

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

April 25, 2026

0906 Call to Order

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held on April 25, 2026 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; Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; Sara Hawkes – Sportsman Road

0907 Introduction of elected officials and corporate sponsors

Marie Robb-Galveston Council Member- District 6 and candidate for Mayor, John Listowski-Mayoral candidate, District 6 candidates- Scott Hickman and Daryl Mitchell

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 announcement-

Announced next month's meeting speaker, Kyle Clark, Coastal Resources Manager- City of Galveston, and June is Hurricane Awareness

0912 District 6 Happenings by Marie Robb, Galveston Council Member - District 6

Sand source on the West End should have its permit within the next 30 days. 8-mile road to 13-mile road to start within the next 6 months. Joint venture between the Galveston and the Park Board.

Discovery Sands- 300-acre project, zoned R1, R2 (Residential 1 & 2). Asking for a MUD. Developing 170 Acres, planning on donating the wetlands to the Galveston Bay Foundation. Not a simple yes/no answer- without going to planning on city council on what they are doing, they can do 2200 units – they can do mid-rise, which is 10 stories high. Working on definitions on what all they can do with the zoning and this will be on the May 28th agenda for the city council meeting. Discovery Sands bought and own the land. We can make sure that we minimize capacity and ask for what we want. Many neighboring facilities are on septic. Asking for a MUD and all neighboring subdivisions would share the cost for the next 30 years. Discovery Sands latest proposal is online and available for viewing. Marie is sending the latest Discovery Sands proposal and WGIPOA will forward this to .

Peggy- when planning commission had their meeting- there was only minimal representation from the West End. It's important to be present. May 28th is the next council meeting.

Per John Listowski – LDRs can be changed per West End and East End, etc.

0935 Keynote Speaker- Chief Austin Kirwin- Galveston Island Beach Patrol

Served as a life guard starting in 2006 and with Junior Guards before that time.

Galveston Island Beach Patrol started in 1875 and started as a station at San Luis Pass. People in station were the first ones to go out and save people. Beach swimming became popular in 1900's and there became a need for beach patrol. In 1935 life guards in Galveston started getting paid. In 1980's Sheriff's office took over lifeguards. Beach flags, minimum standards in life guarding/ guidelines were established in the 80's. Park Board took over Galveston Island Beach Patrol in 1963. Responsible for 32 miles of beach and bayside, trains junior guards, trains Wave watchers- volunteers that get trained on CPR, rip-currents. Public education- go to regional elementary schools regarding water safety.

Beach Patrol has 13 full time employees & 5 officers- handle enforcements on the beach, rescues on beach. With full time staff- 12 supervisors are EMTB's or higher, swift water technicians, scuba certified. GMR (Galveston Marine Response)- partner with fire dept, police dept. and set up rescue teams for Hurricanes. Last year there were 176,000 preventative actions- getting folks out of danger zones, 1500 medical calls, 42,000 water safety talks- in schools and on the beach. 90% of what our life guards do is between 10th street and 61st street. Average of 7 drownings a year- most occur 90% of drownings occur b/t 10th street and 61st. Most occur at night when there is no beach patrol. Most drownings start with a health issue- respiratory problems or heart attack. Last year there were 70 rescues.
<https://www.visitgalveston.com/beachpatrol/>

1000 Announcements- Craig Vance

Thanked speakers and guests.

1015 Adjournment

The next WGIPOA meeting will be Saturday, May 23rd at the Courtyard by Marriot at 9am.