

West Galveston Island POA

Board of Directors meeting

The West Galveston Island POA Board meeting was held on September 19, 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 Tom Boothe – Condo/W. Beach Grand, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach, Kim Foley – Pointe West, Joan Newton – Bermuda Beach, Jeannie Mason – Palm Beach, Charley Jones – Sea Isle and Paul Voinis – Sportsman Road. Susan Gonzales with CKM Property Mgt was present as recording Secretary.

Corporate Sponsors in attendance were Peggy Zahler- JSC Credit Union, Susan Gonzales – CKM Property Mgt. Peggy Rapp with Rapp Management provided the financial reports. Officials and Candidates in attendance were Joey Quiroga – Galveston Police, Jimmy Fullen – Constable PCT 4, and Joe Giusti – County Commissioner.

The Board reviewed the minutes of a Special meeting held on August 15, 2015 and the September financial report. Motion by Tom Boothe and seconded by Dick Kuriger, the Board approved by unanimous vote the Minutes of August 2015 and the financial reports.

District 6: Carolyn Sunseri was unable to attend. Jerry Mohn gave a District 6 update provided by Carolyn. FY2015-2016 Budget will be adopted on September 24, 2015 in the amount of \$144,975,477. This budget includes property tax revenue that exceed last year's total. This is based on a higher tax roll and a rate of \$0.529, which is less than last year's tax rate of \$0.53390. This budget will raise more than last year's budget by \$1,932,560. With this, the City will be able to do some significant Capital Improvement Projects including hire hydrant replacement, rehabilitation of a 30 inch 1890 waterline, sanitary sewer force main, lift station repairs, sewer construction to the West End. The city is looking for a new City Attorney. Don Glywasky has been appointed the interim manager.

The Parks Board and City are working with the Corps of Engineers to renourish the beaches from 61st – 89th and Seawall. The new ISO rating for the City went from a 4 to a 2, which will bring a significant decrease to everyone's fire insurance as much as 10%.

Flooding in the Sea Isle area is being worried on and engineering is 80% complete. A meeting has been scheduled for September 23 at City Hall to discuss the Dune Walkovers. Please contact Carolyn on other projects; please submit your wish list to carolynsunseri@cityofgalveston.org. or call her cell at 409-692-4974.

Newsletter: Peggy Zahler, West Ender published newsletter on Labor Day. Thanked Dr. Tom Linton for his contributions. The newsletter will go to every Senate and Congressional Office.

Peggy stated that the while the beach sand is dark it would lighten up in a few months. More sand is coming.

R/V Trident: Jerry Mohn introduced Alan Post, Waterfront Director for the Texas A & M Trident Ship. Marine Education Support and Safety Operation – The Ocean is our Classroom. In March 2014 Texas A & M University at Galveston signed a contract with GEO Shipyards in New Iberia, LA for the construction of a Research, Academic and Training Vessel. This \$2.4 million dollar asset will bring much needed functionality to the Waterfront Fleet. It will allow us to travel up to 200 nautical miles from shores in a variety of mission configurations. It has berthing for 12 crew and scientists. This vessel will provide a total number of vessel trips 841, 3 hr trips. Equivalent in credit hours of 18 classes /week, Total gallons of water delivered to sea life center 72,000, Total lost time injuries for staff NONE, Lost time injuries for persons carried NONE, and Student opportunity. The purpose is for multi mission training, teaching and research vessel, and the cost to operate is \$2500.

The Earl Milan refit will include: new engine and transmissions, new generator, entire new system, interior and exterior. It is a 70 foot boat and has the ability to conduct small boat research projects.

They are in the process of designing a new larger Ocean capable vessel with capacity for 20 persons overnight and 20-day mission endurance called Neptune's Cost \$15 Million.

Mission of ships is for academic classes on sight.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.