

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WGIPOA)

Board of Directors Meeting

The Galveston Island POA Board of Directors meeting was held on May 18, 2019 at the Galveston Country Club. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Jerry Mohn, President.

A quorum was established by the attendance of Director: Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Dick Kuriger - Pirates Beach and Cove, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Scott Childs – Pointe San Luis, Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach, Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, Boyd Karr – Isla del Sol, Melanie Perry – Palm Beach, and Jerry Mohn.

The minutes of July 27, 2019 and the August 15, 2019 financials were reviewed. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Dick Kuriger, the Board approved the minutes and financials by unanimous vote.

Jerry Mohn introduced dignitaries and candidates. Jerry Mohn introduced Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor Candidate Dr. Craig Brown, Chief of Galveston Police – Vernon Hale, Marie Robb running for City Council, Constable and candidate Jimmy Fullen, Brandon Wade – General Manager Gulf Coast Water Authority, Hans Hagland – Superintendent Galveston Island State Park, Candidate Bill Keece for Mayor, Marty Fluke – Galveston Parks Board Trustee, Joanie Steinhaus – Director Turtle Restoration Network, Joan Marshall – Manager J.P. Bryan Museum, and Bill Herr – Galveston Code Enforcement Officer. Corporate sponsor JSC Federal Credit was present.

Community Policing Report – Officer Conde gave a report on activities for the west end.

Galveston Island State Park: Hans Hagland reported upon completion of the beachside expansion in three years, there will be horse stables 4 months out of the year from January through April. The horses will be able to ride up and down the beach. Hans mentioned the ordinance allows horses on the beach now. There is concern the horses could damage dunes and cause bacteria problems with manure. The WGIPOA and Turtle Restoration Network are working together to not allow this event to occur.

Galveston Police Department: Chief Vernon Hale reviewed the Command Staff

- Chief of Police - Vernon Hale
- Assistant Chief – Doug Balli
- Captain Support Services – Larry Chambers
- Captain Operations – Joshua Schirard
- Captain Investigations – David Millican
- T. Buck A- Shift Commander 6am- 6pm
- P. Alcocer B-Shift Commander 6am-6pm
- J. Caldwell C- Shift Commander 6pm-6am
- J. Coward D-Shift Commander 6pm-6am
- R. Ochoa - Criminal Investigations
- C. Stevens – Special Operations

There are 158 officers and there are 5 openings. Four officers are assigned to the west end. There are more calls in the city than the west end.

The Chief reviewed the crimes for the City:

- For violent crimes year to date for July there were 603 in 2017 and 732 in 2018.
- For property crimes year to date July there were 832 in 2017 and 842 in 2018.
- For overall crime year to date July there were 1435 in 2017 and 1574 in 2018

911 Call Data (2018)

Top 3 Call Locations

The Causeway – 747
 Sandpiper Cove – 482
 Walmart - 216

Top 3 Call Types

Suspicious Persons -688
 Animal Control - 5889
 Welfare Concerns - 4589

Offense Data (2018)

Top 3 Locations

600- 8900 Ave J - 88
 100 – 9500 Seawall – 84
 400 – 4300 Ave G - 30
 800 – 2900 61st Street – 30

Top 4 Offenses

Thefts
 Public Intoxication
 Burglary of Motor Vehicles
 Family Violence Assaults

Activity	2017	2018	%
Calls	65,186	66,619	+2.15%
Citations	10,809	12,257	+11.81%
Reports Taken	9,416	9,158	-2.74%
Arrest	5,000	4,796	-4.08%

Staffing

Position	Current	Authorized	Diff
Chief of Police	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	1	1	0
Captains	3	3	0
Lieutenants	6	6	0
Sergeants	27	27	0
Police Officers	113	130	20
Cadets	11	-	-
TOTAL SWORN	162	168	6
Tele communicators	24	19	-5
Civilians (records and other staff)	19	20	-1
NON-SWORN	42	44	2

Crash Data

Accident Totals

	Crashes	Fatalities
2017	2172	10
2018	2108	10
Difference	-3%	0%

YTD 2018 Crashes

1099 – 6 fatal

YTD 2019 Crashes

1040 – 4 fatal

Accident Data 2018

Top Five (5) Locations

61st and Avenue J - **47***

53rd and Avenue J - **35**

Avenue J at Harborside - **26**

25th and Avenue J – **23**

61st and Heard Lane - **17**

Top Five (5) Causes

Fail to yield right of way Stop Sign - **206**

Fail to yield right of way turning left-**186**

Fail to Control Speed - **505**

Disregard Stop Sign or Light - **183**

Fail to drive in single marked lane – **120**

At the end of the Chief's presentation, Jerry Mohn gave him on behalf of the WGIPOA Board of Directors a check for \$1500 to the Galveston Municipal Police Association for the West End Detail, which is handled by Officer Joel Caldwell.

Other Topics:

- “Leave No Trace” Ordinance: The ordinance specifies no tents, etc, are to be left on the beach from sunset to sunrise. The Parks Board will remove items if on the beach back to the dune line and tag it. If the item is there the next day the Parks Board will remove the item to their storage area. A problem did develop with the ordinance in that tents, etc, are allowed starting sunrise. The Parks Board cannot tag or remove items after sunrise. They have a crew going late evening and sometimes they start before sunrise to tag items. The Parks Board will ask City Council to change the ordinance to accommodate their crews in the morning.
- Beach Cleaning: Marty Fluke advised the Parks Board will allow HOA’s to have a beach cleaning operator to clean the beach using their permit, but the final arrangement has not been finalized. Their legal department is in the process of revising the contract and should be available shortly.
- Snakes in the dunes: More reports of rattlesnakes in the dunes and for homeowners to be cautious with their children and pets.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM