

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WGIPOA)

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors Meeting on September 22, 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 Kim Van Camp – Condo/W. Beach Grand, Boyd K. Carr- Isla Del Sol, Melanie Perry – Palm Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Scott Childs – Pointe San Luis, Craig Vance – Terramar, Kim Foley – Pointe West, Bob Sovine – Dunes of West Beach, Barbara Hawkins – Sportsman Road, and Debbie Reinhart – Beachside Village. Susan Gonzales – acting secretary with CKM was present. --

The minutes and financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Craig Vance and seconded by Dick Kuriger, the Board approved by unanimous vote the August 18, 2018 minutes and September financial reports.

Jerry Mohn introduced officials: Jackie Cole – City Council District 6, Joe Giusti – County Commissioner, Kelly de Schaun and Rubin Trevino, with the Parks Board and Dr. Victor Viser – Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC) chair.

Joe Giusti stated that mosquito spray takes approximately 12 days to treat the whole county. Please call him when you have an issue on cell number 409-771-3888.

District 6 Report – Jackie Cole stated for drainage issues contact Anthony Arcidiacono – Public Works Superintendent and/or Kyle Hockersmith, P.E. Director of Public Works for Galveston. Jackie gave an update on Pirates Beach stating they are on year two of a five-year program. In Isla Del Sol the City is looking at the original plans. It was recommended to look at Brian Maxwell's monthly report to see on going street and drainage projects.

Community Policing Report – Officer Patton gave a reported that the Civil Servant examine was given to 250 individuals. The Department is starting another Citizens Police Academy. For all of Galveston in August there were 410 arrests, 1046 citations issued. On the West end nine (9) crimes were reported, four (4) burglaries, three (3) thefts, and an aggravated assault. National Night Out is October 2, 2019. Rentals were discussed. It was asked if having owners who rent sign up for the Police Power of Attorney enable the police to act on rental violations especially those not signed up with GARM. Officer Patton believed it would help. It was asked that the Police Officers ticket those who drive across dunes and not just take to them.

Galveston Bay Foundation “GBF” – “Oyster Spats”: Genevieve Genest – Donor Relations Manager made a presentation on rebuilding the oyster beds. Their mission is to preserve and enhance the Galveston Bay as a beautiful and productive resource for generations to come. This mission includes environmental, educational, habitat restoration, habitat protection, water quality (oysters can filter 50 gallons per day), and canal conservation. We are losing oyster reefs. Worldwide there are 85% and 80% less on the Texas coast.

The Oyster recycle program begins with working with restaurants by using the discarded oyster shells. The shells are cleaned, bundled, and hung out off docks until baby oysters grow. After that the GBF gathers the bundles and builds oyster shell reefs.

One project was the Sweetwater Preserve – there was tree planting, oyster restoration building a 1500' reef, habitat restoration using 1800 volunteers, 875 tons of oysters, with 300 tons returned to the bay, and 1800' of coast protected.

Kelly de Schaun – Executive Director Parks Board Trustee – Kelly stated that the Parks Board is funded 100% by visitor fees. Sixty percent of that money comes from the Hot tax, and 25% from beach user fees. Their goal is to continue the legacy established by Babe Schwartz.