

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors Meeting on September 16, 2017 at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A quorum was established by the attendance of Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach/Cove, Kim Foley – Pointe West, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Tammy Kidd – Bermuda Beach, Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road, Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove, and Craig Vance – Terramar. Susan Gonzales – CKM was present.

Jerry Mohn introduced the public officials and candidates: Tx State Representative – Wayne Faircloth, County Commissioner – Joe Giusti, Director Eco Dev & Ext affairs – Port of Galveston and former Galveston Mayor - Bo Quiroga, and City Council – Carolyn Sunseri. Candidates: Bill Sargent – Running for Congress, Johnny Smecca – District 6 School Board, Mays Middleton – District 23 House, Wayne Faircloth – District 23 House and current State Representative, and Joe Giusti – County Commissioner.

Minutes & financial report: Motion by Charley Jones and seconded by Bet Jennings the Board approved the August 19, 2017 minutes and financial reports of September 11 by unanimous vote.

District 6 Happenings – Carolyn Sunseri: City is working the budget, CIP approved. Budget was approved. Putting more police on the street, have added two, plan to add six more. CIP 25 Million project on the streets, City did well during Harvey, the city was prepared and when the storm turned the city sent our firemen to help in rescue. The Galveston airport was the only airport that was open. Public works were out making sure the drains were not clogged. The strand flooded. Put in state of emergency in place until 10/31/17, extension of permit fees also until 10/31/17. Recommend members look at the City Managers minutes

Wayne Faircloth – State Representative Texas 85th Legislative Session: Texas Windstorm Insurance: Hurricane Harvey. Representative Faircloth has filed over 41 House Bills and co-authored over 25 House Bills.

Discussed how the legislation works while in session. With each new bill filed, the result of those bills must be reviewed to ascertain whether it will adversely affect Galveston County. It is a process of negotiating with those representing the bills filed and other representatives.

Wayne spends time building relationships to accomplish the best for Galveston. The Beach nourishment – we were losing \$22M and now we have \$45 million. UTMB has a tuition revenue bonds, they have correctional mgt care with a unique set up for safety. Wayne won the battle to keep the “Correctional Management Care”. To do away with the correctional management would cost jobs and ultimately affect the Galveston real estate market.

Coastal Barrier: Someone was also blocking the coastal barrier. Because the person blocking this bill had legislation on education and Wayne was not voting for that bill, they did not vote for Wayne’s bill. He asked for the Bill to be put out on the floor so he could present it. HCR 106 was signed by the Governor on 6/12/17: This bill was to Urging Congress to provide sufficient federal funding for the construction of a storm surge barrier along the Texas coast.

The money coming for the Pelican Island bridge is Federal Funds, money from Tex Dot is in jeopardy and we need to come up with a plan. It is important to replace the bridge.

Windstorm: he filed two bills that were placed on calendar the last day. Two things wanted are to make the commissioner deny a coverage increase and that the value of replacement cost should be at the beginning. Someone was blocking it and it did not go. Ravaged by lawsuits and mismanagement, this organization needs a complete overhaul. My leadership has worked with the Legislature and the industry to propose workable solutions for seacoast residents. The bill filed was relating to maximum liability limits for windstorm and hail insurance coverage provided through the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association. Another bill filed was relating to replacement cost coverage in policies issued by the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

Wayne Faircloth introduced legislation that was Relating to the administration of the ad valorem tax system; authorizing fees, which was postponed on August 14, 2017.

Galveston has the ability to offer the bachelor Degree due to negotiations it is now available. Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. He believes that with each child there comes a unique set of educational needs. The same exact formula or type of education is not fitting for all. Public education is a demanding and challenging part of our Texas economy. Wayne supports teachers everywhere

Other:

CenterPoint Energy – during Hurricane Harvey, Keith Gray got service trucks out to make the necessary repairs.

Alligators – 12 citing and remove 7' & 9' in Laffites Cove, don't feed the gators with fish guts from cleaning your fish, put it in crab trap or take out to the bay.

Debris – There are also lots of debris coming down the Bay to the beaches and the Parks Board is removing as fast as possible. Huge logs are hampering efforts because the chain saws keep breaking.

Hurricane Harvey and Red Cross – Jerry Mohn thanked the Board for the donation of \$2500.

Oct 28, 4th Saturday will be the last WGIPOA meeting for the year.

Adjourned at 10:20 AM.

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