

North Beach Eco Park

Planning Initiative

Summary of First Public Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Texas State Aquarium

Presentation (6:10-6:25pm)

Keren Costanzo (City of Corpus Christi Planning & ESI) and Gibran Lule (National Park Service) provided a brief overview of the planning area, highlighting its current conditions, potential, and the planning process. The slides used are included at the end of this document.

Stations (6:25-7:30pm)

Station one presented general information about the planning area and process.

At **station two**, participants were able to label their home and place of work on a large-format map of the city. Attendees were also asked to identify their connection to North Beach in this station. Responses can be found on Fig. 2.

Station three included a large-format map of the greenbelt, allowing attendees to discuss and label specific features, issues, and opportunities found in the greenbelt. The map used can be found on Fig. 3.

Station four presented information about various park amenities, allowing participants to comment on each and vote for their most desired amenities for the North Beach Eco Park. Participants were asked to prioritize their top four choices using the number 1 for their top choice. These votes and comments are included in Fig. 4.

Station five allowed participants to comment on desired activities and programming at the North Beach Eco Park. Attendees were asked to write in possible activities for different user groups. Responses, ranging from tai chi to geocaching, can be found on Fig. 5.

Station six gave participants an opportunity to add general comments about the area or the planning process. Comments gathered can be found on Fig. 6.

Station seven was attended by Carrie Robertson Meyer of the North Beach Community Association. At this station, participants were able to learn more about the nature and wildlife present in the planning area, as well as current issues and challenges.

At **station eight**, participants were able to participate in the North Beach Eco Park survey in digital format or on paper.

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The Initiative | *La Iniciativa*



The northeast expanse of North Beach contains acres of wetland habitat, which plays an important role as a shorebird feeding ground and as a recreational amenity for area residents and visitors. The City of Corpus Christi, in partnership with the National Park Service and local institutions, is creating a park plan for the city-owned parcels in this area of North beach, which total thirty acres. The North Beach Eco Park Planning Initiative will develop an environmentally conscious plan for a park that will be home to healthy wetlands and wildlife, as well as trails, boardwalks, observation decks, interpretive signs, and educational resources.

El área noroeste de North Beach contiene acres de humedales que albergan aves playeras y funcionan como área recreativa para los residentes y visitantes a la zona. La Ciudad de Corpus Christi, en asociación con el Servicio de Parques Nacionales e instituciones locales, creará un plan para los terrenos de la ciudad en esta zona de North Beach; un total de treinta acres. La iniciativa de Planificación del Parque Ecológico North Beach creará un plan ambiental para un parque que albergará humedales y vida salvaje saludable, senderos, entablados, zonas de observación, señalamiento, y recursos educativos.

Public Involvement | *Participación Pública*

In order to accurately reflect the public's opinions and desires in the North Beach Eco Park plan, we plan to work closely with area stakeholders, Corpus Christi residents, and local government and non-profit organizations over the next several months. Through surveys and public workshops, citizens will have an opportunity to provide detailed input regarding the future of the North Beach Eco Park, including its appearance, amenities, and programming. This input will be used to develop and refine the park plan.

Para desarrollar el plan del Parque Ecológico North Beach, trabajaremos íntimamente con los grupos de interés del área, residentes, socios gubernamentales y organizaciones sin fines de lucro durante los próximos meses. A través de encuestas y reuniones públicas, los participantes podrán dar su opinión detallada acerca del futuro del parque, incluyendo su apariencia, instalaciones y programación. Esas opiniones serán incluidas en el plan maestro.

First Public Meeting | *Primera Reunión Pública*



The first public meeting is designed to gather feedback about the current state of the wetlands and surrounding areas, and prioritize possible improvements. This meeting's stations will focus on current conditions, potential amenities, priorities, and programming. Participants will be able to provide detailed input and learn more about the nature and wildlife in the area.



La primera reunión pública recolectará opiniones acerca del estado actual de la zona de los humedales para priorizar los posibles cambios. Las estaciones de la reunión se enfocan en el las condiciones actuales, posibles instalaciones, prioridades, y programación del parque. Los participantes podrán dar opiniones detalladas y aprender más acerca de la naturaleza y vida salvaje de la zona.

Timeline | *Marco de Tiempo*

The initiative is expected to last several months and will yield a master plan to be presented to the City of Corpus Christi in early 2020. Information gathered through public participation efforts will be key in determining the details of the plan.

La iniciativa culminará en el verano y generará un plan maestro para el parque, cuál será presentado a la Ciudad de Corpus Christi a principios del 2020. La información recolectada a través de la participación pública determinará los detalles del plan.



Fig. 1: Station 1 informational board

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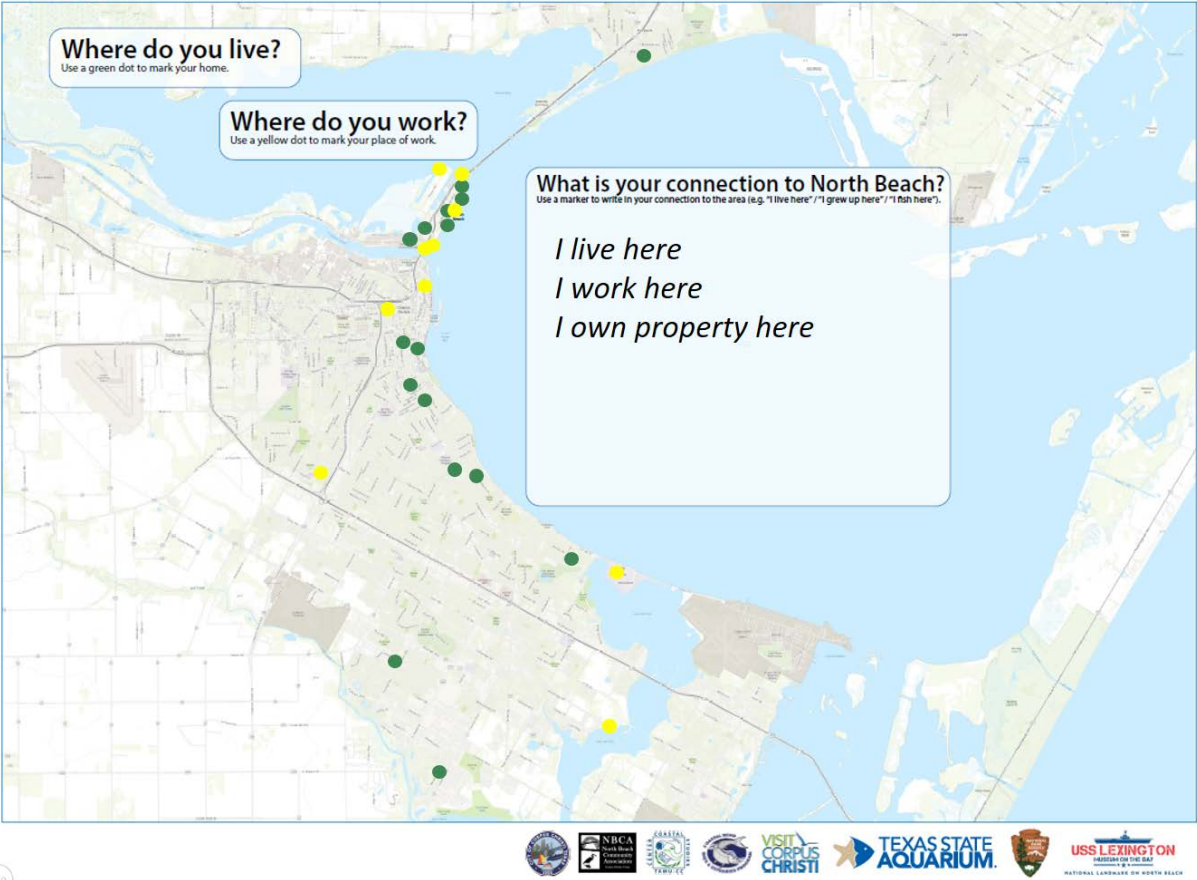


Fig.2: Station 2 board and responses

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Fig. 3: Station 3 map

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Park amenities are key components that can make the difference between a forgotten park and one which becomes a community destination.

What park amenities would you like to see at the North Beach Eco Park?

Use colored dots numbered 1-3 to identify your top priorities for the park.

You may include additional comments, specific requests, and other ideas using sticky notes.

Park Amenities










<p>Other Ideas</p>  <p><i>Connect to beachwalk</i> <i>Benches</i> <i>Restrooms</i> <i>Shade structures</i></p>	<p>Paved Trails</p>  <p>Top priority (3) Second priority (7) Third priority (0) Fourth priority (1)</p>	<p>Natural Surface Trails</p>  <p>Top priority (4) Second priority (3) Third priority (2) Fourth priority (3)</p>	<p>Boardwalks/Platforms</p>  <p>Top priority (14) Second priority (3) Third priority (2) Fourth priority (0)</p>	<p>Educational Signage</p>  <p>Top priority (1) Second priority (4) Third priority (6) Fourth priority (1)</p>
	<p>Multipurpose Room</p>  <p>Top priority (0) Second priority (1) Third priority (2) Fourth priority (5)</p>	<p>Outdoor Education Area</p>  <p>Top priority (0) Second priority (0) Third priority (2) Fourth priority (2)</p>	<p>Stretching/Exercise Area</p>  <p>Top priority (0) Second priority (1) Third priority (8) Fourth priority (1)</p>	<p>Additional Play Areas</p>  <p>Top priority (0) Second priority (3) Third priority (0) Fourth priority (0)</p>



Fig.4: Station 4 board and responses

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Park activities can play a key role in turning little-used parks into cherished community destinations. Successful and inclusive park programming provides engaging educational and recreational options for all age groups.

What are some activities or programs which could get the groups below to visit and enjoy the North Beach Eco Park?

Activities and Programming

College Students

Beach yoga
Research opportunities
Zip lines
Kiteboarding

Families

Picnic tables
Boat launch
Kayak/fishing lessons
Birding
Shaded areas
Accessible trails

Adults

Running trail
Nature park tours
Sunset pier
Bike trail
Fishing
Birdwatching *Workout areas*

Children and Teens

Geocaching
Shaded playgrounds
Informational signage
Bus parking area
Stage

Seniors

Tai chi / walking
Accessibility
Benches with views
Boardwalks and nature signage
Bus parking area



Fig.5: Station 5 board and responses

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General Comments

You may write or post additional comments about the site and planning process below.

Underground utilities
Lighting
Security cameras
Daytime police/security
Easy vehicle access
Comfortable places to sit
Drainage
Bike loop around island



Fig.6: Station 6 board and responses