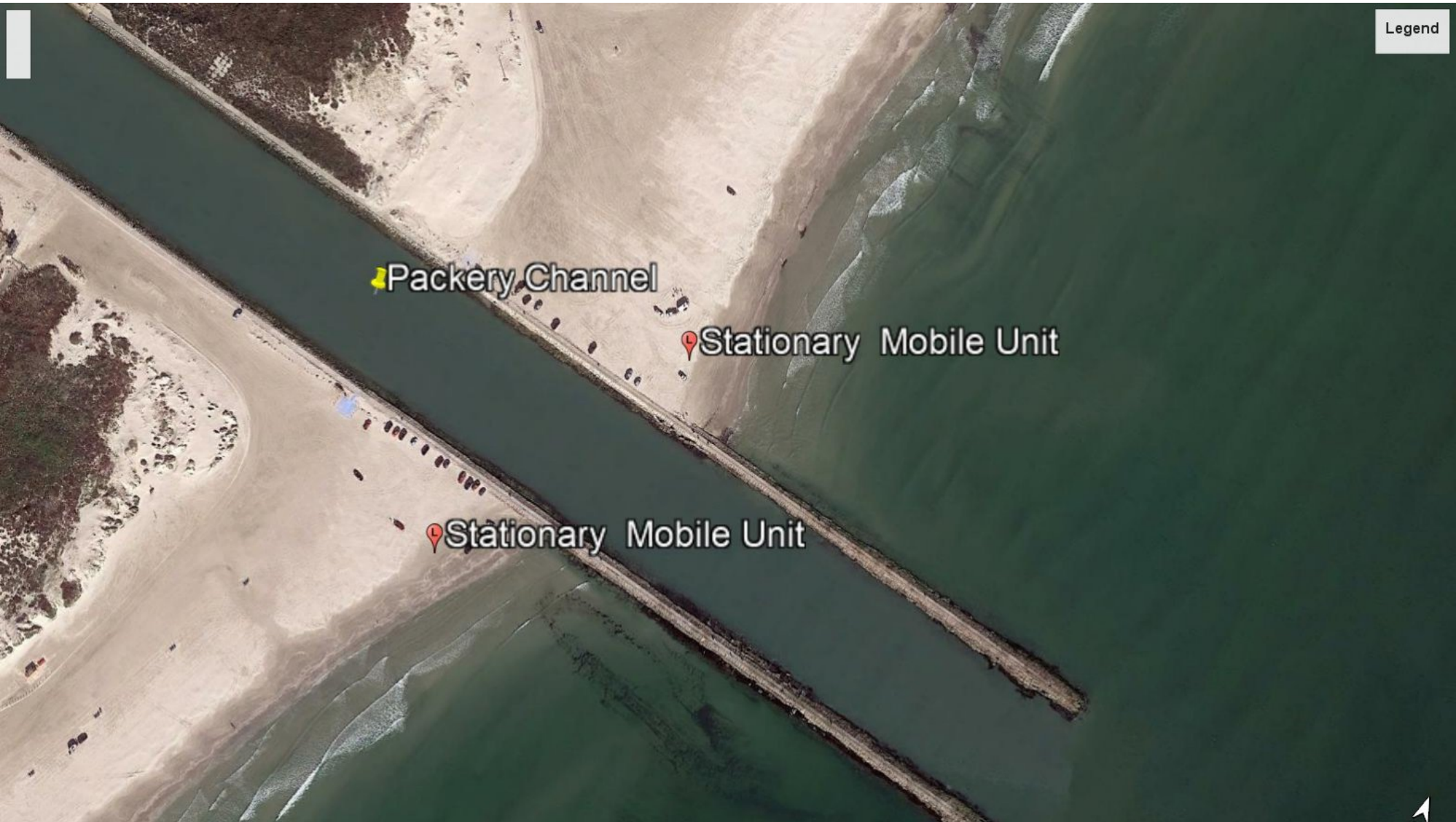






Emergency Lane Zahn Road





📍 Packery Channel

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Sec. 36-15. Prohibition of smoking/tobacco products in certain outdoor areas.

- (1) For purposes of this section only, the term "tobacco products" means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, and is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, or an electronic smoking device or liquids used in electronic smoking devices.
- (2) It shall be an offense to consume any tobacco products in the following places:
 - (a) In all public parks, including but not limited to, public recreation fields, pools, children's playground equipment, concession stands, and restrooms.
 - (b) Within the public right-of-way and any seating located within the public right-of-way or on other city-owned property along the entire parade route of the Buc Days Parade for a period beginning two (2) hours before the start of each parade until one hour after the conclusion of each parade.
- (3) The Parks and Recreation Department, or its successor departments, shall have the authority to designate temporary smoking areas for certain special events by request as deemed appropriate.
- (4) This prohibitions under the Section will not apply to private property, the Lozano Golf Center, Oso Beach Municipal Golf Course, and all City-owned beaches.