

**WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors Meeting on March 24, 2019 at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A quorum was established by the attendance of Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach, Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove, Melanie Perry – Palm Beach, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach & Cove, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Boyd Carr – Isla del Sol, Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, and Craig Vance – Terramar.

Jerry Mohn introduced elected officials Carolyn Sunseri – City of Galveston Council Member District 6 and Jimmy Fullen – Galveston County Constable.

**Approvals:** Motion made by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Dick Kuriger that the minutes of the February 17 meeting and the financials of March 23 be approved. Vote was unanimous.

**Annual Meeting:** Nominating Chair, Peggy Zahler, recommended to the group the re-appointment of expired members terms be extended for another three-year period from March 1, 2018, and to expire February 28, 2018, for the following members:

Bermuda Beach  
Terramar  
Spanish Grant Bay  
Condominiums  
Palm Beach

Proxies were received from Pointe West and the Condominiums. Motion made by Melanie Perry and seconded by Charlie Jones. Vote was unanimous.

After the meeting the Board met to elect officers for the coming year:

President - Jerry Mohn  
Vice President – Peggy Zahler  
Treasurer – Bill Ferrary  
Secretary – Barbara Piersol

Motion made by Charlie Jones and seconded by Barbara Hankins. Vote was unanimous.

**GARM:** Lt. Clinton Stevens from the Galveston Police Department gave a GARM (Galveston Association of Rental Managers) report and advised if any issues with a GARM rental property to call 409-682-3603.

**Community Policing:** Lt. Stevens talked about the recent Spring break and associated problems. There was a shooting at 8 Mile Road on the beach. Lots of kids visited the West End. If you see anything suspicious or going on to call the non-emergency number – 409-765-3636 and Officer Stevens personal line is 409-765-3609. The call volume for the City so far this month is 3485 where 23% or 802 was from the West End. There are three burglaries so far this month. Boyd Carr spoke about his experiences in going to the Citizens Police Academy and encouraged citizens to take the course.

**District 6 Happenings:** Carolyn Sunseri reported to take advantage of the Power of Attorney program by the police Department where if the yellow sign is visible from the street and the police see a suspicious person on your property, they can encounter the individual right away without trying to track the homeowner down for permission. The first mosquito spraying program just started and will be regular. City Council voted to approve in improving the

runways at Shoes Airport. The new fencing along Stewart Road has been good for bird watching and mowing. IDC funds were approved to update the cruise terminal; sand nourishment of Babes Beach; and, funds to provide for an engineering design Delanara Park. Land Development Regulations (LDR) are being reviewed by the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce and will be presented to City Council late April. A new turtle monument will be unveiled next Wednesday at City Hall and there will be more constructed around town in the next year. On April 6 the City will unveil a Magnolia Tree dedicated to former Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas.

**Galveston County Tax Assessor/Collector Cheryl Johnson:** Cheryl provided information for Hurricane Harvey victims in preparing damage information on your property. In addition, the handout has information “Tax Gaffes”, 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Proposals, and Public Policy Changes. These can be viewed in the below PDF file or at:

<http://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/to/Pages/PressReleases.aspx>

2018 Harvey, Gaffes  
and 86th Session.W

In addition, Cheryl presented a press sheet release for voting and tax deadlines in the next two months.

2018 Tax and Voter  
Deadlines Approach

It also lists the “Effectively Protest Your Property Values” classes with dates and time that she conducts in the County, which are listed below:

05/01 6:00pm League City Council Chambers, 200 W. Walker, League City

05/04 6:00pm Learning Resource Center, Room L-131, COM, 1200 Amburn Road, TX City

05/15 6:00pm Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, 722 Moody, Galveston

In addition, Cheryl stressed that property owners should request an appraisal card and to review and validate the information. You pay taxes on decking but not on the concrete and check for improvements. Three reasons to protest your taxes: economic depreciation, physical depreciation, and functional depreciation. May 15 is the deadline to protest your taxes. She said to delay protesting your taxes as much as possible. There are firms that help you in protesting your taxes and to use the smaller ones. Use as many pictures as possible to show that your home is not like the one that sold at a high price. You cannot be taxed unequally – if you live by a house that is say \$1.2 million and your house and others in the area are at \$600,000 then your value must be what the majority are in the area. If you own two homes, homestead where the value is higher.

**Other:**

- Beach Cleaning: The Galveston Parks Board of Trustees obtained a beach cleaning permit from the US Army Corp of Engineers for the entire island except Jamaica Beach and Galveston Island State Park. Any beach cleaning activities must operate under the Parks Board permit with an approved vender. For the west end, right now there is one vender, A Green Expectation, Hernan Botero, Tel: 409-621-6076 and Email: [agreenexpect@aol.com](mailto:agreenexpect@aol.com). He will charge \$.42/linear feet of your beach, which goes to the Parks Board, plus a fee to clean your beach and in addition a service

provider fee (this is handled through a separate Annual Service Provider Registration Application Form), plus one time \$500 City of Galveston permit application.

- LDR Regulations: This was discussed under District 6 Happenings.,
- Snakes in the dunes: Hibernation has ended for snakes so be careful with children and pets near the dunes. So far two rattle snake sightings have been reported.

**Adjournment**

**10:45 AM**