

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The West Galveston Island POA Board of Directors meeting was held on June 18, 2016. Each year we hold a joint Hurricane Preparedness/Recovery meeting with the City of Jamaica Beach. Prior to the meeting District 6 City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri meet with the Board to go over issues and concerns with member communities and the west end.

Attendees: Jerry Mohn – President WGIPOA, Bermuda Beach – Bill Ferrary, Isla Del Sol – Boyd Carr, Jamaica Beach – Steve Kendziera, Laffites Cove – Jed Goodall, Palm Beach – Melanie Perry, Pirates Beach & Cove – Dick Kuriger, Pointe West – Kim Foley, Spanish Grant Bay – Charles Mancouche, Sea Isle – Charley Jones, Spanish Grant Beach – Peggy Zahler, Terramar – Craig Vance, and Susan Gonzales.

Spanish Grant Bay: Fishing is occurring from the Camino Street bridge and road side, which is dangerous. The bridge has become increasingly popular as a public bank fishing spot and kayak launch spot. People park on the bridge, set up folding chairs and ice boxes, let children run free, etc. Increasingly people are fishing into the night or coming at night to fish. Sometimes they rig bright lights and at least once they drove over a neighbor's yard to launch a flat bottom boat right over his bulkhead. Parking on the bridge and fishing from the bridge should be illegal. Parking and fishing after dark raises major security concerns. Of course trespassing is also a concern. SG Bay would like the City to adopt an ordinance prohibiting fishing from the bridge and placing signs.

Pirates Beach – Thanked Carolyn for her helping a neighbor who had a \$5000 COG water bill.

Laffite's Cove: Street flooding and drainage Issues on corner of Cove Lane & Stewart and areas along Cove Lane. Need a new street sign and Cove Lane and Stewart.

Sea Isle: There has been an increase in burglaries – Carolyn will discuss this with the police. Always report every crime to the police.

Terramar: Missing “No Driving on the Beach” and other signage. This was referred to the Parks Board and all replaced. Also, would like to know the status of the Gulf Drive water line.

Spanish Grant Beach Advised that the Director of Public Works did an excellent job with drainage issues. Issues were the streets are too narrow and traffic problems were bad during Memorial Day. Also, need 4 “Dead End” signs in the subdivision.

Bermuda Beach: Will be getting sewers and getting rid of the grinders – happiness again. Also, would like to see garbage pick-up on John Reynolds street.

Isla del Sol: Reported that the drainage grates need to be cleaned and replaced and the drainage cleaned up at the retention pond. The pond runs toward the treatment plant. Carolyn stated that it is important that contractors not put their clippings down the drains. Bay Point Drive had an issue with excessive vehicles at a construction site, and this also occurs at rental homes. For rentals only the number of cars a driveway can hold is allowed – for issues call GARM. For other vehicles issues space for emergency vehicles must be allowed – if an issue occurs call the police.

Palm Beach: Working on getting permits for walkovers at Surf Drive.

Pointe West: There are serious issues with fishermen on the Bayside with camp fires, lights, loud noise, etc. Police are not responding to security calls.

The following property owner associations were not able to attend but did send in issues and concerns to be addressed:

Beachside Village: There are ditches that need to be cleaned out in 3 to 4 areas and are pursuing with the Director of Public Works.

Sportsman Road: A dilapidated house on 8-Mile Road at Sportsman Road should be condemned and removed. Sportsman Road needs to be resurfaced and ditches cleaned out.

Acapulco Village: Inquired when the new sewers would be coming to Acapulco Village and a forced hook up. Rumors indicate no hook ups until the septic tank fails. Carolyn advised the first bid that came in for the project were almost twice as much over the estimates and they were sent out again.

Other items discussed:

The Neighborhood Fund – Carolyn would like to use her fund to put in a boat launch. She stated there is an old boat launch at the Airport that she would like to use and is also looking for other areas for a public boat launch.

Driving on the Beach – In areas where driving on the beach is allowed COG will adopt a no access rule from midnight to 5:00 a.m. Where driving is not allowed only an COG permitted ADA golf cart is allowed and must have the individual needing the ADA with the vehicle. Most communities are experiencing vehicles on the beach which are not permitted by COG. More policing is needed.

New Street Lights – compliments were given and Carolyn said to thank Keith Gray – CenterPoint Energy for the lights.

No Outlet Signs: SGBeach, Terramar, and Bermuda Beach need “No Outlet” signs.

No Parking Signs: Pirates Beach, Bermuda Beach, etc. all beach access streets for all of the west end need “No Parking” on one side of the street to allow emergency vehicles down the street. When the Park Board implements the \$15 parking fee, people will come into the subdivisions and clog up the beach access points. As a follow up Carolyn sent an email asking the subdivisions where they wanted the “No Parking” signs and many responded.

Beach Garbage Cans & Garbage pick-up of trash: concerns were stated that there either were no cans or the cans were not being emptied of trash. Carolyn did state there where there were missing cans, they now have been replaced.

Street Signs missing – There are missing street signs in Laffites Cove, Pirates Beach, Pointe San Luis and other communities.

Snakes: When there are rattlesnake sightings, the police will not come to remove it unless someone is cornered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. and we all proceeded to the City of Jamaica Beach & West Galveston Island POA 2016 Hurricane Planning/Evacuation/Recovery meeting.

Speakers introduced were: Steve Spicer – Jamaica Beach Mayor, Jerry Mohn – WGIPOA President, Wayne Faircloth – State Representative, Mark Henry – County Judge, Joe Giusti – County Commissioner, and, Carolyn Sunseri – Galveston City Council Member

Jerry Mohn introduced the following speakers on Hurricane Planning & Evacuation: Patrick Blood – National Weather Service, Garret Foskit – Galveston County Emergency Management, Mike Wisko – City of Galveston Emergency Manager and Fire Chief, and Chief Rick Boyle – City of Galveston Police Dept.

Jerry Mohn introduced the following speakers on Hurricane Recovery/Lessons Learned. Pete Phillips – Texas General Land Office, Brian Maxwell – City of Galveston City Manager, Ross Blacketter – City of Galveston Director of Infrastructure, Kyle Hockersmith – City of Galveston Director of Public Works, Reuben Trevino – Galveston Parks Board Director of Operation, Nathan Jung – Galveston Area Ambulance Authority Admin., Keith Gray – CenterPoint Energy, Michael Ruiz – Galveston Insurance Agency, and a presentation of Jamaica Beach.

The attendees were invited to enjoy hotdogs and a beverage after the meeting.