

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The West Galveston Island POA held a Board of Directors meeting on January 17, 2015 at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 A. M. A quorum was established by the attendance of Bruce Reinhart – Beachside Village, Ron Coker – Bermuda Beach, Tom Boothe – Condo/W.Beach Grand, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Steve Kendziera – Jamaica Beach, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove, Clay Lewis – Sportsman Road, and Nina Parker – Terramar.

Jerry Mohn introduced the Officials and newly elected Officials State Representative Wayne Faircloth and County Commissioner Joe Giusti, Judge Jim Schweitzer, and City Council member Carolyn Sunseri.

Prior to the meeting, the Board received the minutes of the October 25, 2014 (the last meeting) and the current financials. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Tom Boothe, the Board approved the minutes and financials by unanimous vote.

The Corporate Sponsors were recognized, JSC Federal Credit Union and CKM Management.

Community Policing: Officer Joey Quiroga – community policing, gave appreciation for those who helped with the Christmas effort for children.

The Police Citizens' police academy will start up February 9, 2015 and will be held at the Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Post Office, Galveston.

District 6: City Council member Carolyn Sunseri presented a report. Sea Isle was inspected for the drainage issues will be looking at ways to improve the condition and the neighborhood improvement funds. Sand Dune at Dellanara Park is really taking hold. New beaches going in this summer at 61st street. An ordinance was passed on short-term rentals and goes into March 1, 2015. The city needed a registration process and to have local contact. Animal control and noise ordinance is being reviewed. Temporary concessions (food trucks), there are certain regulations where they can be located; the process is being reviewed by an ad hoc committee. Engineering for walkovers on the west end has started. Stripping for Stewart Road from 7 Mile Road has been requested.

Other: A request to get the Mummies for the Galveston Mardi Gras was being made, those interested are invited to attend Craig Eiland's private party on February 13, 2015, 2211 Strand, and a donation of \$250 includes Food and drinks and picture with the Mummies.

State of Galveston: – Mayor Jim Yarbrough. City Manager type of Government works. Mayor Yarbrough stated he would be holding the City Manager responsible. He stressed the importance of Public input and working together. Will ask City Council for a master list of all the projects going on and needed in Galveston. Since there are two- year terms, the master list will help going forward. We need to be more organized. Ike brought a whole new set of issues that we had no experience in dealing with. He will work with each Council Member to have full understanding of projects in each pct. Will put together committee of a diversified group based on area, we want new and fresh

input. With each new committee or ad hoc group we will give them a description of goals, calendar, though workshops will not make decisions, they will put together a plan and then it goes to council to make the decision. We will workshop before a vote. Charter review, it is outdated and will be updated and needs to be based on good basic policy. Our Mission is February – June to review it, July we will Deal with term limits, 2 year is too short.

Ordinances – will review all the ordinances and streamline to assure they are not outdated and confirm that we are enforcing the ordinance. We need to have a process in place to handle projects. We will make structural changes to accomplish our goals. We will collectively work together with the GLO and FEMA and other agencies.

We will make sure our public buildings are maintained.

Developing a master plan for the City of Galveston departments. West end sewer, Carolyn Sunseri is working on drainage and sewers.

Our Gateway – working with TexDot, getting our gateway mowed. The city parks are going to be mowed and dwarf Oleanders will be installed. Weeds and litter will be cleaned up. We will remove bandit signs. Signs on telephone poles, old posts will be removed. Old buildings will be removed.

Ike Dike needs to be moved to the top of the list. The trolley, we are working on it, his goal is to have tourist park their car and be able to navigate the island on a trolley system. Mayor Yarbrough wants no parking on the Southside of the seawall and stated we need to build parking garages.

The bridges to pelican, it is inadequate,

Port – need to improve the relationship between the City and the Port Board. It was recommended by Clay Stewart to use the County prisoners to pick up the trash before the mowers who mow over the trash. Boyd Carr recommended that a city pool be constructed. We need to provide amenities for children.

We have too many traffic lights, too many signs, buildings that need to be cleaned up, litter that needs to be picked up and landscaping that needs to be maintained.

It was recommended that insidious non-invasive planting occur to save money. Also recommended the removal of the large billboards.

Sand Nourishment Projects: this project included the design and construction of a beach nourishment project placing beach-quality sand on the beach from the end of the Seawall to Dellanara Park. The Corp. will be dredging 1 million cubic yards of sand and placing it from 61st Street to the end of the Seawall. The project is a \$6-7 million project.

Windstorm – There was two new Bills filed. House Bill 696 by state representative Todd Hunter would change the funding structure and involve the private market more. The bill would help spread the risk statewide. The Senate and House bills are nearly identical. Senate Bill 302 will require the Texas Department of Insurance to study incentives to promote private companies' participation in the voluntary market and report to the Legislature.

Land Development Regulations (LDR): Three issues are being reviewed Bermuda Beach & Spanish Grant, Digital Signs, and the Noise Ordinance On the noise ordinance we are asking for 67 decibels.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Susan Gonzales, Recording Secretary