

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Issues and Concerns Meeting June 15, 2019 with Jackie Cole at Jamaica Beach City Council Chambers 8:30 AM

Attendees: Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach; Craig Vance – Terramar; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Melanie Perry – Palm Beach; Dick Kuriger – Pirates POA; Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach; Charley Jones - Sea Isle; Barbara Hankins -Sportsman Road; Mary Anne Gonzalez – Acapulco Village; Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove; Jerry Mohn

Spanish Grant Beach: Peggy Zahler expressed concern over the number of people coming to the west end especially in the Spanish Grant Beach subdivision due to the Galveston Parks Board of Trustees doubling the parking fees on the Seawall. Not certain if the new beach access plan will help. The Association hires off duty GPD officers especially for weekend duties, which is expensive. Jackie mentioned she is not certain when the Beach Access plan will be approved by City Council and the GLO, possibly a year. She mentioned the City does not have funds for additional police officers. The City has limited income and it is not growing. Jackie feels we need to be creative in dealing with the problem such as signage and parking areas and to start ticketing people. An example is Sunny Beach, which is very active on weekends, and need to charge for parking and to get certified lifeguards. In addition, Jackie feels the need to really manage the County Parks and to provide more amenities.

Dunes of West Beach: Jay Lendrum mentioned the time an incident is reported to the police department is usually 2 to 3 hours and by the time the police arrive the problem is gone. Beach raking is still an issue.

Sea Isle: Charley Jones mentioned the traffic light on FM 3005 at Sea Isle went down and not a back up until 24 hours later. In addition, the blinking light is a problem and difficult for residents to get across FM 3005. Sea Isle would like to see TxDot do a count to install a stop sign. Drainage issues seem to be resolved and not many complaints.

Palm Beach: Drainage issues seem good and no problems. Beach access signs are gone but handicap access is available. Palm Beach will wait to see what the Beach Access Committee proposes for Palm Beach.

Acapulco Village: The subdivision would like sewers to replace the septic tanks. Jackie mentioned the City has requested to get RESTORE Funds to replace septic tanks for the entire west end, which she feels looks promising. Could be a year but the funds would help resiliency, water quality, etc.

Sportsman Road: Main issue is to have sewers to replace the septic tanks on Sportsman Road. Jackie mentioned the City cannot financially justify installing sewers but hopefully RESTORE funds will be the answer. Also, they would like to see the road paved and elevated, which was on the to do list before IKE but nothing happened since. Jackie mentioned the City has street inventories every two years to give a grade but they are behind. With a new machine will determine where Sportsman Road is on the list of