

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

September 20, 2025

0906 Call to Order

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on September 20, 2025 at the Courtyard by Marriot. The meeting was called to order by Craig Vance, President. A quorum was not established with the attendance of Craig Vance – President; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; John Lightfoot – San Luis Pass; Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle; Kim Van Camp – Condos; Doug Little – Pirates POA; Sara Hawkes- Sportsman Road

0907 Introduction of elected officials and corporate sponsors

Marie Robb-Galveston Council Member- District 6, Heather Morris- City Marshal

0909 Approval of May and June meeting minutes and financials

We do not have a quorum so we cannot approve the minutes or financials

0910 Craig Vance announced date for trash pickup- Adopt a Highway

It is predicted to be a nice weekend for trash pickup next Saturday. WGIPOA's Adopt-A-Highway is land on 3005 – JB to Kahala Drive on the south side of the road. Craig picked up all the supplies from the city. The good news is that the area was recently mowed and there appears to not have much trash. Next Saturday 9/27/2025 is the scheduled date and there is a sign in sheet by the entrance.

0913 Keynote Speaker- Heather Morris, City Marshal

Heather started as an officer for the Houston Police department for 22 years. This formed her basis for who she is today. Promoted to Sargent and Lieutenant, Patrol Captain, Internal Affairs, Assistant Chief, Miami Police Department. As Lieutenant she was in the robbery department. She created a civilian squad to follow up with leads on robberies/ crimes. Their department works on leads and a lot of the times robberies/ crimes didn't have enough leads to proceed, this squad would follow up and try to get more info. Crime and robberies went way down while she was in the department. She worked 1 ½ years with the Miami Police Department as Interim Chief of Police. Miami Police department was short 100 officers. She was successful in helping recruit the police department to full capacity.

She took some time off in Costa Rica before deciding to get back in law enforcement. She accepted the City Marshal position and is happy to live in Galveston. Part of the City Marshal department is the Animal Division, Parking Unit, and Code Enforcement. She is dealing with racoons and citizens feeding the wild animals. The wild animals are being taken to a wild animal refuge in Santa Fe to rehab the wildlife to be able to find their own food in the environment. This department is also tracking coyotes. Parking unit- paid parking and permit parking. Code

enforcement. 9 sworn members/ peace officers. One of members covers City Hall, Baliff and courthouse, 2 Sargent for code enforcement on West End. Short Term Rentals is part of her responsibilities. Her department is working on establishing one person to contact – There should be one person contacting the 24-hour contact person (listed for the STR) and that person has 1 hour to handle the complaint. Police department are handling a lot of the calls. STR's need to be handled differently. As of October 1, the calls are going to be handled by the city and not the Park Board (per Marie Robb). The city will be making STR owners accountable. If STR owner can resolve the issue/complaint within the hour, there will not be a violation. If it is not handled in an hour – there is a violation issued. Three violations and they are not allowed to do short term rentals any longer. 409-247-8160 STR hotline. Her goal in the department is problem solving. Illegal parking issues and noise complaints go to the police department unless it is a STR. If there is a no parking sign, citizens can call to have the car towed.

Heather Morris introduced John with the Marshal's department that handles the West End.

Craig presented our guest speakers with a large WGIPOA mug and gave away a door prize.

1029 District 6 Happenings by Marie Robb, Galveston Council Member - District 6

Beaches- Beneficial Use of Dredge project is going to start on Oct 5. Project to Kyle Clark and GLO and the city will be present at our next meeting. This project should end in January 2026. CEPRA (Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act) project will start in 1st or 2nd quarter in 2026 and will address 7 mile/8 mile Road to 13 Mile Road, once 200 ft of sand is obtained from dredging, dune projects will start. This is some of the most erosive areas.

Setting the tax rate, most of the council has to approve. Marie Robb promotes no new revenue rate and it passed. Council member Robb voted against the tax rate to pass the no new revenue rate. Marie found reserves in the budget. It cost 230K a day to run the city. Marie is working on lowering taxes, smooth transition of STR's from the Park Board to the city, and road and drainage issues. All HOT tax will move to the city.

Galveston Development- Beach town, Margaritaville, Tiara, Solaris (next to Tiara), Beachside Village, Roseate Beach (installing infrastructure now, 500M in development), and there are plans for a waste water plant to be installed close to Jamaica Beach. The airport area land sold by the city- this area has to be developed within 2 years, has restrictions on STR's. One tract is residential and the other tract is going to be a master development. Marriot with two condos and two apartments are being developed on Sachs / Seawall (in front of the retirement home).

1112 Announcements- Craig Vance

Thanked speakers and guests.

1114 Adjournment

The next WGIPOA meeting will be Saturday, October 18th at the Courtyard by Marriot at 9am.