

# ***West Galveston Island Property Owners Association***

## **WGIPOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 12/17/16**

**WGIPOA Board Members present: Jerry Mohn; Craig Vance – Terramar; Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach; Charley Jones – Sea Isle; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Melanie Perry – Palm Beach; and Susan Gonzales – Recoding Secretary and representing Isla del Sol**

### **1. Financials - YTD**

**Reviewed financials as of December 14, Total assets and cash in the bank the end of the year will be close to \$70,000.**

### **2. 2017 Proposed Budget**

**Motion made by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Charley Jones to approve the proposed budget for 2017. Motion was unanimous. Motion made by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Charley Jones where the Board agreed that if there are budgeted items, it is not necessary for the President to seek Board approval for each expenditure but to let them know of the expense.**

### **3. Funds – disbursements**

**The Board agreed to use funds for special projects or financial support at organizations such as Artist Boat or Friends of Galveston Island State Park and see what they need. \$5,000 has been budgeted.**

### **4. 2017 Meetings and Suggested Guest Speakers**

- a. Jerry Mohn will not be present at three meetings if we stick to having a meeting the third Saturday of the month in January, February, and October. Vice President Peggy Zahler will be available to handle the first meeting of the year, January 21. The Board agreed to change the February 18 date to February 25 and October 21 to October 28. Motion made by Craig Vance and seconded by Jay Lendrum to approve the changes.**
- b. After the meeting, Jerry Mohn met with Knute Lund to finalize the meeting dates. Knute said the meeting we planned for April 15 was the day before Easter and they were having a special event where they need our room. I penciled in changing the meeting date to April 22 and will obtain Board approval for this date, which I did receive from the members at the meeting.**
- c. The Board reviewed topics and guest speakers and suggested the below.**
  - Meeting Dates**
    - January 21 – Mayor Jim Yarbrough**
    - February 25 – City of Galveston with Mike Abner, Director of Utilities, and Kyle Hockersmith – Director of Public Infrastructure.**
    - March 18 – Presentation by Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area**
    - April 22 – Cheryl Johnson – County Tax Assessor/Collector**
    - Mat 20 – Ken Wisian, Deputy Director GLO**
    - June 17 – Jamaica Beach Hurricane Preparedness Meeting**
    - July 22 – City Manager Brian Maxwell**

August 19 – Charles Jordan – Property Tax Codes.  
September 16 - Senator Larry Taylor or Judge Mark Henry  
October 28 – “My Galveston” by Galveston Chamber of Commerce  
November and December – no meetings

- d. For the August 19 meeting, the Board agreed this will be a full breakfast served prior to the meeting. This was a very popular and well attended meeting in 2016. All others will be breakfast burritos.
- e. **Note:** If there are cancellations or the invited presenters are not available, the Board suggested Congressman Randy Weber, Judge Mark Henry, update on the “Ike Dike” by Len Waterworth, Cherie O’Brien - Texas Parks & Wildlife; and /or J.P. Bryan from the Bryan Museum.

**5. Face Book/Twitter**

The President recommended the WGIPOA engage social media operations in order to communicate more about the organization and to increase attendance at meetings. The Board believes these social media groups are not necessary and become too involved in socializing. Request denied.

**6. Marsh Restoration Project: Preliminary notification and reports. Per Consultant Cherie O’Brien, we are still in the running. Cheri indicated there are two Deepwater Horizon funding sources and the WGIPOA applied for two and we are to find out by yearend.**

**7. Sand Nourishment projects. Jerry Mohn advised he is involved with a small group that is looking at submitting a Bill during the upcoming Texas legislative session to allow a static easement for beach front sand nourishment projects. This may involve engaging a lawyer to draft the Bill for a fee. The Board will be kept abreast of this action.**

**8. Beach Access Points**

The City is reviewing all beach access points. We have requested the consultants to cease any vehicle traffic from current beach access point 34 to 36.

**9. LDR – Digital Signs: City Council has an ordinance that no digital signs west of the Seawall.**

**10. District 6 – issues/concerns. The Board feels Carolyn Sunseri is doing a very commendable job in representing the west end on City Council.**

**Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Jerry Mohn  
President**