

**West Galveston Island Property Owners Association (WGIPOA)  
Board of Directors Meeting**

The WGIPOA Board of Directors held a meeting on October 18, 2014, at the Galveston Country Club. Peggy Zahler, Vice President called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.M. A quorum of Directors was not established. Those in attendance were Clay Lewis – Sportsman Road, Lew Arend – Dunes of the West Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach & Cove, and Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach. Susan Gonzales was also present.

Candidates present were introduced: Wayne Faircloth, Susan Criss, and Bill Young.

**Community Policing: Officer Chad Meyers.** Summer is over and things have settled down. Crime will continue with theft of homes, lock your home, and lock your cars. Secure your expensive toys. Be aware of your surroundings in shopping areas.

**District 6 Happenings:** Carolyn Sunseri stated the budget has passed. For City Manager we are down to two candidates. There has been no selection. Maxwell and Rasmussen are being considered. Parks Board is being given additional responsibilities for west end beach access, parking at the seawall and other activities. Land Development regulations are almost completed. Concerns were stated on the R1 & R2 rates as it affects rental properties. The noise level ordinance is being reviewed. There is now an electronic permitting on line.

Questions for attendees: Susan Gonzales stated concerns about the Indian Beach sewer and street repair. It was previous promised by the City to install both in 2015. Now we have heard it will not include the bayside. Asked that Carolyn present the Indian Beach concerns to the City. Susan also stated the City of Galveston has FEMA money for the replacement of the dunes but no dunes since IKE, Carolyn will follow up on that issue as well. Pirates Beach has requested to use the Mobimat but has been informed it will take two years by FEMA to approve. Kawakawa is also having problems with walkovers – Carolyn will address these issues with Angelo. The members would like to have a voice with the Parks Board; Carolyn offered to take questions to the Parks Board.

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**Candidate Forum:** Peggy Zahler introduced the candidate's forum with Wayne Faircloth and Susan Criss. Both candidates are running for Texas State Representative for HD 23. Peggy gave the ground rules for the candidate's

forum. Both candidates introduced themselves and provided information on their background.

**Q: How would you deal with the ebola issue?**

**Wayne Faircloth** stated yesterday he met with the UTMB representatives. He learned that the virus has a two-hour shelf life. Clorox is used to kill the virus.

**Susan Criss** stated she met with Dr. Raimer who said the nursing staff was not trained properly.

**Q: How do we get the IKE DIKE done?**

**Susan Criss** stated she attended meeting with Dr. Merriell. It is a matter of political will. The perception is that Galveston can take care of itself – it can't.

**Wayne Faircloth** stated we need to build a plan, build a code and build the Ike Dike. We need to stop being reactive and be proactive.

**Q: Do you have a latest cost of the Ike Dike and do you think cost of insurance will go down?**

**Wayne Faircloth** stated I suggested to Dr. Merrell to get his classes to do a working model and yes the insurance will go down with the installation of the Ike Dike. He stated he has heard \$25-30 billion to build and \$15 million for the engineering study.

**Susan Criss** stated she agreed with the cost statement and yes the costs of insurance should go down.

**Q: Open beaches vs Severance**

**Susan Criss** stated she was involved with the Porretto Case. Susan believes in the open beaches act.

**Wayne Faircloth** – any legislature that would reduce or stop property rights – I would be against.

**Q: What is your attitude about working with the other Party?**

**Wayne Faircloth** stated I cannot tell the Senator what to do – I will advocate what our district needs.

**Susan Criss** stated I work with other Parties and agrees we need to stop the “us against them.

**Q: What can you do to reduce the expenses and increase the revenue?**

**Wayne Faircloth** – the State is a business. Being a business owner I know how to scrimp and save. We have more projects than money.

**Susan Criss** – I too know how to scrimp.

The candidates made closing statements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.