

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The West Galveston Island POA Board of Directors meeting was held at the Galveston Country Club on January 18, 2014. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum of Directors was present by the attendance of Ron Coker – Bermuda Beach, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Bruce Reinhart – Kahala, Lee Petros – Pointe West, Peggy Zahler = Spanish Grant Beach, Tom Boothe – West Beach Grand, Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove, and Charlie Jones – Sea Isle.

This is the 15th anniversary of WGIPOA

It is the 175th anniversary of the City of Galveston

A moment of silence for Al Galli was held. Al was a long time resident of Galveston, of the WGIPOA Board, and the JBIC. Al was instrumental in a lifetime pursuit of working towards the betterment of Galveston, especially Jamaica Beach and the west end.

Jerry Mohn introduced the attending Officials, Corporate Sponsors and Candidates.

Mayor Louis Rosen, Constable Clint Wayne Brown, Judge John Grady, Linda Burton – Precinct Chair, Judge Jim Schweitzer, Judge Barbara Roberts, Kevin O'Brien Commissioner Pct 2, Marie Robb – City Council District 6. Candidates introduced were Judge Jim Schweitzer, Judge Barbara Roberts, Kevin O'Brien Commissioner, Wayne Faircloth – State Representative, Pat Grady – running for Judge 212 District Court, George Young – running for 212 Court, City Council District 6 – Marie Robb, Carolyn Sunseri – running for District 6, Running for Mayor Don Mafridge, and Ann Darring – Family Court Judge

Corporate Sponsors Johnson Space Center Credit Union – Peggy Zahler

Minutes of December 2013 were reviewed. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Tom Boothe the Board by unanimous vote approved the December 2013 minutes.

The Board reviewed the financial report. Motion by Peggy Zahler seconded by Tom Boothe, the Board by unanimous vote approved the financial report.

Community Policing – Lt. David Torres introduced Sgt. Joey Quiroga handles the west end. Statistics for 2013, calls for service or reported crimes. West of 103 to east 103rd. Power of Attorney forms for the police department, once completed you will get a sticker that will be posted at your home, this gives the police the right to check out the home to see if a crime is being committed. The police will make every effort to contact the owner. You are not signing your rights away. If there is a problem, there is a chain of command, so that if you are not satisfied you can resolve the issue through the chain of command. Pick up the Power of Attorney on 53rd Street or call 409-765-3640, make an appointment 8:30 to 4:30 pm, ask for Lori. West end 27 burglaries on west, 514 on east, 10 of motor vehicles, on 413 on east, 47 on west over 1000 on east of burglaries.

District 6 Happenings – Marie Robb stated it is important no matter how small a crime, the number of

police patrolling on the west end is predicated by the number of calls. Infrastructure budget money was used for cash flow Hurricane Ike, we need to get that money back in the bond funds.

Call Marie Robb with your subdivision needs. A recent street study was done, the City stated said all our streets are good, this is not true, she has requested a copy of the report.

It was recommended that members sign up for the Citizen Police Academy. Email dsims@cityofgalveston.org to sign up.

WGIPOA Newsletter – Peggy Zahler stated the next newsletter would probably be in the summer.

Congressman Randy Weber was introduced and is up for election.

Congressman Weber is a member of several committees. He is a member of the Science Committee, Oil/Gas Committee, and the Gulf Coast Caucus Committee.

Congressman Weber stated that Obama care was passed in 2010 without a single republican vote. It is an attempt of taking over 1/6 of the economy and it has been a failure. Government has been shut down 17 times, 15 times the House of Representatives were controlled by Democrats. This 18th time was no different. Until there is a different President Obama care stays and is the law of the land.

Unemployment benefits – the policy is keeping people on welfare longer, we need to create more jobs, get them off the benefits. How do we get the keystone pipeline? We want it in Texas, it means construction jobs. It would make jobs here. Oil industry has a 99.9 safety rate. How do we get our economy moving again? JOBS.

State Marriage Defense Act 2014 filed by Randy Weber. 17 States allow same sex, 38 States do not. They have to honor the rights of the people in that State not another state.

Budget – Budget control Act 2011 put in that at an impasse automatically sequestration set in. Voted against but it passed.

Energy Policy – 9 Ports in his district. Nature Gas fracking gas, it is an energy dome. We are posed at being the leading country in oil and gas production, if we are not stopped. Fracking is safe and economical. (George P. Mitchell developed Fracking).

Bigger-Waters Bill was passed. Waters exempted her district. 70% Americans live by waters. Randy signed off for a delay. Grimm waters bill delayed it two years, 1.3 million to do the study and gave congress 2 years to do the study. Let's delay the Bigger-Water Bill until FEMA gets the study done. Give us time to question the data and the Bill. Appropriation Bill gave a 1-year delay, and then it was announced they refused to discuss it for a year.

He is a member of the Gulf Coast Caucus

BP Lawsuit – Restore Act Resolution - trying to determine the amount of flow of oil and what the impact is. Studies show very active aquatic life.

He emphasized that our borders need to be secured and to be accessible to you. He wants congress to get a handle on spending. Spent more money in the last 60 years then it brings in, we need to create jobs, improve budget, bring in industries, reform the tax structure, unleash the energy, and create jobs

Hershey Beach – the city will put out port potties on the beach to help alleviate the problems. If there are no facilities visitors go to someone’s home and trespass. Need more trashcans, and bollards to keep visitors from driving on the beach, policing. The WGIPOA is working with the City on other on beach access points where the public could go as paid parking on the Seawall forces the people to the west end.

Beach Maintenance Permits – there will be new regulations from the Planning Department. Surveys are not required, the city will have the topographic survey.

Power of Attorney – this is especially good for property next to beach access points.

RV Park – WGIPOA is helping by protesting the permit approval at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

Restore Act Resolution – part of the BP lawsuit, the Board adopted a resolution where the funds come to the coastal communities.

Adjourned 11:09 AM

Susan Gonzales, recording secretary