

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

February 17, 2024

0900 Call to Order

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on February 17, 2024 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; John Lightfoot – Point San Luis; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Sarah Hawk – Sportsman Road; Doug Little – Pirate's Beach; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach; and Craig Vance – Terramar.

0902 Introduction of elected officials and corporate sponsors

Taz Jones – Council Person at Jamaica Beach and City Council Member Marie Robb. House Doctors of Galveston (Luke Mazur) and Wellby Financial are our corporate sponsors.

0910 Approval of January 20th meeting minutes and January 31st financials

Moved by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Craig Vance.

0910 West End Police Report from Lt. Sean Migues.

Getting ready for Spring Break with additional beach details to manage traffic and complaints. With a minimal capacity, not all rule breakers will be taken to jail or written tickets. They will do their best to manage the complaints and return the peace.

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.

0923 CenterPoint Energy (Ryan Duggan)

There were many service interruptions in December and January. This caused a pole inspection to be pushed up in the schedule from the fourth quarter of 2024 to the first quarter of 2024. A reliability consultant completed inspections in January 4, 2024. This was followed by a head lineman crew inspection from pole to pole to check the circuits. Additional drone inspections were conducted in February. From these inspections 3,000 poles were listed to be replaced, braced, or treated and some of the electrical transmission to areas in various neighborhoods are being rerouted.

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Additional changes include the wind speed ratings for the poles to be increased from 110 to 132 mph. You may also notice steel poles and framing to be replaced with fiberglass composites. Transformers are being upgraded from the projected 1980's usage to incorporate projected rate use in the 2020's.

Opportunities to work together include notifying CenterPoint immediately if you see a downed power line. If you see corroded materials or leaning poles, please notify CenterPoint. Including pictures with these notifications is very helpful.

You can contact Ryan at (409) 765-4001 or ryan.duggan@centerpointenergy.com.

1010 Texas Gas Transmission (Marie Robb)

Marie has had meetings with Texas Gas Transmission to discuss bringing gas to the West End. The gas company was reluctant to build lines as there were few connections o the gas lines until the winter storm of 2021. With the additional connections, the gas company is now willing to pay to increase the transmission lines to the neighborhoods over the next 2 years. For additional information to determine when and how to hook up your house to a natural gas line, you can visit the Facebook page, "Gas for the West End" or email dyendrall@msn.com.

1020 District 6 Happenings by Marie Robb, Galveston Council Member - District 6

Marie is pushing for developers to place deed restrictions to limit or remove short-term rentals in the new developments. She is also asking that they add benefits to the community such as parking, wider roads, commercial benefits, and commitments to natural gas line implementation.

There are ongoing discussions regarding ditches and culverts that lead to nowhere. This includes the drainage along FM 3005 which is supposed to drain to the bay. The City of Galveston is now reviewing former County easements that were granted to the City when the majority of the West End was annexed into the City.

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.

1030 Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD), Sally Bakko

GCPD members found a source of sand in the Lake Houston that may be suitable as an ongoing source for dune restoration.

There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place to identify in-kind work projects that will provide advanced funding opportunities. These opportunities include the expanded beaches, double dune construction projects, and eco-system restoration (including oyster reefs).

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GCPD will be setting up an office in Clear Lake off of Gemini Rd. Job postings are now available to hire full time employees to ramp up GCPD efforts.

1040 Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC), Chris Lauer

Ongoing beach projects.

- **Delanara beach project was completed, including the warranty work.**
- **The engineering of Dellanra to 13 Mile Road is ongoing and being paid for under CEPRA funds. \$23 million is set aside for construction.**
- **The CAP 204 Project for the reuse of beneficial dredge material is complete.**
- **There is an ongoing project for the design of offshore breakwaters.**
- **The beach repairs associated with the 2017 Hurricane Harve events under FEMA funding is projected for 2025 (12-61st Streets)**

Coastal boundary study will be occurring over the next year. This survey will set the jurisdictional line between state and private property. This line is used when determining when state or federal funding can be utilized for on-beach projects.

1045 WGIPOA Computer Programs, Guy Sullaway

WGIPOA now has a Facebook page. Please share this with your neighborhood websites and interested parties.

1050 Adjournment

The next WGIPOA meeting will be March 16th, 2024 at the West End Marina in Sea Isle, second floor.