

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting June 21, 2014, with City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri

Jamaica Beach Council Chambers

Present: Lew Ahrend, Dunes of West Beach; Dick Kuriger – Pirates POA; Clay Lewis – Sportsman Road POA; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Kim Foley – Pointe West; Ron Coker – Bermuda Beach; Jay Hellerich – Acapulco Village; Charley Jones – Sea Isle; Steve Kendziera – Jamaica Beach; Bet Jennings – Laffite’s Cove; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Nina Parker – Terramar; Jerry Mohn

Summary: Board members overall expressed the need for more police patrols on the west end and for the police to patrol the beach areas and to ticket vehicles (especially golf carts) on the beach. It was recommended that the Board have a special meeting with the Chief of Police along with City Council Member Sunseri to go over issues and concerns.

The following was presented to City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri.

Dunes of West Beach: concerned about the new SilverLeaf Resorts time share facility that will be built on the beachside. There is one walkover for 800 of the bay side residents now and concerned over flows could affect Dunes of West Beach. In addition, parking area for SilverLeaf is full and no more room.

Acapulco Village: golf cart issues with driving on the beach. They call the police and very little response. Instead of the patrol car going onto the beach to ticket the golf cart, they come into the subdivision. Suggest the dispatch officer have a map on their desk of the west end to see where the subdivisions are so they can send patrols out onto the beach in front of the subdivisions and also where the streets are located to get to the beach.

Terramar: encountering vandalism the past two to three weeks such as our beach entry sign being severely damaged and then stolen and also last night someone destroyed our marina gate. Throwing seaweed in the pool. Golf carts are also an issue with underage drivers. Lack of police enforcement in the subdivision. Lots of frustration.

Isla del Sol: Golf carts and pickup trucks are hurting their wetlands – wiping out trails and 50% of the wetlands are gone. Drainage grates are lying on the grass and City finally issues a work order to replace. Nearby golf cart rental company is a problem with the big golf carts that use the walkovers in getting to the beach. Lack of patrols and enforcement.

Sportsman Road: pot holes on 8 Mile and Sportsman Road need to be fixed. Trash is a problem with people just throwing it out of cars along 8 Mile Road.

Laffite's Cove: golf carts are an issue with underage drivers. Vandalism at all hours of the night - Mostly kids and mostly on golf carts. Golf carts aren't supposed to be driven after dark. Need more patrols and enforcement

Spanish Grant Beach: SG Beach cannot say we are the best patrolled subdivision on the West End. We have had 4 burglaries during the past year. We have 2 grinder pumps which are on the list for consideration by the city--1 is a likely candidate to be upgraded to city sewer. A list of drainage needs was submitted to the former District 6 CC member and still no response from the City. We will submit a new list for the new CC member. A consistent theme from SGB property owners is that the new District 6 CC member to please return phone calls and respond to e-mails.

Bermuda Beach: grinder pumps are an issue and need to be replaced with a sewer system. We hire security to patrol the beach access area.

Pirates POA: need more police patrols. Fire station at 12 mile road is critical for Pirates and City needs to be modernizing the facility with furniture and fixtures. The PPOA spent \$70,000 of its own money for additional security. Need more west end police and fire protection.

Jamaica Beach: discussed the police force in Jamaica Beach. Residents feel very safe with the large police force (6 officers) present.

Indian Beach: Lost three walkovers with Ike. FEMA has funds to replace and City does not have an engineer now to design but Indian Beach will hire one to design one but City needs to approve first. A "catch 22" but need help in getting City to approve of the engineer. In addition, Indian Beach drainage on East & West De Vaca needs to be addressed since in heavy rains these streets flood. The City has indicated the streets in Indian Beach would be repaved, which are really in bad shape, with the sewer project we would like to see this become a reality. The police are not enforcing no vehicles on the beach. Since there are no walkovers the beach is open and Indian Beach has no control to stop trucks and cars from driving over privately owned lots to access the beach.

District 6 City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri: indicated her top priorities for the west end is dealing with infrastructure (drainage, streets, water) issues and to have a sewer system and no more septic tanks. She is addressing the noise ordinance issue in Sea Isle along with other City Council members and it will be brought up in the July 10 workshop. Feels a good idea to meet with the Police Chief to go over patrols and golf carts on the west end.

Other:

- 1. Motion by Ron Coker and seconded by Peggy Zahler to approve the May 17 minutes and the current financial report.**
- 2. Jerry Mohn reviewed the accounts receivables and late payers of dues and corporate sponsors.**