

## WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The West Galveston Island POA Board of Directors meeting was held on June 17, 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, Lafittes Cove – Bet Jennings, Palm Beach – Melanie Perry, Pirates Beach & Cove – Dick Kuriger, Pointe West – Kim Foley, Sea Isle – Charley Jones, Spanish Grant Beach – Peggy Zahler, Terramar – Craig Vance, and Dunes of West Beach - Jay Lendrum. Judge Lonny Cox and AJ Widacki attended as guests.

**Minutes/Financials:** The minutes of the May 20 meeting and the financials of June 12 were reviewed and approved with a motion by Charley Jones and a second by Melanie Perry.

**Palm Beach:** The digging of drainage ditches by the city is underway and very satisfied.

**Spanish Grant Beach:** More police patrols in the neighborhoods is necessary. They are seeing a decrease in the neighborhood. There are only 4 police officer's west of 61<sup>st</sup> street and the west end should have more. Carolyn is aware and is pushing for more.

**Laffite's Cove:** Lafittes Cove would like support for City Council to put Jeffrey Hill on the Planning Commission.

**Sea Isle:** The drainage work by the city has been successful and the property owner association is very pleased. Sea Isle would like to see the Neighborhood Fund each city council member received last year to be put into their streets.

**Pirates Beach/Cove:** Appreciated the work being done on drainage throughout the PPOA neighborhoods. The City is making progress on the numerous areas affected. Also appreciate the work that is being done on beach access particularly for streets Barataria and Buccaneer. Appreciate if Carolyn move the Park Board along in beach cleaning permitting process because this affects so many property owner associations on the west end.

**Terramar:** Power outages are occurring more frequently. Carolyn will discuss and pursue with Keith Gray of CenterPoint Energy. Gulf Drive – need more core samples. In addition, more paving is necessary for Kennedy and Gulf Drive, the City needs to finish what they started.

**Bermuda Beach:** Need for 12 inches more rock grade gravel on Bermuda Beach Drive. This would help alleviate the puddling and drainage problems with rains. Also, need more signs in the subdivision. Carolyn will investigate.

**Dunes of West Beach:** The only burning issue relates to the overall question of beach raking, maintenance and dune protection. This is administratively controlled by COG, GLO and the Army Corp of Engineers.

**Pointe West:** Electrical outages and Carolyn will discuss with CenterPoint. Also, golf carts on the beach are a real problem. Their area has no vehicles on the beach but some residents use their golf cart on the beach and causing problems for people on the beach or just walking. Request for police to increase patrols on Pointe West area and to write tickets.

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

**Isla del Sol:** Requested Carolyn to come out to Isla del Sol when the City starts the drainage work out there. Isla del Sol has many problems with city owned storm drainage that runs in the 15 feet right of way including sink holes and bridge/road erosion.

**Miramar/Half Moon Beach:** A request again to get vehicles off the beach between access points 33 to 36. Advised the beach access plan is being updated and in phase two and should finish by end of third quarter. They will measure how many parking spaces available to park. They take the linear feet of the beach area of a subdivision and divide by 15 feet, which accommodates one vehicle.

**Sportsman Road:**

1. The dilapidated house at 8 Mile and Sportsman still exists. The owner indicated it would be taken down but the delay could be a result of the development delay.
2. The house at 11820 Sportsman was also addressed. The owner has now had some materials delivered (back in January maybe) but no work has been done. Still Ike damage not repaired.
3. Sewer for Sportsman Road – Carolyn said there is a very slim chance with possible Deep-Water Horizon money.
4. Drainage and repaving the road. The city made some progress with clearing culverts last year, but the area at 8 Mile and beginning of Sportsman Road still needs work. If we could get the city's engineer to look at the drainage plans and see where that water is supposed to go, maybe they could figure out what's stopping the flow. I think some of the driveways into the developer's property do not have culverts and have stopped the water from going into the bay at that end of the street.
5. Repaving – we were on a bond issue right before Ike to get this road repaved. It really needs it and if the City could put in a 4" lift it would make a big difference in some of the high water we've been having. We've understood we need to wait for repaving for sewer installation, if that would happen, but if no sewer we need the road repaved.
6. The fire hydrant in front of Carolyn Gaido's camp has been missing now for over 3 years. It would be nice to finally get it back

**Beach Cleaning:** There was a discussion on the new Parks Board beach cleaning requirements. The Parks Board will authorize beach cleaning contractors to use their U.S. Army Corp permit to clean seaward of the mean high tide line or 3-foot contour. 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. These costs plus the contractor's fee will be charged 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 mean high tide line to the line of vegetation.

**Transportation:** Guest AJ Widacki volunteered for the Intermodal Transportation Board. Carolyn was interested in him being on that board and was going to see if the "resident" requirement could be waived if an applicant is at least "part time" resident. He mentioned a proposed plan for a direct connector from 61st St to I45 to relieve traffic leaving the island.