

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association (WGIPOA)
Board of Directors meeting

The WGIPOA Board of Directors meeting was held on May 16, 2015 at the Marriott Courtyard Galveston Island Gulf Front, 9550 Seawall blvd, Galveston. Peggy Zahler, Vice- President called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum of Directors was not present. Directors present were Mary Jane Lantz– Bermuda Beach, Lew Arend - Dunes of West Beach, Peggy Zahler - Spanish Grant Beach, Kim Foley –Pointe West, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, and Jeanie Mason - Palm Beach.

Corp Sponsors present were JSC Federal Credit Union and Silverleaf.

Peggy Zahler recognized Judge Jim Schweitzer, Carolyn Sunseri, Judge Lonnie Cox, and Clyde Steddum with the Parks Board and Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee.

The Board reviewed minutes of April 16, 2015. There was no quorum therefore the minutes were not approved.

Community Policing – Joey Quiroga recommended that you be aware of surroundings do not leave personal items in your car or outside. There was a purse snatcher on the seawall and that person was caught. Avoid crimes of opportunity “call us” let use be the bad guys.. Always call and report crimes no matter how small. Call 409-256-0762. He recommended the property owners go to the Citizens Police Academy held Monday – Friday.

Joey stated a construction crew was working on a home he saw a kicked in door and found the home had been used – shower/facilities. The crew said they would help report things going forward.

Judge Lonnie Cox –go to the Galveston Central Appraisal District website or County Tax Assessor’s website.

Bayside at Waterman’s – Kathy Thompson gave an overview of the new project being constructed by Stewart Mansion. There will be 162 home sites.

WGIPOA Newsletter – Peggy Zahler stated we are getting a lot of good feedback on the last newsletter.

District 6 Happenings - Carolyn Sunseri stated the City is still working on the noise ordinance. The consensus is to lower it to 75 decibels during the day and 70 decibels at night that is down from the original 85 decibels. The GLO has been asked to confirm the Erosion Response Plan and Beach Access Plan. There are 46 access points, 41 are on the west end. Discussion continues on the goal to reduce the number of beach access points. City is still reviewing Impact Fees on new subdivisions. The City’s attorney and a consultant are reviewing Impact Fees. Body cameras for the police is being reviewed, there are very expensive including documentation and maintenance – very labor intensive. The Police Chief reports he needs 30 more officers; they are spread too thin for adequate coverage, especially due to extra impact of visitors 100,000 – 150,000.

Fire Department - Chief Mike Wisko stated the rating is at 150, the goal is to reduce our insurance rates by improving the rate. Commercial property owners could save 9% while residential could save 3 %. It was stated that we need another fire station on the west. The

ladder truck is located at the airport and all high rise homes are on the west end, we need a truck and training facility for the westend.

Andrea Madison – Silverleaf started in 1989 in Tyler, Texas. Cerberus Capital Management, L.P, manages Silverleaf and currently operates in six (6) states. Silverleaf has been providing quality family vacations since 1989. Our original seven resorts were located in Texas and Missouri. After we moved from a privately held company to a public company in 1997, we added resorts in additional states. They are a corporate sponsor of WGIPOA and try to be involved in the community. There are 16 buildings, with 12 units in each. Once totally built out there will be 472 units. Units are sold by the week. Joey Q stated that there have been no issues, very clean and the police appreciate that it is run so well.

Silverleaf Resorts is a growing vacation ownership company that operates 13 vacation properties across six states in the eastern half of the U.S., serving approximately 120,000 members. With headquarters in Dallas, Texas, the company employs over 3,000 people.

Discussion on the lighting at the Silverleaf Beach Club was held. It was stated that it is compliant with the City requirements for the beach using downward lighting. They have approximately 35 parking spots for the public and have an accessible dune walkover for the public on the east side of the property. The others at the Ocean Club will be for private access. Concern was stated about putting 1000 extra people crossing FM3005 and on the beach at that location. There are only two Officers for the west end. It was stated that letters need to be sent to the City requesting more officers due to the number of people this would generate. Peggy stated with 6 million visitors a year on the island with plans to encourage more visitors we need to support Carolyn in our request for more officers.

Peggy Zahler asked if anyone was present to discuss the rezoning request for Stella Mare. There was no one representing the community to discuss this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

