

West Galveston Island Property Owners Association

West Galveston Island POA Board meeting was held on January 18, 2020 at the Galveston Country Club, Galveston, Texas. Jerry Mohn, President called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum of Directors was present. Attendees present were Bill Leitch – Bermuda Beach, Kim Van Comp – Condo/W. Beach Grand, Boyd Carr – Isla Del Sol, Dick Kuriger – Pirates Beach & Cove, Julie Greenwell – Sea Isle, Peggy Zahler – Spanish Grant Beach, Rosemarie Gonzalez – Acapulco Village, Barbara Hankins – Sportsman Road, Melanie Perry – Sea Isle, and Craig Vance - Terramar.

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

Officials & Candidates recognized were Mayor Jim Yarbrough, Mayor-Pro-tem Craig Brown, Council Member Jackie Cole., Galveston County Tax Assessor Cheryl Johnson, Constable Jimmy Fullen, Sean Hutchinson, City Administrator with Jamaica Beach, City of Galveston Compliance Officer – Bill Heer, County Commissioner Joe Giusti, and District 6 City Council Candidate Marie Robb, and Marty Fluke and Jeffrey Hill from the Galveston Parks Board of Trustees. District Judge 56th Court – Lonnie Cox, Candidate, District 6 City Council – Marie Robb, Mayoral Candidate Bill Keese, and representatives for Congressman Randy Weber, State Representative Mays Middleton, and Mayoral candidate Bo Quiroga.

Approval of Minutes and Financials. Motion by Dick Kuriger and seconded by Peggy Zahler, the Board approved the financial & collection report and the minutes as presented. A Board resolution was presented to the Board approving Craig Vance as Treasurer and that the signers on the bank accounts will be President Jerry Mohn, Treasurer Craig Vance, and Carol Yarbrough of Yarbrough Financial Services.

District 6 – Jackie Cole: The City of Galveston staff is working with the General Land Office (GLO) and subdivisions in bringing the beach access plan into compliance. There are a list of access points that are out of compliance.

Galveston Parks Board of Trustees – Rubin Trevino, Director of Operations and Bianca Broman - Coastal Zone Stewardship Coordinator provided a report on beach cleaning program for 2020, Rubin stated to go to the website for a list of projects on erosion control and adding sand to the beaches. Go online to Sargassum management, Self- provider Seaweed Relocation HOA/POA Program. Deadline for filing a permit is February 15, 2020.

Galveston Mayor Jim Yarbrough – Accomplishments and projects in process: working on structural side, fixed three pension plans (Fire, Police, & Others) with amortization going to thirty years. Will be working on Federal plans next. Projects to improve the aesthetics of Galveston have moved forward, working on tourism to increase the length of stay of visitors, the Port made \$11.3 million profit, plans are to expand the cruise ship operation to east 27th street. The City of Galveston has a strategic plan for the city. There are two years

of Capital projects. Improving street access and drainage. (Heards Lane, 61st street widening – to Harborside , 59th to the airport). Plans are to put planter boxes on Seawall Blvd. The 45th Street project not managed well, total project completed 2021, road will be completed this summer. All utilities being moved from middle of the street to the parking line which will help when repairs are needed.

The Mayor mentioned that the Trolley will be returning and will be subsidized by Hotel Tax. All codes are being reviewed.

The Mayor discussed drainage – Harborside back to the Bay (Gulf to Bay) – where oysters are clogging the drainage pipes. Need to coordinate drainage at 61st street with Texdot. Higher Education – New Hospital and Texas A & M added dorms
Grain Terminal – automation elevated its use.

Board member Peggy Zahler stated the Spanish Grant Beach drainage has gotten worse since TxDot began work on FM3005. We need fortified dunes for protection. Natural dunes to not work.

Other Topics: Fire Hydrants – Susan Gonzales reported for Bet Jennings and the Fire Chief – Property owners are asked to not paint the fire hydrants and to remove at least two feet of growth around the hydrants. The Fire Department hydrants are painted in colors to indicate how much flow they can produce in gallons per minute (gpm).

Snakes in the dunes: Hybernation season is coming to an end so please impress on your property owner association members to stay off the dunes because rattle snakes will be coming out.

Next meeting – Daughtry & Farine on new Texas Property Codes for property ownes associations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.