

WEST GALVESTON ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WGIPOA)
Board of Directors Meeting

The WGIPOA held a Board of Directors Meeting on May 19, 2018 at the Galveston Country Club. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A quorum was established by the attendance of Debbie Reinhart, Bill Ferrary – Bermuda Beach, Jay Lendrum – Dunes of West Beach, Steve Kendziera – Jamaica Beach, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Bet Jennings – Laffites Cove, Charley Jones – Sea Isle, and Craig Vance – Terramar. Susan Gonzales – CKM was present.

A moment of silence was held in honor of the Santa Fe incident.

The minutes and financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Peggy Zahler and seconded by Craig Vance, the Board approved by unanimous vote the April minutes and financial reports.

Jerry Mohn introduced elected officials, Constable Jimmy Fullen, and Jackie Cole – City Council District 6, and candidates. Marie Robb - Galveston College Board of Regents and Mays Middleton – candidate for State Representative, also introduced were Vernon Hale - Galveston City Police Chief, Bruce Reinhart – Chairman Galveston Planning Commission, William Heer – City of Galveston Code Enforcement Officer and new WGIPOA member Marty Fluke – Laffites Harbor.

Corporate Sponsors JSC Federal Credit Union and CKM Property Management were represented.

Jerry Mohn introduced newly elected City Council District 6 Member Jackie Cole. Jackie gave appreciation to having confidence in her for City Council. She stated she will keep the members informed. Currently, they are looking for key individuals to work on the Beach Access Plan.

Police Report – Officer Stevens stated the officers in Galveston responded to the Santa Fe incident. In the future there will be two officers attending the WGIPOA meetings. They have hired eleven officers and plan to hire five more. For assistance with animals call the Animal Service Unit at 409-765-3702; Sargent Joel Caldwell handles this area.

Jerry Mohn recognized Police Chief Vernon Hall who advised a Special Operation unit is being formed to address citizens concerns. Community Services will be more transparent and help with tracking. Recommended when calling in a complaint to do the following: 1) Tell me what you see, 2) Always give time & day of incident, and 3) give a good description.

Galveston Island Beach Patrol: Chief Peter Davis – Heads up both the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and the Parks Board Police Department.

Chief Davis stated there are 145 members, eleven full time and the rest are seasonal. They work with the Galveston Police Department and the Jamaica Beach Police Department. There are 32 miles of beach and they actively guard 9 miles.

They have several programs: The lifeguard academy will start in June, Wave watcher Academy – 20 hours training with CPR, will be held May 29-June 1, 2018, Jr. Guards for ages 10 – 15 years, Dessie Tree – full spectrum of support for families of drowning victims,

and Fund Raisers – BBQ with Band on June 15, 2018. Lifeguard telephone line operates 24 hours at: 409-763-4769.

Program: Tim Tietjens, Director of the Galveston Department of Planning Services, and Dustin Henry – Coastal Resource Manager with the Department.

Building Division – processes electrical, mechanical, plumbing, air conditioning and building permits and inspections. The staff monitors activities to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local guidelines and ordinances.

Coastal Resources Division – oversees implementation of the city of Galveston Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan. Staff in this division oversee projects related to shoreline protection and beach nourishment and assist property owners in navigating the City’s beachfront construction standards for construction along the coast.

Code Enforcement Division – Inspections are conducted on upgrading existing housing and buildings, existing signs, litter, junk/abandoned vehicles, weeded lots, and care of premises to prevent the spread of environmental decay.

Historic Preservation Division – The program focuses on promoting the community’s vision for sustainable preservation by guiding appropriate stewardship of historic resources and compatible redevelopment in locally-designated historic districts.

Planning & Development Division – The planning team is responsible for reviewing all development and redevelopment of land, facilities, and amenities on the island. These projects are regulated by specific standards listed in the Land Development regulations of 2015. Staff is also involved in long-term planning efforts outlined in the 2011 Comprehensive Plan. Ultimately, City Planners identify strategies and establish policies to guide development projects and manage population growth.

Adjournment

11:00