

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes from 01.26.2021
Long Beach virtual meeting, 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:03pm Kendra Bartlett, reminder that Park Board meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6pm (go to longbeachin.org for sign in and all other Town of Long Beach information)(email longbeachparkboard@gmail.com).
- * Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Zach Neff, Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt (approximately 6 other participants joined the virtual meeting).
- * Approval of Minutes from November 2020 meeting (combined November/December 2020), motion Joy Schmitt, second Anita Remijas.
- * Beach Garden Club Update Janice Brown: BGC is excited to announce its Education Outreach Initiative, with a two-fold goal to provide: “learn and grow” tours of the gardens and memorial areas to residents and visitors; and, opportunities for the five current BGC Master Gardeners to give back to the LB community and fulfill their volunteer commitments as Master Gardeners. The tours would hopefully include youth enrichment with the summer camp program. Growth comes in many forms, thanks to Mary Beth Rebedeau Warden for spearheading this initiative, more details to come! Communication will be key in getting the word out to the community (pairing with PB advertising budget). Funding allocations will be presented at the February 2021 PB meeting. Park infrastructure is important: reconstruction and renovation of garden paths, possibly widening and smoothing, to allow strollers, families, accessibility for all. Review of Stop 24 (newly renovated but needing planting attention). BGC will, as in past years, plant and maintain Moore Road intersection, Community Center entrance, Memorial Garden planters and Town Hall planters. KB will ask Tom Dolph, Street Dept., about tree stump to be left at 3’ high for contemplated “fairy garden”. Any photographs, tour & camp details and/or fb postings will be sent from BGC (Janice Brown) to Zach Neff for review and placement. KB read resident note re: path recommendations, including benches, planters, mile markers, etc. and reminds all to be mindful of Long Beach Country Club boundaries.
- * Pickleball/Basketball/Tennis courts rehab Anita Remijas: Any progress continues to be stalled by lack of estimates from Arnt Paving (Jon Anderson). Michiana Village Park was contacted requesting information about its pickleball courts, Clerk could provide no information. AR will reach out to Rich Pliske (Council member) and Norm Bruemmer.
- * Toter Removal & Beach Sign Update Zach Neff: CarryIn/CarryOut campaign continues (toters and enclosures have been removed), how to beautify/manage Stops 16, 20, 22, 23, 26, 30. Zach Neff will work with Council Liaison John Kocher to determine what the community might want to do with the spaces. Better weather will bring continued community communication: Beacher ad(s), beach clean up, etc. ZN showed two versions of two signs, Board decided #2 of first sign, #4 of second sign. Signs will be ordered and placed when weather conditions allow.
- * Stop 20, Need for Metal Stairs Kendra Bartlett: In the past 2 or 3 years, the stairs have been replaced 2 or 3 times, only to wash away. Stops 26 and 30 have been completed with the metal stairs, and the stairs have held up incredibly well to the winter weather. KB provides \$10K quote and drawing for Stop 20 metal stair installation (motion Zach Neff, second Kendra Bartlett). In opinion of KB, eventually every stop will require installation of metal stairs.
- * Stops 21 and 23 Rehab Kendra Bartlett: Nothing to report at this time.

- * Cottonwood Trees at Stop 16 Joy Schmitt: Arborist report of recent inspection has been received, Clerk Bill DeFuniak has the report for the Town binder. Arborist recommends that it be contacted for inspection if significant wind event occurs and also recommends that fall leaf litter be left at base of trees due to shallow root system. KB will discuss a plan for all dune trees with Tom Dolph, Street Dept.
- * 2021 Budget Joy Schmitt: Budget previously approved \$164,000, includes \$30K wages for park camp program, \$75K improvements (discussion here re: Stop 28 stairs, to be done by homeowner? and how far (beach sand to top of stairs?), ACTION ITEM: JS will confirm at February 2021 Building Commission meeting, PB funds should be available for work not covered by homeowner, \$10K repairs, \$20K gardeners/landscaping (reminder that PB is responsible for Stop 24), BGC \$2K.
- * Public Comments: 2021 is the 100th anniversary of Long Beach; who will take on "celebration" (Town Council? Civic?), ACTION ITEM: JK will bring to attention of Town Council for discussion.
- * Adjourned 6:40pm, motion Kendra Bartlett, second Joy Schmitt.
- * Next Park Board meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6pm (virtual).

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary

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