

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors Meeting on July 22, 2017 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 Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Dunes of West Beach – Gary Strom, Bet Jennings represented by A.J. Widacki – Laffites Cove, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach/Cove, Kim Foley – Pointe West, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road, and Craig Vance – Terramar. Susan Gonzales – CKM and recording Secretary was present.

Jerry Mohn recognized City Council Members Carolyn Sunseri and Craig Brown, Constable Jimmy Fullen, and State Representative Wayne Fairchild. Sponsors recognized were Johnson Space Center Credit Union and CKM Property Management. Candidates were introduced running for State Representative – Mayes Middleton and Wayne Faircloth.

The Board reviewed the Minutes & financial reports. Motion made by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Charley Jones, the Board approved the June minutes and financial report as presented.

Community Policing Officers Patton & Stanfield suggested that if you have questions waved down one of the officers as they patrol through your community. If someone is trespassing on your property call the police at the non-emergency number 409-765-3702. There are approximately 4 – 5 officers working the west end. Complaints of problems with rentals were discussed. If the rental agency is a member of GARM (policing agency for rentals) call Officer Caldwell. If the house is not part of GARM, GARM will call the City of Galveston Police Department and file a report. The more calls the more patrolling. Vehicles parked more than 48 hours on the street will be tagged and notified they have 48 hours to remove before being towed. Golf carts on the beach are not allowed unless marked with handicap and must have the handicapped person on the vehicle. The Golf cart driver also must be licensed. Sgt Sims is conducting the Citizens Police Academy. There are future plans to also teach CPR and first aid.

District 6 Happenings – City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri

- *The COG is adding additional Officers to the police staff.
- *The Bond election passed and approved projects in June
- *The new City Marshall Michael Gray was hired for Code Enforcement
- *Broadway – working on lights and beautification
- *There will be no increase to the water rate this year but expect one next year by the Gulf Coast Water.
- *The Trolleys are running about 40,000 passengers.
- *Pedestrian crossing is going in front of the San Luis & Holiday Inn.
- *The COG Community Pool is almost ready.
- *COG is working on completing the Beach Access Plan; they are working on the survey. The city is looking at decreasing the number of access points. Per COG & GLO every ½ mile is required to have beach access.

Parks Board of Trustees representatives Chair Joyce Calver McLean, Executive Director Kelly DeShaun, and Director of Operations Reuben Trevino were present to make a presentation. GalvestonParkBoard.org

Kelly DeShaun stated that the vision of the Park Board of Trustees' is to lead Galveston and Texas in creating a tourist destination that promises memorable experiences and wonderful amenities and delivers lifelong memories that make people want to return and bring their friends and family. Its Mission is to promote Galveston Island, its natural resources, attractions, and heritage; to attract visitors to Galveston Island; and to assure that Galveston's assets.

The Parks Board of Trustees manage beach nourishment, beach patrolling, beach parking, beach parks, East End Lagoon, coastal Zone Management, collection of Hotel Occupancy Taxes, and promote tourism.

Seaweed and the Parks Board of Trustee's and the Corp. of Engineer – Kelly DeShaun.

The Federal Beach Permit has been in place with the Federal Regulations. Originally the seaweed clean up endangered the hatchling turtles. In 2014 the Corp. of Engineers issued a cease and desist of activity on the beach, the permit process just came in 2017. Beach cleaning entities such as subdivisions have been getting permits from the City of Galveston and the GLO. If you are going to work within the 3' (three feet) contour line it requires a Federal Permit. If you are using mechanized equipment you must have a federal permit. The Parks Board is trying to facilitate, the Parks Board is not a regulatory agency and as such has no jurisdiction.

Important Terms & Conditions:

- *Must have a Certified Turtle or wildlife monitor on site while working.
- *Operations must communicate with the Turtle Restoration Network before any work is undertaken on that day.
- *No grooming below the 3' contour line when less than 10% of the template is covered.
- *Permit must be displayed.
- *The seaweed must be deposited at the south toe of the dune.
- *Must have General Liability naming the Parks Board and COG to cover incidents and accidents on the beach.
- *Must have Performance, Profession or Environmental liability insurance to cover environmental damage or fines.

The Park Board is offering the use of the Permit.

The Parks Board will charge the contractor 42 cents per linear feet of a subdivisions beach. The contractor will also be charged a license fee depending on the number of HOA's they will have as customers. For one, it's \$500, and increases as more HOA's are involved. The contractor will charge these costs plus the contractor's fee to the property owner association. In addition, the property owner association will need a permit from the City at a cost of \$500 for the contractor to clean north of the 3 foot contour line. The cost of the Parks Board permit for the Corp of Engineers is \$100,000 for a five-year plan.

Reuben Trevino gave an overview of the beach nourishment plan of 2013.

Location: Dellanera Project

Quantities: \$5 million, 118,000 cubic yards at \$45/cy.

Time frame & Funding Source: March 2015, CEPRA Grant awarded for construction.

Location: Babe's Beach

Quantities: \$19 million, (\$8 million beach), 640,000 cubic yards at \$12.50/cy.

Time frame & Funding Source: November 2015, Federal interest WRDA 2016, restore grant currently included draft MIP for restore (MUDM Cycles 2019 & 2020)

Location: Historical Seawall

Quantities: \$19 million, 1 million cubic yards at \$19.00/cy.

Time frame & Funding Source: March 2015, FEMA Funds restoring from 1990's

The highest eroding section on the island is the end of the Seawall to Dellanera at the RV Park – note this it a project location. The goal is to reduce the cost of the sand and renourish the beach – we are trying to slow the erosion process through structural analysis.

Joyce Calver McLean closed the Parks Board presentation.

Joyce stated that the Parks Board wants to build up tourism during the Spring, Winter, and Fall and not just the Summer. Their mission is to develop more quality, longer staying tourist.

Alligators & Snakes

Call the Texas Parks & Wildlife and they are the only authority that can deem an alligator dangerous because of their protected status. The alligators are in their natural habitat, but if they have a become a nuisance (killing livestock or pets, or a threat to human health and safety call the Nuisance Hunter designated by Texas Parks & Wildlife and lives in Jamaica Beach, Brett Reynolds at 281-842-8100. Snakes, especially rattlesnakes are in the dunes, best to stay out of the dunes and make noise when going cross over areas to the beach. Communities are recommended to put out signs “Keep out of Dunes, Beware of Snakes”

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Susan Gonzales, Secretary