

## ***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 not established by the attendance of Kim Van Camp – Condo/W. Beach Grand, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach, Craig Vance – Terramar, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, and Jerry Mohn

The minutes and financial reports were not approved since there was not a quorum.

Jerry Mohn introduced officials: Jimmy Fullen, Galveston County Constable, and Galveston County Commissioner Joe Giusti.

**Kyle Hockersmith, Director of Public Works, City of Galveston:** Kyle introduced Anthony Arcidiacono, City of Galveston Public Works Drainage Superintendent. Drainage issues are a major problem on Galveston Island and Kyle reviewed charts that showed the recent rainfalls and impacts on the City's drainage system plus rainfall intensity curves. The City has three rain gauges – one on the causeway, one in Jamaica Beach, and one downtown. In September the City had 30 inches of rainfall but the west end had 29 inches. The annual rainfall is usually 52 to 58 inches per year but in September we had over 50% - like a 10 year storm rainfall. In addition, the ground was already saturated with water and basically nowhere for the water to go, which caused massive street floorings, especially along Harborside Drive and the downtown. So far this year we had over 52 inches of rain, well above the average.

**Drainage Maintenance:** East of 61<sup>st</sup> street the water drains to the bay. For the west end, several areas drain to the beach but the General Land Office stresses it must drain to the bay. Usually ditches can handle a two year storm event

Tides have been high lately from storms. Here is a tide measuring gauge at Pier 21 and it's been higher than normal. Sea level rise has been 1.5 feet since 1910 and the last three years have been unusual conditions and tides, which makes the drainage of the west end all the more difficult. In fact early subdivisions like Pirates Beach had the streets drain to the beach. This is trying to be corrected but difficult. For the west end also, blowing sand onto beach access points, you lose 2 to 3 feet of pavement in restoring the road back to the original.

Kyle discussed other areas like Sportsman Road where the road can be raised but there are other conditions. Raising Sportsman Road 6 inches and that will result in other nearby areas to be adjusted.

**Ditch Cutting & Grading:** The City is reviewing past drawings for subdivisions and the goal is to restore the ditches to their original design. Areas like Pirates Beach that drain to the beach will have to be re-figured to go to the bay, which will involve pumps, etc.

Other areas discussed included West End Mowing, Gutter Pan & Road Edge Cleaning; and, Culvert & Pipe Cleaning. The city is working on hot spots for ditch maintenance. Once completed, the City will be back to the entire island for ditch restoration.

Kyle talked about Texdot elevating FM 3005 in 2019. It will be a similar elevation they did back around 2010 with about 6-8 inch increase in elevation.