

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

February 28, 2026

0900 Call to Order – Craig Vance

0900 Introduction of Board Members

The WGIPOA meeting was held at the Marriott Courtyard on the Seawall. The meeting was called to order by Craig Vance, President. A quorum was established with the attendance of Craig Vance – Terramar; John Lightfoot – Pointe San Luis; Kim Van Camp – Condos; Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol; Guy Sullaway – Point West; Rosemarie Gonzales – Acapulco Village; Chris Lauer – Bermuda Beach; Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach; and Doug Little – Pirate’s Beach and Lafitte’s Cove.

0902 Introduction of Elected Officials and Corporate Sponsors

In attendance were the following officials and candidates.

- Marie Robb, District 6 Representative – candidate mayor
- John Listowski – candidate for mayor

Special thanks to our corporate sponsor Wellby Financial.

0904 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Kim and seconded by John.

0905 District 6 Happenings – Marie Robb

There is a current audit of service funds across the City.

Marie is working with the City Marshall to help address safety hazards and address parking tickets and other fines.

There is a proposed 300-acre development project. She is working with the property owner to ensure that the development plan works for the West End. She indicated that the development would need a wastewater treatment plant and reduce the density of houses.

Marie indicated that there is no independent housing on the island for people over the age of 55 years old.

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 people and groups.

0902 Introduction of Candidates

In attendance were the following candidates for City Council – District 6 Representative.

- Daryl Williams

- Shane McKinney
- Scott Hickman
- Jason Hardcastle
- George Guajardo

Shane McKinney has a coast-to-coast perspective. He is originally from Missouri, but lived in California, Florida, and Massachusetts before moving to Texas. His background is digital transformation based on data. Shane's view of economic growth is to hear the issues of the owners, collect data around those views, and propose changes that fit these needs. He is looking at data for drainage, roads, and utility infrastructure to provide sustainable, long-term changes. On the issue of short-term rentals, Shane noted that there is a smaller inventory of long-term housing. He wants to work outside of the box and implement housing issue corrections from other cities in Galveston. Shane indicated a vote from him brings an outside perspective to the decision-making process based more on data and less on feelings.

Scott Hickman is a commercial captain and fisherman. He is a "former" Marine with an extensive volunteering background. He is well connected and wants to bring additional resources to the West End. Scott is a red-neck environmentalist that wants to ensure the environmental conservation of the West End that will include protection of clean waters. With 33 million people coming to the coast, there will be more development on Galveston Island. He has indicated that the climate is changing and the tides are rising. Scott wants to focus on the Pelican Island bridges to build infrastructure on Pelican Island and on the ports. He also wants to protect the island with reefing zones and other "blue zone" construction. Scott said that the City has done great work in passing ordinances regarding short-term rentals. He believes there is an issue with enforcement, especially since City Marshalls do not work on weekends when the majority of short-term rental issues occur. He will move to ensure City Marshalls work on the weekends. Scott indicated a vote for him to bring additional relationships and resources to infrastructure improvement.

Daryl Williams has lived on the West End since Hurricane Ike. Daryl works for IBM and is a businessman who likes to enjoy the outdoors. He is recently an author who wants to bring the neighborhoods together. His approach is fund locally and govern globally. Daryl believes that development on the West End is based on livability for families within our collection of communities. He believes that developers should provide amenities that provide for family tourism for visitors and livability for full-time homeowners. He wants to bring more property owners to the island who work on the island. His infrastructure improvement ideas include increased internet services and beach replenishment. Daryl indicated that over half of the short-term rentals are on the West End. He reiterated that property owners have the right to do what they want with their property, but it shouldn't infringe on the rights of the neighbors. Daryl noted that only two City Marshalls are assigned to the entire West End which leads to a lack of enforcement affecting livability. Daryl is a tax-paying member who has lived through a hurricane on the bay and the beach. He is a businessman to bring partnerships to beach renourishment, community building to increase livability, and ensuring developers help bring a 12-month community and not a 3-month community.

Jason Hardcastle came to Galveston to work at UTMB. His service to the community includes the Chamber of Commerce and was formerly a City Council member for District 4. He is the leader of Knights of Momus and is on Boards for the Opera House and Rosenberg library. Jason believes that economic development should be appropriate for the location and become part of the local area and not stand alone. The development areas should be reviewed every 10 years and provide more clarity to the developers at the start of the development. Jason wants to use his experience on City Council to increase infrastructure improvements such as drainage for “sunny day” flooding. On the issue of short-term rentals, Jason believes they bring money to infrastructure improvements on the island. He believes enforcement of rental issues and parking should be enhanced at the City. Jason indicated that his experience on City Council has included benefits to the West End and wants to bring this experience to bring solutions to problems as they arise. He believes there are “Golden Opportunities” to bring additional economic growth to our island.

George “Gio” Guajardo opened a gym and has a water restoration business. He wants to bring a common-sense approach to the City Counsel and be the voice of the West End. He believes developments should have appropriate drainage. George says after storms we need to big back better and stronger. He believes dune construction should be similar across the island and without cost for permits for beneficial projects. He believes the City should do better by ensuring drainages are maintained by the City. On the issue of short-term rentals, George believes both the renter and the owner of the property should be fined for infractions. He indicated that there should be a commonsense building approach that includes parking for the new or improved infrastructures. George wants to focus on protecting property owners and allowing them to protect their properties. He wants additional economic development to be sensible.

1020 Adjournment

Announcements

The next meeting will take place at the Marriott on March 21st at 0900. This meeting will feature candidates or Mayor of Galveston.

If you’d like to make suggestions for topics or community volunteering or donations, please feel free to reach out to Craig at craigvance26@gmail.com.