

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

July 15, 2023

0900 Call to Order

0902 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on July 15, 2023 at Waterman's Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Mohn, President. A quorum was established with the attendance of Jerry Mohn – President; Rosemarie Gonzales – Acapulco Village, John Lightfoot – San Luis Pass, Carol Stewart – Sportsman Road, Peter Moss – Sand Holl Shores, Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Don Towner – Jamaica Beach, Craig Vance – Terramar; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach; and, George Atkins – Dunes of West Beach.

0904 Introduction of elected officials and corporate sponsors (House Doctors of Galveston). Taz Jones – Council Person at Jamaica Beach; City Council Member Marie Robb; Parks Board of Trustees- Bill Clement; David Wilson speaking for State Representative Terri Leo Wilson; Beverly Ferguson representing State Senator Mayes Middleton.

0906 Approval of March 31, 2023 financials – Moved by Chris and seconded by Rosemarie.

0910 District 6 Happenings by Marie Robb, Galveston Council Member - District 6

The City is working to utilize existing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Galveston Police Department and surrounding County and City law enforcement agencies to boost police presence across the island. Utilizing the MOU across these existing resources with minimal cross-training will allow additional officials to enforce city laws outside of the initial jurisdiction of the peace officers.

Centerpoint Energy is continuing to replace transformers across the island.

New AT&T towers have been installed in Terramar and Isla del Sol on the water towers to boost cellular service on the West End.

Pocket Park #3 on 11 Mile Road should be opening soon. This park has a large asphalt parking lot and direct access to the beach.

If you have any questions or concerns, please text Marie Robb at (409) 256-4518 or email at Marie@MarieRobb.com, and she will answer and/or forward the issues to the appropriate agencies.

0935 Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD), Sally Balko

GCPD is a non-federal sponsor for the Coastal Texas Storm Surge Project (Ike Dike) for ecological and funding/planning portions of this project, respectively.

Current efforts include earmarking a community funding request of \$100,000,000 which was 1 of the 5,000 application requests from the federal government. While this seems daunting, the fight continues and appears positive.

0940 West End Police Report from Lt. Chambers.

If you see something, say something. For all non-emergency issues, please call the non-emergency phone line right away at **409-765-3702**. Getting the right information to the right people quickly is the best way to address your issues.

1004 Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC), Craig Vance

A special meeting was held in July to address the budgeting of funds from the HOT (hotel) tax collected by the City and allocated to the Parks Board. The majority of the \$4,000,000 is spent on salaries and equipment such as trash trucks.

1006 Galveston County Tax Assessor, Cheryl Johnson

Please vote for the constitutional amendment coming up. This temporary amendment would allow for an annual tax cap on real property under \$5,000,000 to be set at 5%. The potential savings to the average homeowner is expected to be ~\$300.

Cheryl is continuing to study the effects of tax compression in order to keep homestead and school tax rates at lower/reasonable levels.

1035 Adjournment of the meeting.

The next meeting is August 19, 2023 at the Waterman's Restaurant. The guest speaker is Weston Ray who will summarize the last legislative session and its effects on homeowners on the West End.