

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WGIPOA)

Board of Directors Meeting

The Galveston Island POA Board of Directors meeting was held on April 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Jerry Mohn, President.

A quorum was established by the attendance of Director: Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Dick Kuriger - Pirates Beach, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Craig Vance – Terramar Beach, Scott Childs – Pointe San Luis, Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Rd, and Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village. Susan Gonzales with CKM as recording secretary.

The minutes of March 16, 2019 and the March 13, 2019 financials were reviewed. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Dick Kuriger, the Board approved the minutes and financials by unanimous vote.

Jerry Mohn introduced dignitaries and candidates. Cheryl Johnson – Galveston County Tax Assessor. Cheryl Johnson stated she has been the Tax Assessor for the last 15 years and is running again. There are new voting “touch” screens for voting now. Jerry Mohn introduced County Commissioner Joe Guiste who stated for mosquito control call 800-842-5622. District 6 City Council member Jackie Cole and Roger Bo Quintero – candidate for Mayor.

Jerry Mohn welcomed Gulf Palms back as a member of the WGIPOA.

District 6 Happenings: Jackie Cole gave an report on the polling places and election start dates. Jackie stated the parking fees along the seawall will increase to \$2.00/hour. The annual parking pass will also increase. The City Master lighting plan is being reviewed. In 2015 all street lights were changed to LED's 4000 Cobra. Suggested lights are at every traffic intersection. There will be a higher cost to Associations for different light posts. Adding lights is voluntary. All poles have been replaced except decorative poles.

Community Policing Report – Officer Goth stated there was a robbery last week in Galveston and the suspects were arrested due to video surveillance, Galveston's crime is down, calls for service are up – it helps Officers if you are proactive and report suspicious behavior, 900 of the calls resulted in a report or arrest. There have been 202 incidents in 2018 and 182 incidents in 2019 on the west end. The west end has the least amount of crime. It is important that home owners sign a Power of Attorney with the Police Department as this enables the police to act on your behalf if you are not home.

“Protesting and Saving on your property taxes” – Cheryl Johnson stated she is running again for Tax Assessor. You can vote anywhere in the county. There are two ways to protest taxes: Unequal Value Protest – this method is difficult unless there are identical homes in the area valued lower. By protesting under Market Value, you are comparing sales and conditions. What would need to be updated to make it marketable. Determine your neighborhood, depreciation, request sales, sales tax price factor, crime reports. Physical aspects – largest house, economic - adverse effects on property. The deadline to file a protest is May 15, 2019 to schedule an informal conference with a CAD appraiser, file online protest or mail the formal protest form.

Senior Freezes – still protest taxes, protect value if you plan to stay in your home. (School, County & City). Exemptions will (if you move) continue for two years.

Other: Beach Cleaning – Jerry Mohn thanked Peggy Zahler for helping with the beach cleaning meetings. Resolution was adopted that the WGIPOA agrees with the Parks Board Plan.

Ike Dike & Beach Access Plan – the plans are not complete.

Beware of the snakes on the beach. Remember the City of Galveston Tent Ordinance is in effect.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.