

North Beach Update

September 16, 2022





North Beach Community Association

MISSION: Encouraging the development and preservation of North Beach and working to create a safe and environmentally sound neighborhood

WHO IS NBCA?



North Beach Community Association is a non-profit alliance of condo owners, cottage owners and North Beach business owners.

WHO IS NBCCA?



North Beach Community Association members meet regularly to discuss issues and join together to improve the neighborhood.

WHO IS NBCA?



NBCA meets in a North Beach condo several times per year to discuss business and to invite speakers to give presentations

WHO IS NBCA?



We discuss topics like drainage and infrastructure, development, city improvements, neighborhood safety, North Beach parks, etc.

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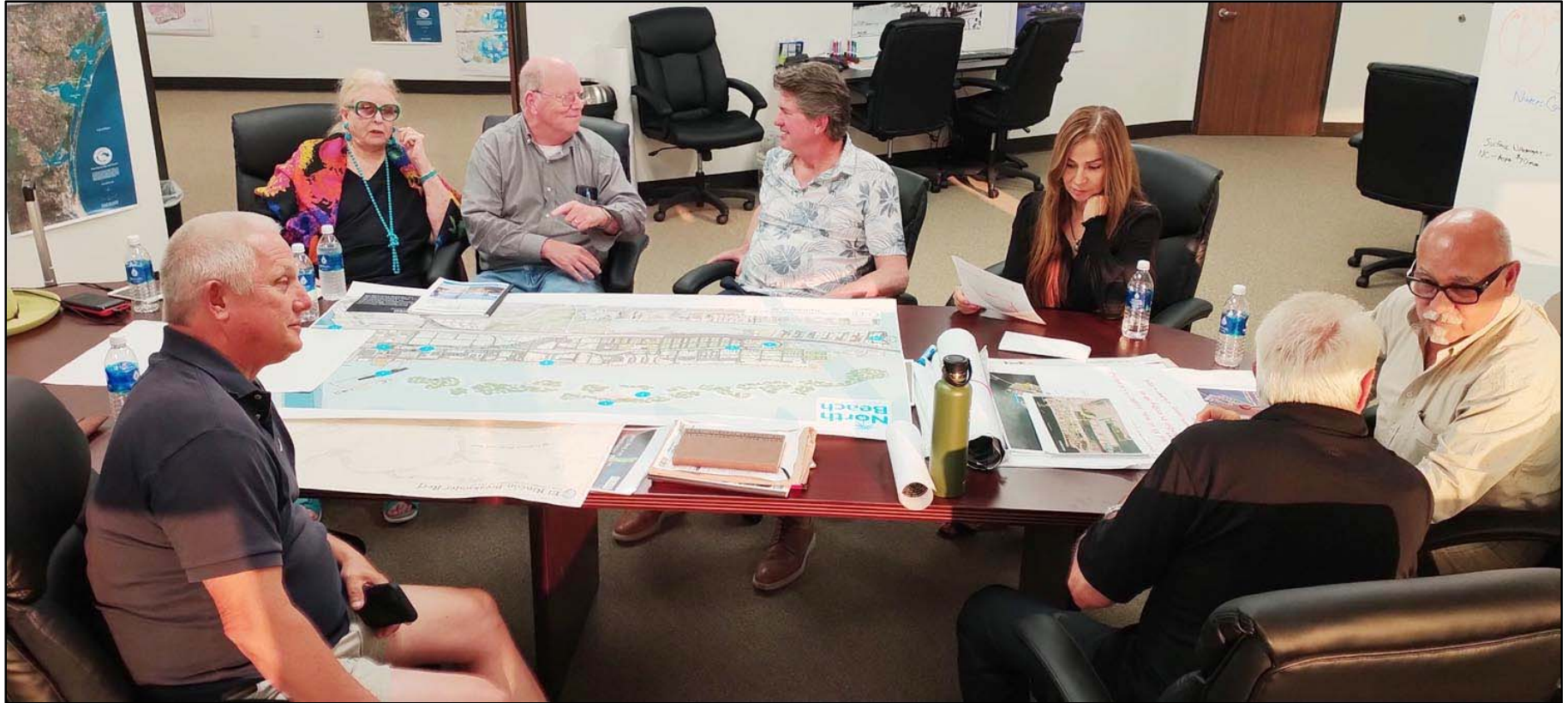
We invite elected officials and other leaders as our speakers, such as Nueces Co Judge Barbara Canales.

WHO IS NBCA?



We take time to thank and honor our long-time members like Sami Cameron, who cooked meals for our group for many years.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



NBCA has a very active and busy Board of Directors that meets monthly. In May 2022, the Board met with City Councilman Billy Lerma (at right) and developer Jeff Blackard (center) to discuss North Beach drainage.

NBCA PROJECTS

1. Corpus Christi Beachwalk

PROJECTS

#1 Corpus Christi Beachwalk



NBCA campaigned to have this 1.5-mile-long sidewalk that runs along the beach built in three bond phases over 15 years. The Beachwalk is now a popular place to walk your dog, take a jog, and visit with neighbors.

EVENTS

Take A Walk on the Beachwalk



May 4, 2013 – NBCA members participate in the 1st annual “Take A Walk on the Beachwalk” to bring awareness to the 1.5-mile-long sidewalk.

EVENTS

Take A Walk on the Beachwalk



June 7, 2014 – Walkers gather at the start of NBCA's 2nd annual "Take A Walk on the Beachwalk," walking 3 miles from Dolphin Park to the Aquarium and back.

EVENTS

Take A Walk on the Beachwalk



June 7, 2014 – NBCA members participate in the annual Take a Walk on the Beachwalk event.

EVENTS

Take A Walk on the Beachwalk



May 30, 2015 – Walkers gather for NBCA's 3rd annual Take A Walk on the Beachwalk.

EVENTS

Take A Walk on the Beachwalk



April 23, 2016 – Mayor Nelda Martinez cuts the ribbon at the start of NBCA's 4th annual "Take A Walk on the Beachwalk" free event on North Beach.

EVENTS

Take A Walk on the Beachwalk



April 22, 2017 – Participants line up for NBCA's 5th annual "Take A Walk on the Beachwalk" free event on North Beach.

NBCA PROJECTS

1. Corpus Christi Beachwalk
2. Dolphin Park Playground

PROJECTS

#2 Dolphin Park Playground



In 2018, NBCA applied for and was awarded a national grant from Kaboom to install a new playground at the north end of North Beach.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Playground



Neighborhood children helped design the playground and helped paint games on the sidewalk. The project built community.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Playground



December 5, 2018 - NBCA member Chuck Anderson is interviewed on “Build Day” for the new Dolphin Park playground. Chuck helped organize the playground installation event.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Playground



NBCA volunteers work with college student volunteers to move a giant slide into the new Kaboom playground at Dolphin Park.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Playground



NBCA volunteers work with Harbor Bridge Project volunteers to move a giant slide into the new Kaboom playground at Dolphin Park.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Playground



December 5, 2018 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo cuts the ribbon after the playground was installed in one day by NBCA volunteers, city employees and volunteers.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Playground



Neighborhood kids try out the new playground.

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Neighborhood children painted benches near the playground.

PROJECTS

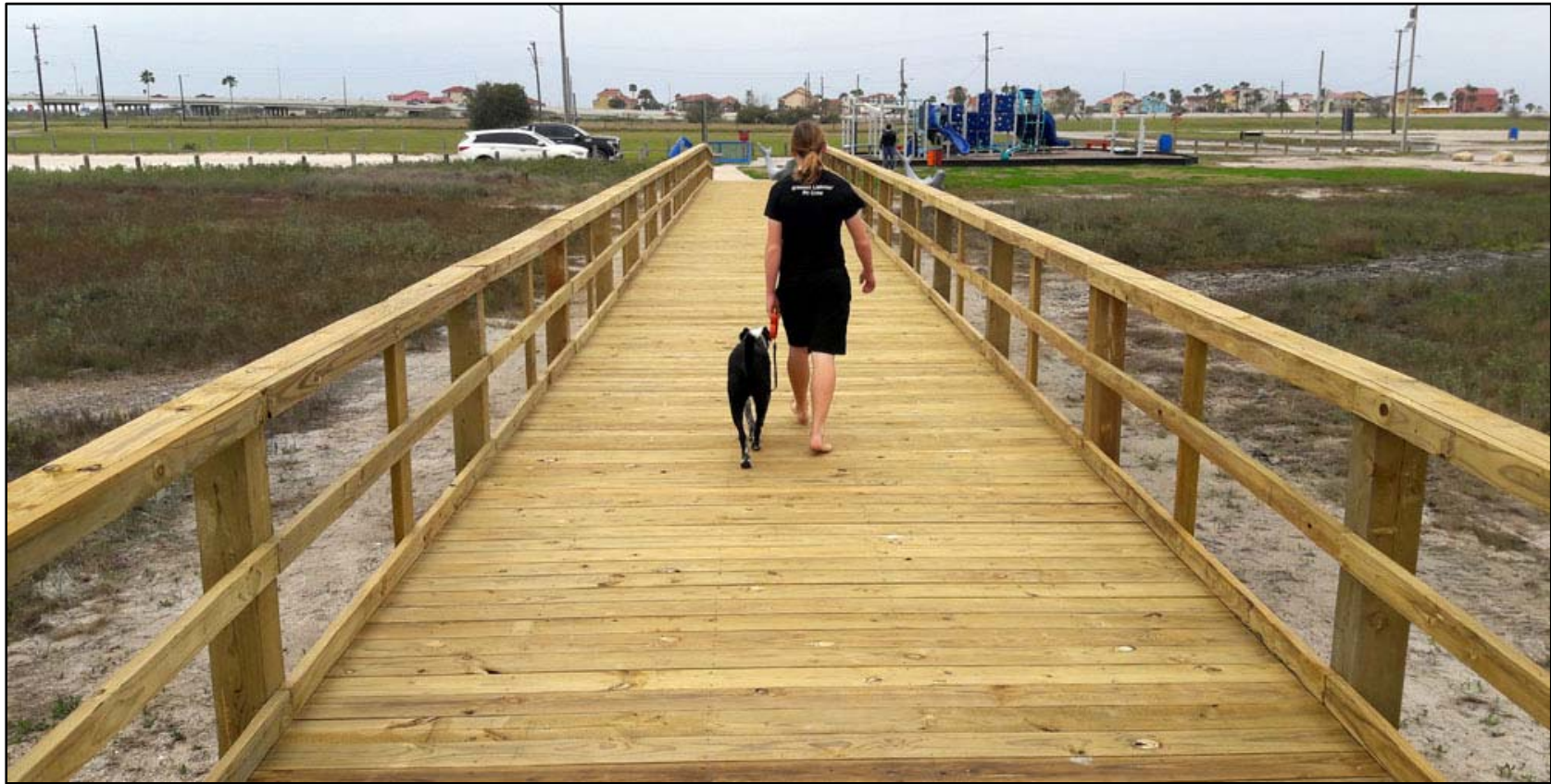
Adopt-A-Park



NBCA has adopted Dolphin Park since 2015 and continues to make improvements at the playground through Adopt-A-Park.

PROJECTS

Dolphin Park Boardwalk



NBCA petitioned the city to add a boardwalk to create a connection from the playground to the beach and Mayor Paulette Guajardo helped make that possible.

PROJECTS

Light Up Dolphin Park



NBCA petitioned the city to add a spotlight to an existing light pole to light up the playground at night and Mayor Paulette Guajardo got it done.

PROJECTS

Adopt-A-Park



NBCA volunteers installed a new trash can at Dolphin Park Playground.

PROJECTS

Adopt-A-Park



NBCA volunteers conduct regular beach and park clean ups near Dolphin Park.

PROJECTS

Adopt-A-Park



NBCA volunteers planted new plants at Dolphin Park.

PROJECTS

Adopt-A-Park



NBCA volunteers installed bollards to keep vehicles from driving on the grassy areas of Dolphin Park.

NBCA PROJECTS

1. Corpus Christi Beachwalk
2. Dolphin Park Playground
3. North Beach History Plaza

PROJECTS

#3 North Beach History Plaza



What was previously a pothole-covered parking lot to the north of Pier 99 Restaurant near the USS Lexington was converted into a new public amenity dedicated to North Beach history.

PROJECTS

Bond 2012 Concrete Pedestrian Plaza



With Bond 2012 funding, the city closed off the flooded parking lot and repaved it in concrete, creating a new Pedestrian Plaza.

PROJECTS

2022 – History signage added



Then NBCA's History Committee came up with the idea of installing 16 educational history signs in the new concrete pedestrian plaza.

PROJECTS

Creating the History Plaza Panels



In 2017, two NBCA members initiated the concept for a history plaza. Over the next 2 years, they volunteered their time to research and design and the 16 outdoor educational panels that now make up the North Beach History Plaza.

PROJECTS

Collaborating with History Museum



June 2018 - NBCA's History Committee consulted with senior staff at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History to gather historic information for the new plaza dedicated to the history of North Beach.

PROJECTS

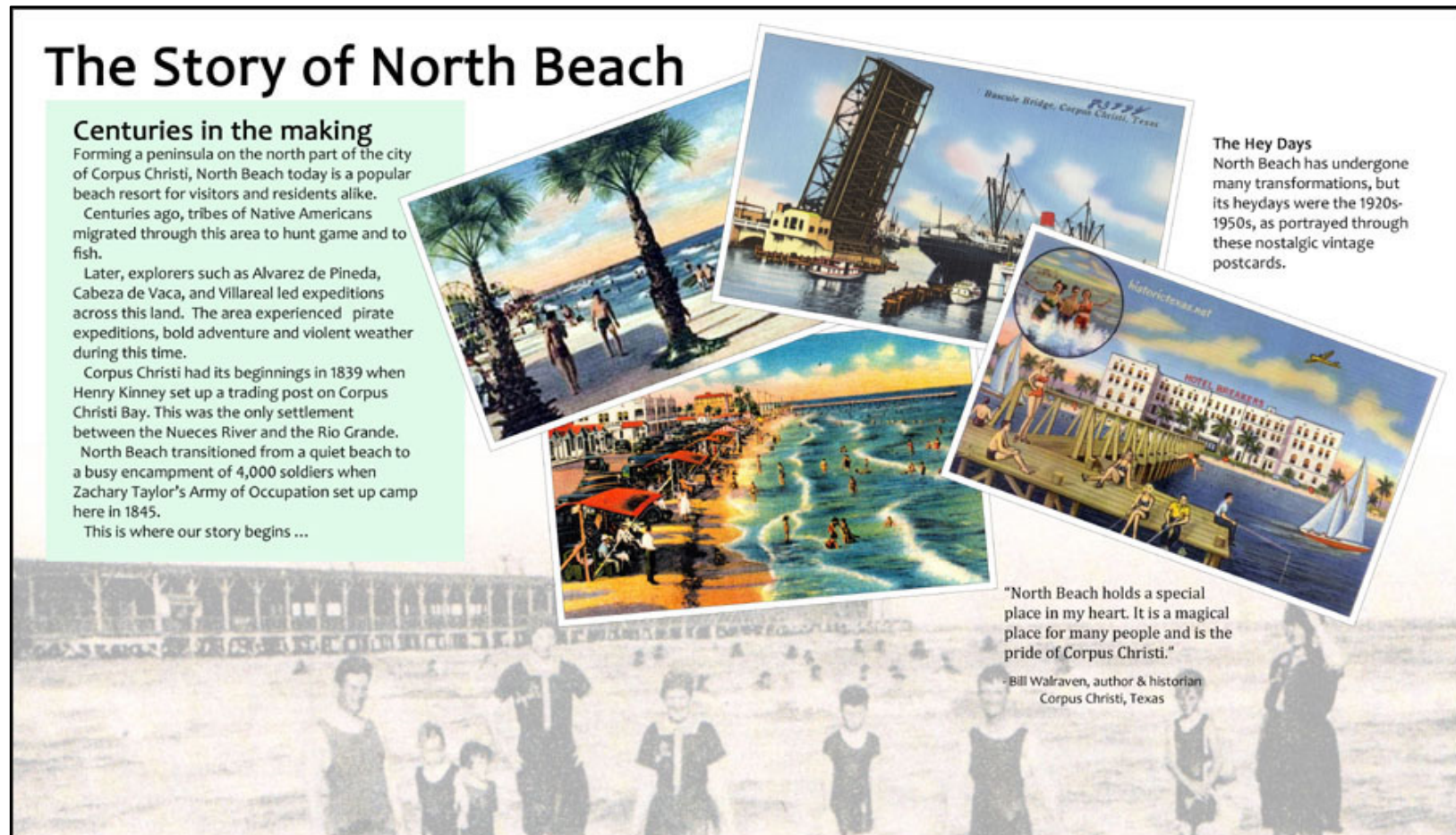
First Draft Layouts



NBCA's Committee condensed and organized the historical information into 16 panels arranged in chronological order. This was all volunteer labor.

PROJECTS

First Completed Panel



The finished panels measure about 4 feet x 3 feet.

PROJECTS

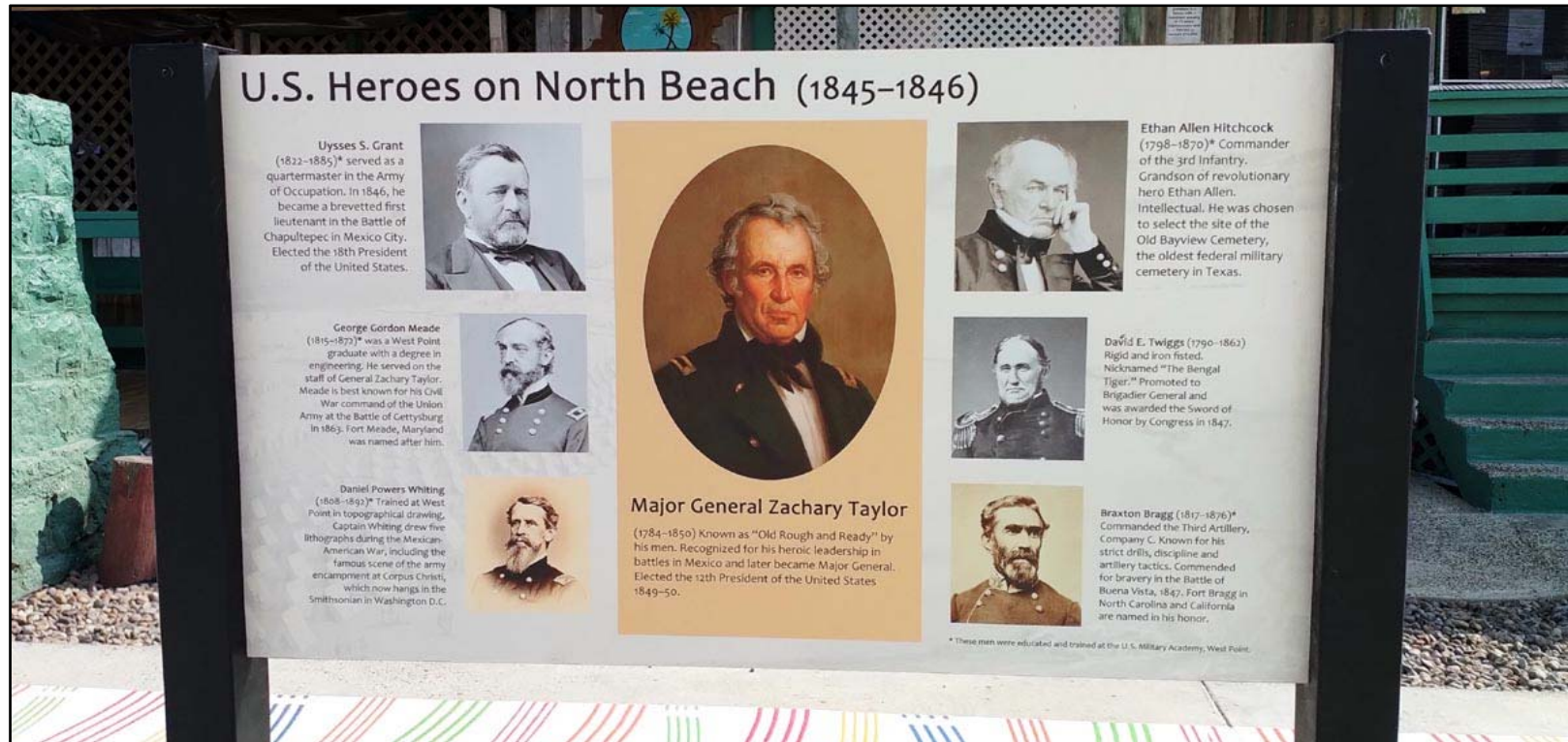
Signs are Installed!



May 2022 - NBCA's History Committee members Carrie Meyer (left) and Dr. Barbara Welder stand in the new North Beach History Plaza shortly after it was installed.

PROJECTS




Example of History Panel



One of the 16 outdoor educational panels placed in the North Beach History Plaza chronicles the U.S. Heroes that were on North Beach before the War with Mexico.

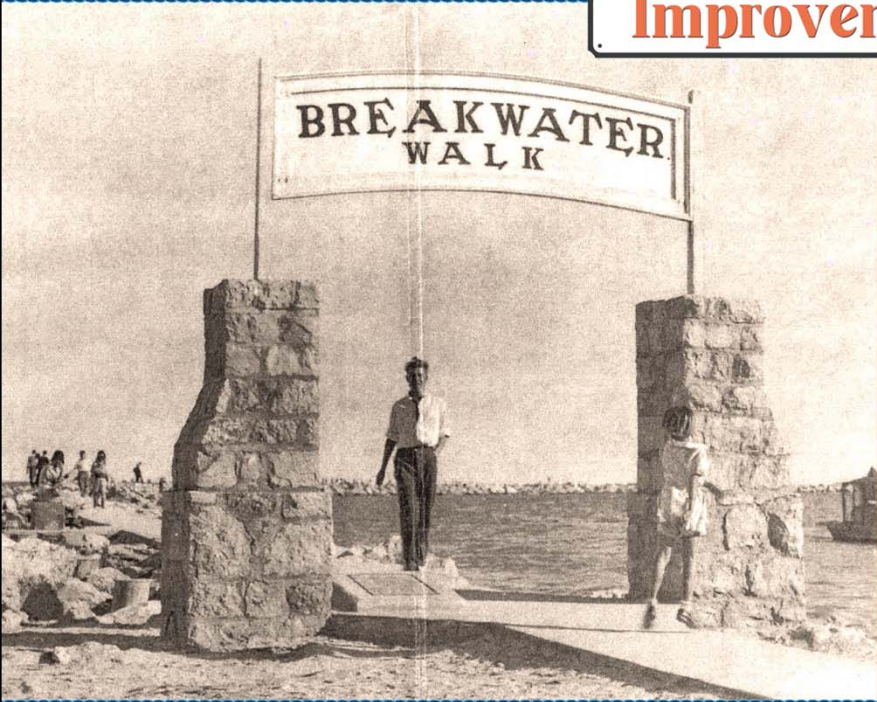
PROJECTS

Project Kickoff of History Plaza



North Beach History Plaza

Improvements



Project Kickoff

Friday, April 8, 2022
11:00 a.m.

2892 North Shoreline Boulevard
Public Parking along Breakwater Avenue
and North Shoreline Boulevard.

RSVP to MelanieL@cctexas.com

www.cctexas.com/northbeach

PROJECTS

Project Kickoff of History Plaza



April 8, 2022 – The city held an official Kick Off for the North Beach History Plaza, a partnership between the city and NBCA.

PROJECTS

Gaining Community Support



April 8, 2022 – Elected officials visit with people at the Kick Off for the North Beach History Plaza, a partnership between the city and NBCA.

NBCA PROJECTS

1. Corpus Christi Beachwalk
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3. North Beach History Plaza
4. Partnering with Police/Fire

POLICE/FIRE

Connecting Police with Community



Oct 1, 2013 – NBCA hosts a National Night Out BBQ event on North Beach for local police officers, including the mounted police.

POLICE/FIRE

National Night Out BBQ for Officers



Oct 7, 2014 – NBCA hosts a National Night Out BBQ event on North Beach for local police.

POLICE/FIRE

Meet Your Beat Officer



July 20, 2015 – NBCA invited neighbors to gather at Dolphin Park to meet Officer David Saldana, CCPD's North Beach patrol officer.

POLICE/FIRE

How To Improve Safety



Feb 16, 2017 – NBCA invited CCPD's Commander David Blackmon (now Assistant Chief) to speak to our group about neighborhood safety. Police have increased patrols and really improved North Beach over the past five years.

POLICE/FIRE

Fire Safety Event at Surfside Park



July 22, 2017 – Partnering with CC Fire Dept, NBCA hosts a free public Fire Safety Event at Surfside Park on North Beach.

POLICE/FIRE

Increased Police Presence



CC Police Dept have dedicated more staff to patrolling North Beach. The officers' presence has made a difference in improving public safety.

POLICE/FIRE

Mounted Police on the Beach



CC Police Dept would send mounted police to North Beach, but those officers retired, so the force no longer has horses, unfortunately.

POLICE/FIRE

Park Enforcement Officers



The city sends Park Enforcement Officers to North Beach now and then to assist police with keeping the beach and parks here safe.

POLICE/FIRE

Connecting with Park Officers



Feb 21, 2019 - NBCA invited the Park Enforcement Officer as a speaker.

NBCA PROJECTS

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3. North Beach History Plaza
4. Events
- 5. Advocacy**

ADVOCACY

#5 North Beach Advocates



When important issues for North Beach are on City Council's agenda, NBCA sends out a call to pack Council Chambers.

ADVOCACY

Attending City Council Meetings



NBCA Board members often speak during Public Comment at City Council to bring North Beach issues to the city's attention.

ADVOCACY

Getting Grants for Area Improvements



2014 – Nueces County Commissioner Mike Pusley presents a grant for \$1,000 to NBCA members to use for projects to promote diabetes awareness.

ADVOCACY

Holding Candidate's Forums



Oct 10, 2016 – NBCA's Candidate's Forum – we hold them every election cycle. Our 2022 Candidate's Forum is on Oct 13.

ADVOCACY

Sharing concerns with Council Members



2017 – City Councilwoman Carolyn Vaughn meets with beachfront property owners about solving beach parking issues.

ADVOCACY

Discussing issues with Council Members



2018 – City Councilman Everett Roy met with NBCA's Board

ADVOCACY

Involving our Representatives



2018 – City Councilman Everett Roy to participate in the Dolphin Park project

NBCA ADVOCACY

It Takes A Village



2018 – We invited Mayor Paulette Guajardo to help with Dolphin Park.

ADVOCACY

Discussing issues with Council Members



2021 – At-Large City Councilman Mike Pusley (left) met with NBCA's Board to discuss drainage and other issues.

ADVOCACY

Getting to know our Elected Officials



2022 –City Councilman Roland Barrera (left) met with NBCA's Board. It's important for our elected officials to know us and vice versa so we can work together better.

ADVOCACY

Engaging Key Decision Makers



Oct 2021 – City Councilman Billy Lerma (right) and City Manager Peter Zaroni met with NBCA to discuss the city's plans for North Beach.

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4. Events
5. Advocacy
- 6. Planning**

DRAINAGE

#6 City Planning



After years of ignoring the flooding and claiming there was no solution, in 2016 the city began trying to address the drainage problems, after NBCA sent an official letter, requesting that drainage issues be resolved.

PLANNING

Getting involved in the Planning Phase



Feb 8, 2017 – NBCA members participate in a North Beach planning initiative held at City Hall in a standing room only event, demonstrating a high level of interest.

PLANNING

The Gateway Plan



Feb 2018 – NBCA members attended a city planning session to learn that the city had a new plan for North Beach involving a drainage canal and breakwater.

PLANNING

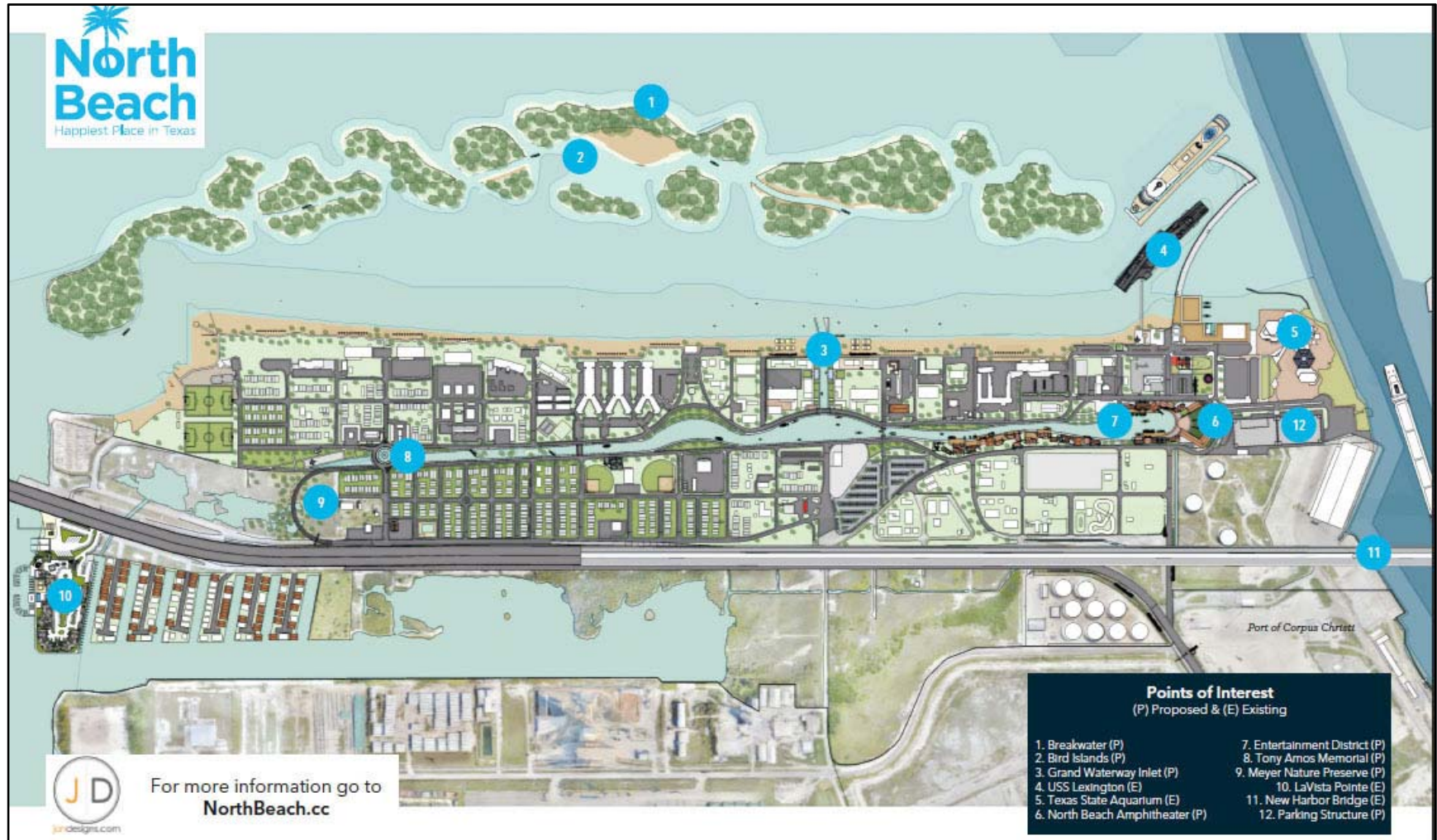


The Gateway Plan

2018 - The Gateway Plan called for a navigable canal and breakwater islands, which was all new to NBCA members.

PLANNING

North Beach Redevelopment Initiative



2021 – The North Beach plan eventually got refined to this version.

PLANNING

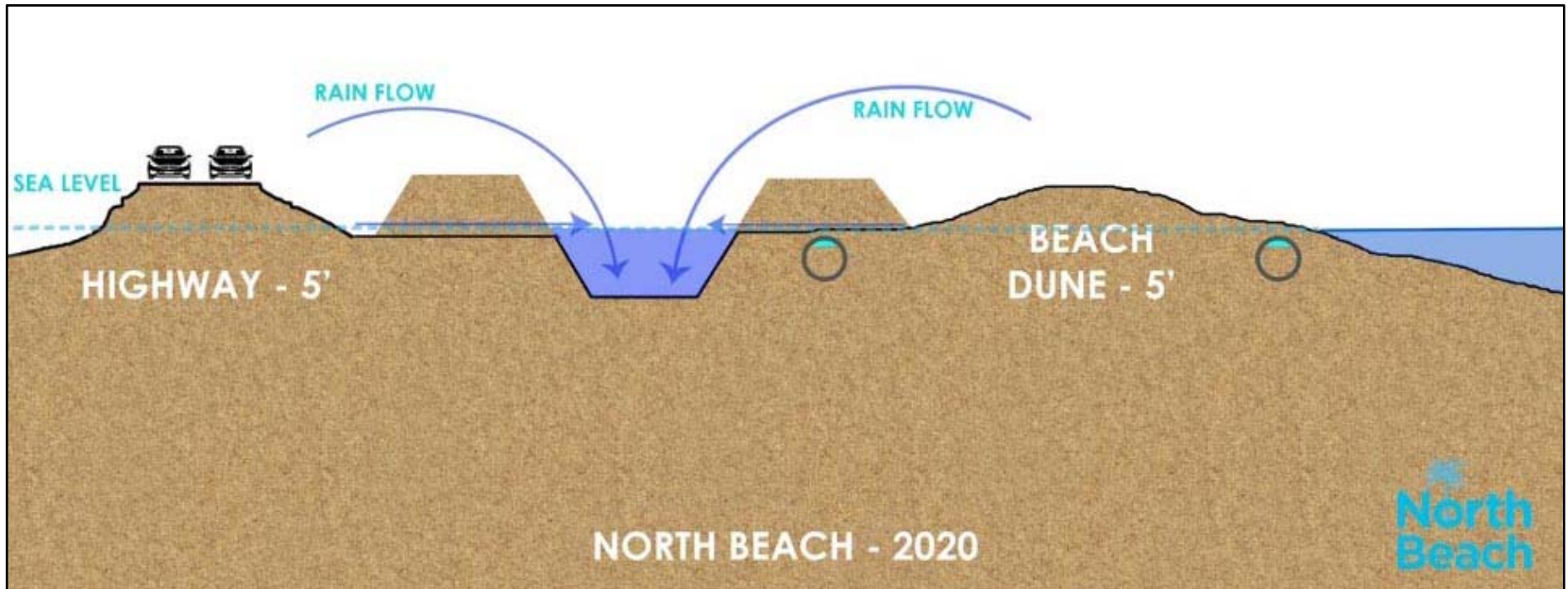
The Navigable Canal



2021 – Artist's Rendering of the Navigable Canal. The concept garnered equal levels of interest and skepticism.

PLANNING

The Navigable Canal



2021 – Artist's Rendering of the Navigable Canal, showing how rain water could be directed to flow into a central canal through a combination of elevating land and installing an updated storm water system to direct water towards the canal.

PLANNING

Land Elevation



Graphic showing how land on either side of the central canal would be elevated and re-sloped to create flow for storm water drainage.

PLANNING

The Linear Parkway



2021 – Artist's Rendering of a Linear Parkway (not navigable to large boats). This concept is less costly due to fewer tall roadway bridges being needed.

PLANNING



2022 – Linear Open Space + Open Channel as envisioned by the firm MIG, which the city hired to assess previous all drainage plans and design a path forwards.

PLANNING

The MIG Plan



2022 – MIG’s plan for a North Beach drainage solution starts with elevating major roadways (red) and some land (orange), directing storm water to a central open channel connected to the bay.

The MIG Plan

Steps for Solving North Beach Drainage Issues

- Confirm desired level of protection
- Identify long-term revitalization plan and multimodal transportation needs
- Implement short term elevation and conveyance design and phasing
- Develop long term plan for low lying areas
- Implement Sediment Monitoring and Cleaning Program

*All steps include communication with public and stakeholders

TIRZ #4

Forming the North Beach TIRZ



Oct 2019 – Many NBCA members met with City Manager Peter Zanoni (left) and developer Jeff Blackard (right) to discuss formation of a Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zone #4 for North Beach. Council passed the TIRZ later that year.

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6. Planning
7. The New Harbor Bridge

PLANNING

#7 The New Harbor Bridge



Artist's Rendering of the new cable stay bridge with hike/bike pathway on the side.

ADVOCACY

Getting involved in the Planning Phase



2016 – NBCA's Harbor Bridge Task Force met with TxDOT's District Engineer Valente Olivarez several times to share our concerns about the new bridge.

ADVOCACY



Communicating our Concerns

2016 – NBCA's Harbor Bridge Task Force met with Texas State Rep Todd Hunter at the Whataburger on Beach Avenue, which is the busiest and most dangerous intersection on North Beach, to tell him our concerns about the new bridge.

ADVOCACY

North Beach residents concerned with new Harbor Bridge plan

By Danielle St. Marie **CONNECT**



2016 – NBCA's Harbor Bridge Task Force brought our concerns to the media in order to reach the greater community.

ADVOCACY

Taking it to the Media



2016 – To help our voices be heard, NBCA often reaches out to the media.

BRIDGE

Burleson Exit Will Close



The Burleson Ave exit will be permanently closed when the new bridge is complete, so the city is planning on widening and repaving Beach Avenue, which will become North Beach's only northbound exit.

BRIDGE

Why Only One Exit



The Harbor Bridge Project will reduce North Beach's northbound exits from 2 to 1, moving all traffic to the north part of the beach near Beach Ave. The reason is that the new bridge will be too high at Burleson Avenue to accommodate an exit there.

BRIDGE

Detours Cause Delays



2022 – Many of NBCA's previous concerns have been addressed, as TxDOT improved drainage on both sides of the highway by elevating the frontage roads and storm water culverts underneath the highway. Other concerns were safer pedestrian crossings and controlling the traffic flow onto Beach Ave which are still concerns.

BRIDGE

Patience! Progress Underway



Detours from the Harbor Bridge Project are long-term and kind of a hassle, but most people feel it will be worth the wait.

DEVELOPMENT

Lighthouse Point



2020 - North Beach developer and resident Lynn Frazier was interviewed on TV about how the bridge project has affected his new development at Lighthouse Pointe.

DEVELOPMENT

Lighthouse Pointe



2020 – Lighthouse Point artist's rendering for the development at the north end of North Beach owned by Lynn Frazier.

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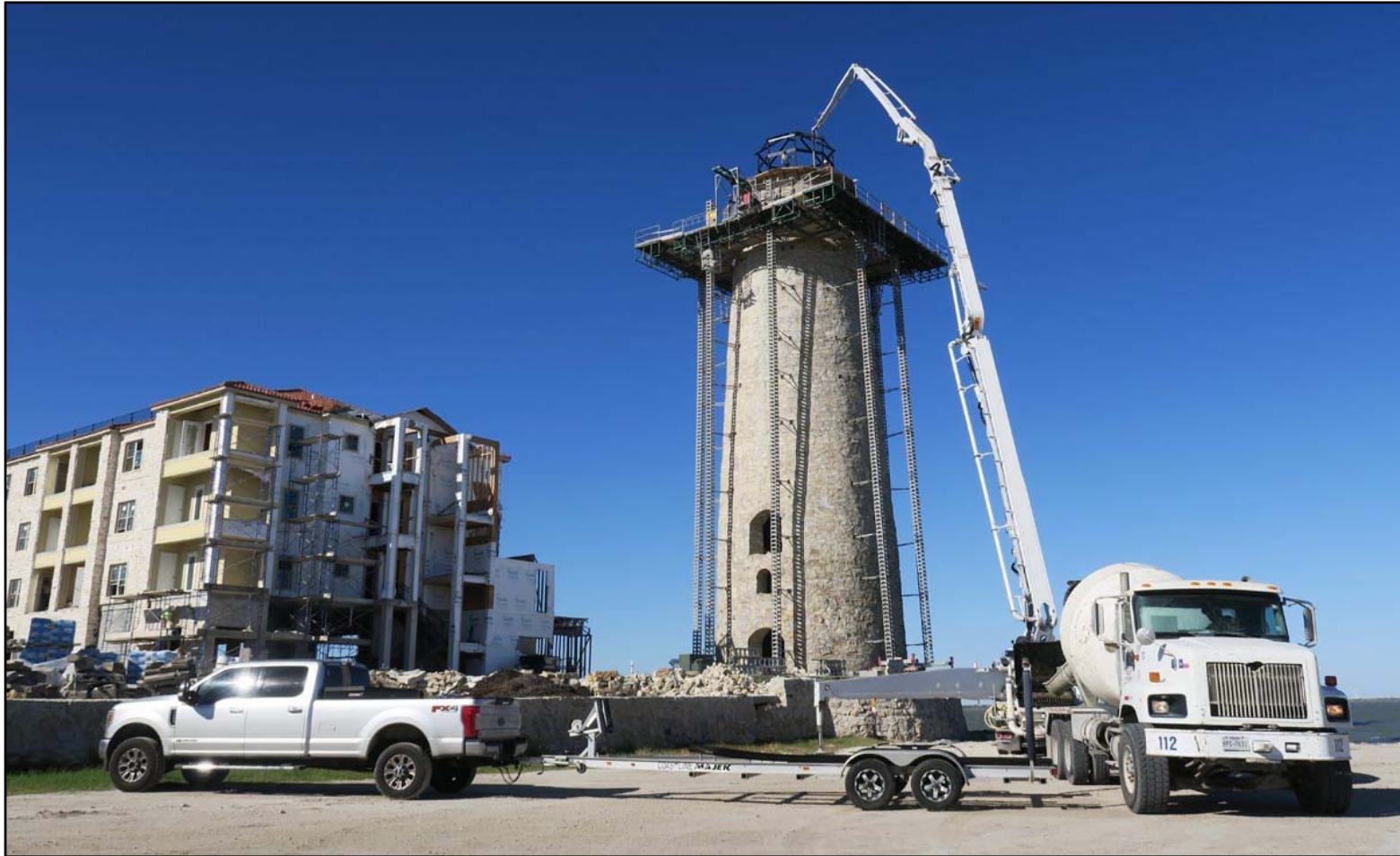
Lighthouse Pointe



2020 – Lighthouse Point artist's rendering for the development at the north end of North Beach owned by Lynn Frazier.

DEVELOPMENT

Stone Lighthouse Going Up



2021 – Concrete pump truck filling in the top part of the Lighthouse.

DEVELOPMENT

New Icon for North Beach



2022 – Lighthouse is almost complete with chapel going up beside it. Other stone buildings are 130-unit apartment complex.

(Coming soon)

BOND PROJECTS

1. Bond 2018 – 2 street projects \$2.5 mil
2. Bond 2020 - Surfside Park rebuild \$4 mil
3. Bond 2022 - North Beach Eco Park \$100K
4. North Beach Breakwater Living Shoreline

The End



Thank you