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Subject: Conceptual plan for application to Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Fund RFP
Attachments: CONCEPT 2023-1.pdf; FIG 59 SMITH HARBOR.pdf
Importance: High

Council, attached is a proposed concept plan that we are looking at to apply for funding from the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust Fund (due October 16). I showed a version of this to the Port Commission and they were excited to move forward with an application. I have shared it with the Visioning Committee and Poor Boy bait as well.

The project would construct about 100' +/- of bulkhead for 3 public transient boat slips and a public dock (deck) for fishing and crabbing. It is recommended not to encroach at all into the area that the City receives any revenue from – i.e. Poor Boy bait. The concept includes continuing our 10 ft wide shared use path from Bay Front Park to these boat slips and crabbing/fishing deck area. In the future the 10' wide path would continue as a deck along the waterside of the seawall.

Council has penciled in funding for improvements to the parking area behind Nautical Landings, so I'm hoping we can include that as our match in the overall project. The parking area is proposed to include landscaping and rock gardens to help filter runoff from the parking lot. We are looking at installing litter catchers in Nautical Landings and this walkway would provide safe access for the public to view these devices and educational signs will educate the public about marine pollution etc. Depending upon how the final budget works out, we may be able including these in this application, but if not, we are already looking at other grant funding for these litter catchers.

I am attaching also a copy of the concept for this area that was included in the Waterfront Masterplan. I believe this project would be a good start. It doesn't accomplish everything of course, but I don't believe there anything that is proposed here that is inconsistent with that plan.

The idea behind the transient boat spaces is people can safely park their boat while they get out to get bait, or take a break and walk along the walkway at Bayfront Park or Downtown or attend one of our Park events or enjoy a refreshing drink at Topsy Bean, etc.

In the near future, Poor Boy Bait may be moving about 50 ft to the north, so additional transient slips can be provided later if we find these are popular.

We will discuss this tomorrow evening in the workshop. Again, the application is due on October 16, so I've got some time yet, but not a lot.

Kind Regards,

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Fig. 59 - Smith Harbor District Improvements Plan