

# WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 19, 2011

The Board of Directors held a Board meeting on February 19, 2011 at the Galveston Country Club. John Lightfoot, President of Bermuda Beach Improvement Committee and sitting in for President Jerry Mohn, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of Directors was present with the attendance of: Ron Coker – Bermuda Beach, Tom Boothe – Condominiums, Ken Diestler – Spanish Grant Bay, Jim Jolly – Spanish Grant Beachside, Al Galli – Jamaica Beach, and Susan Gonzales representing Isla del Sol and Pointe San Luis.

Introductions of Officials and Corporate Sponsors was held.

The minutes were distributed by email. Upon motion duly made by Ron Coker, and seconded by Al Galli, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approved the minutes of January 2011 as presented.

The financial report was sent out by email. Upon motion duly made by Tom Boothe and seconded by Al Galli, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approved the Treasure report.

**CenterPoint Energy:** Keith Gray with Center Point Energy was introduced to discuss the "Recent Blackouts". He explained the reason the blackout stayed out on the West end was due to equipment that needed to be upgraded. Framing is being repaired to change out the galvanized to Sea Spray steel bolts. Two transformers went out in Pirates Beach due to heat load. Transformers with a red light on – please contact Keith Gray at 713-569-1652.

**GISD:** John Lightfoot introduced Larry Nichols – Superintendent of the Galveston Independent School District. Larry has been a Superintendent of various high schools for 22 years, he is a graduate of Texas A & M. Larry gave an overview "where are we today" academically unacceptable able due to drop out rates, part due to IKE. This is job #1 to correct. "If you come to school we can teach you".

Expectation for accountability – review data with central office team – review where students are and what we are doing about raising the level for the students. Parents or students obligation for extra AP courses.

Ball High would have been recognized last year except for dropouts, expect to get drop out rate removed for this year. Galveston is a rich school district because property value per student is high.

Larry Nichols is working through the audit to reduce the number of audits. He believes in "one student at a time each student has a story"

He stressed that we need volunteer mentors to the students.

That plans are to improve the perception of poor quality of schools in Galveston. A. The perception will change once changes take place.

Q. Has the change in the population due to IKE change the school funding. A: To be determined over time we will get a good perception.

If I can't touch you. I can't make you do school work.

But if I can make you disappear, than I can make you do school work or anything else.

He was asked about building new facilities. He stated facilities do not teach. He emphasized to "lets repair and not replace".

Adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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