

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WGIPOA)

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors Meeting on July 19, 2018 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 Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Steve Kendziera – Jamaica Beach, AJ Wadacki representing Bet Jennings for Laffites Cove, Melanie Perry – Palm Beach, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach, Greg Mack – Pointe San Luis, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, and Craig Vance – Terramar, Kim Foley – Pointe West, and Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road. Susan Gonzales – CKM was present.

The minutes and financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Dick Kuriger and seconded by Craig Vance, the Board approved by unanimous vote the June 16, 2018 minutes and financial reports.

Jerry Mohn introduced officials: Jackie Cole – City Council District 6, Joe Giusti – County Commissioner, Brian Maxwell – City Manager.

Police Report – Officer Courtney, Murphy, and Myers provided a Police report. In the future there will be two officers attending the WGIPOA meetings. In June there were 6178 calls received, 4000 were responded to and of those 1230 were for the West End. National Night Out is October 2, 2018. If an Association wants an Officer present call 409-789-7050 or email csteven@galvestontx.gov.

District 6 Report – Jackie Cole stated that the Parks Board will pick up trash on the beach. Contact information is Jessie Ojeda at 409-797-5105, 409-939-3160 or beachclean@galvestonparksboard.org. If the access to the beach becomes silted in and not accessible contact the Parks Board. Jackie Cole stated she met with the WGIPOA Board and got a list of items needed by the West end communities. Sewers are dependent upon getting the Restore Funds. The City of Galveston is reviewing how long tents can stay on the beach.

Brian Maxwell – City Manager – “State of Galveston”. Brian stated they are working on the budget. Galveston was the only city that did not suffer from Harvey. The focus is on the water and sewer rates. Brian stated to expect a 7% increase, but the City is hoping to absorb that cost. The City is working on a Capital Project – additional water lines. Low water at Brazoria River can cause problems further down. Go the Galveston website to view the Monthly Manager’s report.

Member questions: Recommendation to change the water bill and sewer bill to a tax so it can be deducted from personal taxes. *What can be done about the timing of the water bills, they arrive 2 – 3 months behind. Brian stated that the timing of billing is controlled by the Gulf Coast Water Authority and will always run 45 days late. *There was a recommendation that rules for rentals be established. *Beach cleaning – you can clean the dry beach – water to mean high tide line. Permits for this area are required by the City of Galveston (COG) and the General Land Office (GLO). There has to be at least 10% seaweed on the beach. It is important to leave access for the sea turtles.

Marsh Restoration Project – An Engineering firm was hired to do a study approximate cost is \$104,000, which will be done by November. The nine participating communities, Sea Isle, Terramar, Bay Harbor, The Enclave, Pirates Cove, Isla Del Sol, The Harbor, Spanish Grant Bay, and Jamaica Beach, will share in the cost.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.
Susan Gonzales, recording Secretary