

## West Galveston Island Property Owners Association (WGIPOA)

### Board of Directors Meeting

The WGIPOA Board of Directors held a meeting on July 19, 2014, at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A quorum of Directors was established by the attendance of Jay Hellerich – Acapulco Village, Tom Boothe – Condo West Beach Grand, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Steve Kendziera – Jamaica Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach/Cove, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Clay Lewis – Sportsman Road, Tammy Kidd – Bermuda Beach, Susan Gonzales with CKM Property Management was also present.

The Board reviewed the minutes. Motion by Clay Lewis and seconded by Tom Boothe, the Board by unanimous vote approved the June 21, 2014 minutes.

The financial and collection reports were reviewed and accepted by motion by Clay Lewis and seconded by Tom Boothe.

Attending Officials Judge Jim Schweitzer and City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri were recognized.

Judge Jim Schweitzer stated that people who help report animals in poor condition are very helpful and appreciated.

**City Council Member District 6:** Carolyn Sunseri stated Dan Butley was hired as the new Assistant City Manager. City is working on the flood map review. Concerning the noise ordinance, the city of Galveston will review it in workshop. Galveston decibel rate is 85, most other cities are lower. Infrastructure: reviewing all the projects on the list and wanting to move forward on the issues, and the need

to be on the sewer system. Contact Carolyn at 409-692-4974 or [carolynsunseri@cityofgalveston.org](mailto:carolynsunseri@cityofgalveston.org).

**Galveston Bay Foundation:** Bob Stokes, President of the Galveston Bay Foundation, made a presentation to bring the west up to date on the organization and its activities. Information included recent oil spill, GBF overview, storm surge issues, and fish consumption advisories.

Galveston Bay Foundation: Oil Spill Response, Storm Surge Protection, Fish consumption advisory...

Mission: to preserve protect and enhance the natural resources of the Galveston Bay estuarine system and its tributaries.

Established 19 87, managed by 25 person board of directors that meet monthly, run by a staff of 23, projects/programs span all around Galveston bay, its sub-bays and tributaries. We were accredited by the Land Trust Alliance.

Accomplishments in 25 years: Success in bringing the National Estuary Program to Galveston bay

Preservation, protection, and restoration of over 17,000 acres of habitat around Galveston Bay

Involvement of over 7000 citizens in planting approx. 200 acres of marsh at 70 sites through 16 consecutive years of “Marsh Mania” events, protection of over 16 miles of Galveston Bay shorelines from continued erosion, outreach and education of tens of thousands of school children through ongoing programs such as Bay Ambassadors, the Children’s art calendar, get hip to habitat, bay day, and education booths.

Advocate for protective freshwater inflow standards of collaborating with key organizations and building support from stakeholders, citizens, and civic groups

Oil Spill Response: How are we prepared to protect Galveston Bay

- Clean channel association has training and equipment readily available-booming, response vessels, hazardous waste operation courses.
- City, County, State, NGOs and federal agencies meet quarterly (collectively called the central Texas coastal area committee) for unified response preparedness
- Vessel traffic control – US Coast guard

Preparedness: Memorandum of Agreement was signed.

\*Nationally-recognized need for volunteer coordination during oil spill, maintain data base of volunteers, provide and manage volunteers during oil spill incidences that occur in Galveston, chambers, Brazoria, and/or Harris County.

Storm Surge Protection retreating shore lines.

The Ike Dike Concept was the idea of Dr. Bill Merrill, TAMUG 2008. Dike was be placed from High Island to Freeport, No formal plans for GBF to comment upon yet. <http://www.tamug.edu/ikedike/>

Concerns – direct impacts to habitat, indirect impacts to habitat, changes to bay circulation, “Green Light” to runaway development.

Seafood Consumption Advisories: issued in HSC, San Jacinto River and Upper Galveston Bay, 2008 advisory for whole bay system for PCSs and dioxins in speckled trout and catfish.

Habitat Restoration: recent west end projects: Oyster Lake shoreline protection, Bay Harbor, Isla Del Sol and Terramar, and Snake Island Cove.

Bike Around the Bay – two day event traveling 185 mile starts and ends in Bay town, over 1000 cyclist join us. October 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Police Department Meeting – next Saturday at 10:00 A.M. there will be a meeting to discuss the issues on the beach.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> a luncheon at 11:30 there will be a luncheon meeting for the kkkk file in.....held at the Galveston

Meeting was adjourned at 10: 30 A.M.

Susan Gonzales, Recording Secretary