

West Galveston Island POA

February 15, 2014

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors meeting on February 15, 2014 at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present by attendance of Directors Bermuda Beach – Mary Jan Lantz, Dunes of West – Lew Arend, Isla Del Sol – Boyd Carr, Kahala – Bruce Reinhart, Pirates POA – Dick Kuriger, Pointe San Luis – Susan Gonzales, Pointe West – Lee Petros, Sea Isle – Charley Jones, Spanish Grant Beach – Peggy Zahler, Terramar – Nina Parker, West Beach Grand Condo – Tom Boothe. Also in attendance was Susan Gonzales, Acting Secretary.

Jerry Mohn introduced the visiting Officials, Constable Clint Wayne Brown, County Commissioner Pct. 2 Kevin O'Brien, District 6 City Council Member Marie Robb, Judge Jim Schweitzer, Galveston County Judge Mark Henry, and Former Council Member Baker.

Jerry Mohn introduced the candidates and each gave a brief description of their political platform. Candidates included for Galveston County Judge Mark Henry and Michelle Hatmaker, for District 23 State Representative Bob Senter and Wayne Faircloth, for County Commissioner Precinct 2 Kevin O'Brien, John Paul Listowski, and Beau Rawlins, for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Jim Schweitzer and Jason O'Brien, District 6 City Council Marie Robb and Carolyn Sunseri, for Mayor Don Mafrige, for Precinct Chair Lynn Burton, and for U.S. House of Representatives Dr. Buck Willis.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Tom Boothe, the Board approved the January minutes by unanimous vote.

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

Community Policing – Officer Chad Myers reported that GARM would be fortified for the Spring Break Season. GARM number is 409-682-3603. Community Policing – remind everyone to have all of your emergency numbers, dispatch number is 409-765-3702. Be watchful of your belongings. Be sure to register your golf cart with the City and no unlicensed drivers are allowed on the carts. He hears complaints of renters not respecting our property. Residents should be the island stewards and follow the rules.

The Galveston Police Department Citizens Police Academy was formed many years ago to educate ourselves about our community and law enforcement issues. As Alumni you can write parking tickets when trained Alumni drive the Citizens on Patrol car. The Alumni use their resources to raise awareness about crime prevention and other matters important to the Galveston Police Department. The Galveston Police Department Citizens Police Academy classes began February 4, 2014. You may still register at galvestonpolice.net or bring and mail a completed

application to: Galveston Police Dept. Attn: Sgt Destin Sims, 601 54th Suite 200, Galveston, Texas 77551.

Power of Attorney – This document gives the Police the right to arrest if you are not available at your home when a crime is being committed.

District 6 Happenings – Marie Robb. Notified that Congress will be voting on Biggers-Water Act the last week of February.

A special meeting will be held concerning issues at the City level. The City Council sets policy, and the city manager makes the policy happen. Certain actions were taken that the City Council did not authorize, causing certain projects to be delayed due to loss of funds.

The drainage project started a year ago, they were to work from the one end to the other, but it was hit and misses on the subdivisions served. The Static easements are at a standstill. The coastal survey was completed with private funds, the city promised to do it annually. This year's survey was done but not by the City. To get FEMA funds you must have the survey done annually.

There have been several daytime robberies while the owners have been home. A contractor outside distracts the owners while their buddies are in robbing the home.

Galveston County Judge Mark Henry made a presentation on the State of the County. We have cut the County tax rate. Our bond rating was just upgraded to AA++. Fitch praised our efforts to control the tax rate, size of government and keep a fund balance. We are business friendly and promote business growth. We have a new website. We were awarded State Comptroller Leadership for transparency in government. The mosquito control spray schedule is on the website. The Tanger Outlet is doing well; the County does not receive any taxes from the outlet. The Port signed a new deal with Royal Caribbean for four years. The Pelican Island Bridge – a new rail and vehicle bridge will need to be Federally Funded and is being considered. Ike Dike has accepted \$4Million, and has started the study and will have a road map of what the Ike Dike will look like. The Justice of the Peace offices have been consolidated from 9 to 4. Beach Erosion Task Force will be resurrected. To vote in the County you can now vote anywhere.

Hershey Beach – Public move for parking moved west with the paid parking. The City has put in bollards and port a potties. A committee has been meeting with the City to provide that service is provided all along the west end. Jerry Mohn asked for a list of subdivisions that want port-a-potties. The subdivisions who responded who wanted more trash cans have received them. The bollards, port-a-potties, trashcans and proper signage are other items the City will need to address.

Beach Maintenance Permits - A Committee Best Practices, survey has required a meeting for March 4th and is set to come up with new rules.

The RV Park planned near the Miramar and Bay Harbor is still under objection by the adjacent subdivisions.

Signage: The City of Galveston and the Parks Board are working on new signs for the subdivisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM