

Island Strategic Action Committee Regular Meeting Agenda Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:30 PM

ISAC Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chair Jay Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. City Staff Bonnie McLaughlin called roll.

Present Members (13)

Jay Gardner, Polly Balzer, Charles Duffley, Cheri Sperling, Armon Alex, Tommy Kurtz, Daniel Brown, Melanie Salinas, Roy Coons, Dotson Lewis, Robert Pruski, William Uhlarik, & Daniel Grimsbo

Absent Members (0)

Present Ex-Officios (4)

Terry Palmer, Twila Stevens, & Keith McMullin

Absent Ex-Officios (2)

Steve Viera, Brett Oetting, & Bryan Gulley

Present City Staff (6)

Daniel McGinn, Janet Whitehead, Bonnie McLaughlin, Keren Costanzo, Leane Heldenfels, & Thomas Klein

II. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2021

*Motion by Committee Member Cheri Sperling
Second by Committee Member Tommy Kurtz
Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

III. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES

March 2, 2021: Polly Balzer

*Motion by Committee Member Armon Alex.
Second by Committee Member Tommy Kurtz.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments.

VI. ONGOING BUSINESS for Discussion/Possible Action

1. Watershore & Beach Advisory Committee-Terry Palmer

- a. Recent meeting: mostly covered beach operations, still working on showers, just some discussions, and no actions.
- b. ISAC Watershore Beach Maintenance Committee: No update yet

2. Parks & Recreation-Twila Stevens

- a. Update given at last PRAC meeting from Assistant Parks Director Kevin Johnson-
 - i. Spring break, beach operations ran from 6:00am-2:30pm, there was a question about whether firefighters are dispatched in emergency events, and they are on standby to answer calls at nearby stations. Preventative contacts up to 302 this year to educate visitors and prevent emergencies.
 - ii. Flag warning system updates: explained that flags set out at 6am every morning and updates depend on multiple factors and handled by beach staff, flag updates can be found on the city Facebook page as well as the Parks Facebook page.
- b. Jay asked: Will there be parking permits south of Bob Hall and is code enforcement down there?
- c. Dan Grimsbo asked about cars getting stuck and alerting visitors to the danger of the rising water.

3. Nueces County Water Control & Improvement District #4-Keith McMullin

- a. New facility in Port Aransas is almost complete and should be in about 2-3 weeks, funded partially by FEMA, major upgrade from previous facility, should have space to house equipment. Open House date to come.

4. Island Engineering Update-Thomas Klein

- a. See presentation for detailed updates.
- b. Bond 2018-Contract amendment would require City Council approval (changes to scope of work). Projects proposed by ISAC are eligible but not included in the current HDR contract. HDR to approach TXDOT.

5. Bond 2018-Janet Whitehead

- a. Bond 2018-Proposed parking improvement projects submitted by ISAC do not mirror the bond language, must use ordinance language (contract with voters) that council approved. Parking improvements could be included in projects for equipment storage facilities that are then opened to general use, but not on their own.

6. TIRZ #2 & Subcommittee-Jay Gardner

- a. Need to ask legal to be involved as we update TIRZ #2
- b. Dan Grimsbo asked: Who at city staff is doing negotiations with other entities? Del Mar and/or TAMU-CC? What about the county?
- c. Dan McGinn stated that the 3/16/21 TIRZ Board Meeting had a lengthy discussion about extending the Island TIRZ, asked staff to come back with options for the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS for Discussion/Possible Action

1. Padre & Mustang Island Area Development Plan (ADP) – Keren Costanzo

- a. Agenda Review, intro, process explanation, and attachments
- b. 3/19/21 most current draft document
- c. Island ADP updated and adopted in 2017, one of nine ADPs to be updated following Plan CC Comprehensive Plan approval in 2016.
- d. Revisions made between the February 22, 2021 draft document reviewed by the ISAC and the March 19, 2021 draft detailed in presentation.
- e. Online Open House Survey results as of 1PM 4/6/21
 - i. 70 respondents to survey thus far, asks ISAC to encourage participation within ISAC community to increase feedback.

- ii. Future Land Use Map: about half of the 70 respondents agree or strongly agree with it, 27% were neutral. Most contentious section but comments are contradictory and further guidance may be needed.
- iii. Vision themes (66 respondents)
 - 1. Vision Theme 1: 72% strongly agree or agree.
 - 2. Vision Theme 2: 65% strongly agree or agree.
 - 3. Vision Theme 3: 79% strongly agree or agree.
- iv. Policy Initiatives (47-49 respondents)
 - 1. Policy Initiative #1: 92% very important or important.
 - 2. Policy Initiative #2: 80% very important or important.
 - 3. Policy Initiative #3: 65% very important or important.
 - 4. Policy Initiative #4: 85% very important or important.
 - 5. Policy Initiative #5: 84% very important or important.
 - 6. Policy Initiative #6: 81% very important or important.
- v. Short-term Projects (36 respondents, ranked)
 - 1. (P5) Packery Channel Dredging (18 votes)
 - 2. (S9) Island Mobility Plan (16 votes)
 - 3. (P6) Packery Channel Repairs (15 votes)
 - 4. (P4) Billish Park (15 votes)
 - 5. (P1) North Padre Island Beach Facility (11 votes)
- vi. Midterm Projects (28 respondents)
 - 1. (P10) Seawall Repairs (15 votes)
 - 2. (S26) Park Rd 22 Pedestrian Access Improvements (15 votes)
 - 3. (S25) Park Rd 22 and State Highway 361 Intersection (13 votes)
 - 4. (U8) Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (10 votes)
- vii. Long-term Projects (34 respondents)
 - 1. (P17) Bike path from Padre Balli Park to PINS (13 votes)
 - 2. (S31) Mobility Plan Implementation (13 votes)
- viii. Plan Adoption (34 respondents)
 - 1. 60% are very supportive or supportive of plan adoption.
- ix. Of the 36 respondents who answered this particular question, only 4 do not live or work on the Island.
- f. Staff proposed edits to the March 19, 2021 draft detailed in presentation.
 - i. ISAC Comments/Suggestions:
 - 1. Flood Plain Conservation designation is not appropriate for this area.
 - 2. Need to include more references to the TIRZ and identify in exhibit.
 - 3. Need an exhibit to identify city v. county beaches (which are closed or open to driving)
 - 4. Need Wastewater Management Plan Update added to project list.
 - 5. Concern that the Medium-density residential category includes two-family dwellings.
 - 6. Request to identify areas that are receptive to short-term rentals on the island.
 - a. Staff explained that Future Land Use Map is not zoning regulations or the Unified Development Code, and future land use categories are intentionally broad.
 - 7. Request to include map of the PIPOA which has its own Architecture Committee and guidelines.
 - 8. Concern that canal illustration is not realistic. Would be too noisy with traffic from bridge and in TxDOT right of way.
 - a. Staff clarified that a café or similar use could be located further down the canal, but this perspective allows the rendering to also show the paths and connectivity under the bridge. Which is a significant investment being made on the island.
 - ii. Revisions or edits to be submitted to Keren in the next week (April 12 or 13)
- g. Next steps:

- i. Need recommending action from ISAC before moving to PC. Two-month period between PC and CC.
- ii. What do we need to get to the vote next meeting? **FINAL EDITS**
- iii. Potential for ISAC vote in May then Planning Commission tentatively at the end of May.

2. Island Overlay Subcommittee

- a. Waiting on ADP and some legislature on STRs
- b. Looking for additional chairman and members with institutional knowledge

VIII. IDENTIFY ISAC FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- ADP edits and vote
- Beach facility and maintenance equipment question (plans or consultant)
- TIRZ #2 & Subcommittee Update
- Discussion of UTBs/rental razors on the island

IX. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Date: May 4, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
Location: Webex

X. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

*Motion made by Committee Member Charles Duffley to adjourn.
Second by Committee Member Armon Alex.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.*