

## ***West Galveston Island Property Owners Associations***

**September 17, 2022**

- 1. Call to Order (9:00)**
- 2. Introduce Board Members**  
**Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Bill Ferrara – Bermuda Beach; Craig Vance – Terramar; Dan Walsh – Spanish Grant Bay; Kim Van Camp – Condos; John Lightfoot – Pointe San Luis; Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Peter Moss – Sand Hill Shores; Tony Nims – Dunes of West Beach; Sally Hawkes – Sportsman Road Asso;**
- 3. Introduce elected officials.**
  - a. Galveston County Commissioner Joe Giusti – Mosquito control is a big issue now. It takes 12 – 15 days to spray the County. They receive 600 calls per day now. Ditches are a big breeding ground for mosquitos and any standing water needs to be treated with an algaecide. Avoid any standing water.**
  - b. Introduced Galveston County Constable Jimmy Fullen; Jamaica Beach Alderwoman Taz Jones; Marty Fluke – Chair Galveston Parks Board of Trustees; and, District 6 City Council Marie Robb**
- 4. Introduce candidate: Terri Leo Wilson for State House District 2**
- 5. Corporate Sponsor Welby Financial (formerly JSC Federal Credit Union}. Peggy Zahler – Treasurer of the organization. Has \$2.7 billion and 20 branches**
- 6. Approve August 31 financials and August 20 minutes**  
**Approved by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Tony Nims**
- 7. District 6 Happenings Report – Marie Robb – City Council**
  - City raised property taxes 7%, which she opposed. Home appraisals are up 20%.**
  - Will be going to Washington to push the coastal surge protection system with Sally Bakko.**
  - Met with GLO and Army Corp to discuss projects for the west end. She noted most of the projects are for the west end.**
  - Pot holes: call Marie for any issues. Bay Harbor has several and worn out asphalt**
  - The TexDot road project for the west end is causing flooding problems and to call her for any issues.**
  - Short term rentals – a real problem with stuffed houses. She suggested to call the Mayor to complain.**

**8. Sally Bakko – Director of Policy and Government Relations for the City of Galveston to talk about the newly formed Gulf Coast Protection District**

- **Met with the Army Corp on the Texas Coastal Study (Ike Dike**
- **The “Ike Dike” funding is in the WRDA (Water Resource Development Act) has not passed yet and waiting authorization – possibly 2023. The MOU (method of understanding) is in place.**

**9. Galveston West End Police Report – Lt. Sean, Miguez**

- **New DWI initiative. Don’t drink and drive. Please plan ahead and either designate a driver or call one. The new task force will designate units on the night shift to address impaired or intoxicated drivers. So far there have been 82 offenders and the program is working.**
- **U-turn on the Seawall is not allowed between 6<sup>th</sup> to 103<sup>rd</sup> street but cannot be enforced until there is signage.**
- **Don’t advertise you have cash when coming out of a bank and cash machines. South Houston is preying on individuals.**
- **The island police force is still understaffed and has 16 vacancies.**

**10. Galveston Parks Board of Trustees**

- 1. Kell de Schaun – CEO – introduced two newly appointed Trustees to the Parks Board. One in the audience – Kimberly Gaido.**
- 2. Kelly has been with the Parks Board 11 years now and acknowledged the one committee, Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC), accomplishments and now going off the Board due to term limits, Marie Robb, Peggy Zahler, and Jerry Mohn. A gift was given to each.**
- 3. Kelly explained the reason why “Babes Beach” was developed. From 61<sup>st</sup> street to 103<sup>rd</sup> street was under water prior to the sand nourishment of “Babes Beach and considered a black hole”. The coastal boundary line or mean high tide line was under water for over 18 years. The County owns 45.7 feet from the Seawall out. This was published in the newspapers and no one spoke. The controversy now is two people claim they own property in this area. This went to court and the Judge issued a restraining order.**
- 4. Kimberly Danesi Chief Operations officer for the Parks Board explained the sand nourishment programs coming up that will impact the west end. There are two projects:**
  - a. Reviewed the sand nourishment programs for the west end; Hopefully the matter will be resolved so sand nourishment programs can continue.**
  - b. sand in front of Dellanara Park to 8 Mile Road will be extended to 13 Mile Road. They plan to finalize with the engineering firm, HDR, in the next few weeks. The source of funds is CEPRA (Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act) and GOMESA (Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act)**

- c. **“Babes Beach” – \$15 million of sand approximately 608,000 cubic yards of sand will be placed probably 2023.**
- 5. **Elizabeth Schneider – Environmental Coordinator for the Parks Board gave updates on trash reduction initiatives on the beach especially the free trash bag program where three boxes will be placed on the beach for people to deposit their trash. Please don’t leave tents, umbrellas, etc., (leave no trace program) on the beach because they will be confiscated and disposed.**

**11. Adjournment: 11:00 AM**

**Taz Jones took a video of the meeting on U-Tube and can be seen here:**

**<https://youtu.be/wcRxuBIXN2U>**