

***WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WGIPOA)***

Board of Directors Meeting

January 19, 2019

The Galveston Island POA board of directors meeting was held on January 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mohn, President.

A quorum was established by the attendance of Director: Rosemarie Gonzalez - Acapulco village, Debbie & Bruce Reinhart – Beachside Village, Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach, Kim Van Camp – W Beach Grand Condo, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Boyd Carr – Isle Del Sol, Melanie Perry - Palm Beach, Dick Kuriger - Pirates Beach, Greg Mack – Pointe San Luis, Kim Foley – Point West, Barbara Piersol – Spanish Grant Bay, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road. Susan Gonzales with CKM as recording secretary.

Jerry Mohn introduced Joe Giusti – County Commissioner, Bill Heer – COG Code Officer, Brian Maxwell – City Manager, Victor Viser, Galveston Parks Board Trustee, and Constable Jimmy Fullen. Corporate Sponsors were CKM property management and JSC Federal Credit Union.

The minutes of the last meeting we reviewed motion by Peggy Zahler seconded by Dick Kuriger, the minutes and the financials were approved by unanimous vote.

**Community Policing** Report by Officer Conde who gave a police report stating there was a rash of robberies. The police will come to the neighborhood meetings when asked. There were seven people that were arrested.

Vision Galveston - Jeffrey Hill just talked about the vision of Galveston. The project Vision Galveston is a project that enables everyone in Galveston to find a vision for us and their future and where to find the vision away from the city. First need to understand what matters to the people of Galveston which is why they are asking the questionnaires to be sent to the city, after we understand the key issues we can follow up with a series of workshops and additional community outreach to explore solutions and opportunities. Some of the issues included in the vision will be resiliency, the economics, housing, jobs, education, parks, transportation, arts, and more. Together they feel they will create a vision for the inclusive equitable and resilient Galveston. Please share your vision – go to [VisionGalveston.com](http://VisionGalveston.com).

**Mayor Jim Yarbrough “Galveston Happenings”:** The COG is updating the comprehension plan for the city. Mayor Yarbrough compared it to a puzzle with the vision but not the total vision he said it’s recommended we be involved. The plan is to include the basic city services, streets, drainage, all the city services. It will include water rates, debris on the beach.

The Coastal Barrier plan is only conceptual. The City supports coastal spine but there is no money to do the plan. The project will be done in time, it is a process staying engaged is important nothing is going to happen in a hurry these are not an all or nothing.

The water bills are going up this year. There is a need for conservation. The city pays more for water and repairs for a 175-year-old system. Eighty percent of the meters have been replaced. Smart systems

are used for conservation. The Mayor reported that the City was losing 47% of potable water but now the loss is down to 20% due mainly fixing leaks and conservation. There are oyster reefs in pipes. Anytime there are street repairs going on there will also be repairs to the and replacement to the infrastructure.

Beach Access - There is an ad hoc committee who is working with the city on upgrading all the beach parks, Stewart Beach I 45, and Harborside. There is a preliminary plan for a parking garage, possibly one or two.

Roger Reese is the new Port Director and a land lease has been approved for \$4.5 million for the new cruise ship the Royal Caribbean.

TexDot is working on an overpass at 61<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. This change will help to prevent accidents and traffic flow.

Enforcement concerning the tents up and down the beach is ongoing. Mayor Yarborough recommended a grace period.

**Other Topics:** Jerry Mohn stated that snakes and Alligators are still an issue. Be careful.

There is a potential for a new Dollar General store. Those who wish to comment on the Beach access plan - deadline is January 24, 2019.

Susan Gonzales