

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

WGIPOA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 12/16/17

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; Boyd Carr - Isla del Sol; Kim Foley – Pointe West; Dick Kuriger – Pirates Property Owners Association; and, Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach;

1. Financials - YTD

Reviewed financials as of December 14, 2017. Total assets and cash in the bank the end of the year are in excess of \$76,000.

2. 2017 Proposed Budget

Charley Jones saw a mathematical error in the addition in the proposed budget and advised the proposed expenses for 2018 should be \$19,190 with an adjusted profit of \$4,860. With the corrections, Motion made by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Dick Kuriger to approve the proposed budget for 2018. Motion was unanimous. The revised approved budget is attached.

Note: Jay Lendrum suggested after the meeting since we have excess funds to set up some type of scholarship funds with local educational institutions for studies that will benefit the west end. Jerry Mohn to pursue with Texas A&M in Galveston.

3. Reserves:

Peggy Zahler followed up on a discussion of expenses and recommended that the Board make a decision on some minimum amount that WGIPOA will maintain in our account for operating costs. She mentioned that we have been fortunate in the last several years not to have a need to incur legal costs or expenses associated with state/federal issues. Recognizing that we are in a very good financial position now, it might be prudent to earmark an amount we would maintain in the WGIPOA account to cover all of our operating financial needs.

The Board came up with \$20,000 - Motion made by Craig Vance and second by Dick Kuriger to set up the reserve. Motion was unanimous.

4. 2018 Meetings and Suggested Guest Speakers

The Board agreed it is an election year and we should have the west end introduced to the candidates and to hear their programs and messages. The Board agreed to three of our meetings set for a candidate forum where the candidates will explain their position and program possibly

10 minutes and have a question and answer from the audience after. The dates set for the candidate forums will be February 17, April 21, and October 27. Peggy Zahler will obtain all the candidates for the March, May, and November elections. Jerry Mohn will contact the candidates to address the west end at the meetings. The candidates will be given a specified time to speak.

Jerry Mohn was requested by the General Manager of the Country Club to emphasize the parking requirements for each meeting and that is to park on the side or in the back. There will be golf carts to direct the people. The golfers become upset when we have a Saturday meeting if there are no parking spaces in the main lot.

The following meeting programs are recommended for 2018 – Jerry Mohn to contact each:

- **January 20** – Mayor Jim Yarbrough
- **February 17** – Candidate Forum
- **March 24** – Cheryl Johnson – Galveston County Tax Assessor/Collector
- **April 21** – Candidate Forum
- **May 19** – Galveston Planning Director Tim Tietjens – Director and Dustin Henry – Coastal Resources. In addition, the Board recommended a brief description by Peter Davis, Director of Life Guards at the Parks Board to give a summary the program for the west end.
- **June 16** – Joint meeting with the City of Jamaica Beach on Hurricane Preparedness/Recovery. The Board would like during the Galveston Insurance Associates presentation an update FEMA flood maps. Prior to the meeting we will have one with City Council Member Carolyn Sunseri on issues and concerns for the west end.
- **July 21** – City Manager Brian Maxwell and staff on streets, water, sewer, drainage
- **August 18** – Galveston Wharves Board on the Port of Galveston. Request the new Port Director
- **September 15** – Candidate Forum
- **October 27** – Galveston Police Department – new police chief
- **November/December** – no meetings

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:

We are still in the running for RESTORE funds to pay for the engineering costs. Jerry Mohn will arrange a meeting with the partners in the project with federal agencies. Kris Benson with

NOAA will coordinate a meeting at the NOAA facility after the first of the year to review what possible funds are available from the agencies and other grants available. This will be a \$2 to \$4 million project and it will take 3 to 5 years to raise funds for the project.

7. LDR:

The City plans 2 to 3 public meetings on LDR regulations before City Council meets for the first February meeting for the public to be involved. The west end needs to be involved in these meetings and the President will attend.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jerry Mohn
President