

Palm Beach Civic Club
Minutes of the Meeting June 25, 2011

Members Present: Sarah Holm, LaVerne Carter, Gordon & Mel Perry, Ben Costin, Jeanie Mason, Carolyn Sayer, Barbara & Russell Hooper

Meeting Started at 10:10 A.M.

Old business:

- The treasurer's report was not available but we are solvent
- The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed with a motion to approve seconded and passed.

New business:

-watering days changed -the Galveston City Council amended the Island's Drought Contingency Plan and changed the designated watering days specified in Stage 2. Areas east of 103rd Street can now water on Mondays and Thursdays before 10AM or after 8PM. Areas west of 103rd Street can now water on Wednesdays and Saturdays before 10AM or after 8PM. Stage Two restrictions allow property owners to use automatic sprinkler systems on landscaped areas on designated days and times. Hand-watering is now permissible at any time of day on the designated watering days as long as a handheld hose, faucet-filled bucket, water can, or drip irrigation system is used. These restrictions will continue until further notice. Violating water use restrictions could result in fines and penalties.

A complete list of restrictions is available at www.cityofgalveston.org.

-the Palm Beach Civic Club's tax exempt status has run out. Paper work to get it back will be filled out for reinstatement. There will be a \$25 filing fee and \$200 user fee. Periodic reports will have to be submitted to keep current. This is also true of the civic club charter which will have to be refilled with Melanie Perry suggested as the registered agent. It also carries a \$25 filing fee.

-seaweed was discussed. There have been many complaints about the lack of clean up. It's nature doing nature's thing and the elevation of the beach is increasing. The GLO states that the amount of seaweed is dropping. They also stated the sea turtles cannot climb over the stuff so go farther down the beach. Since we are a civic club and not a home owner's association there is no obligation to clean the beach. It was suggested that every few weeks we pile seaweed on the dune to help build them up. Also tilling the sand was suggested. To remove the seaweed you must get a \$100 permit, schedule with the city, get GLO approval and hire the raker. But it seems "we are nature nuts" and don't mind the way the beach is now.

A motion not to rake this was made, seconded, and passed. The club periodically votes on raking the beach.

-crime data for the area was reviewed. Overall, crime is down on the west end.

-the 61st street recycle center was reviewed:

Phone Number :(409) 741-1446 Address:702 61st Street; Galveston, TX 77551
Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m.to 4:45 p.m. Monday – Saturday Closed on Sunday

Convenient after hours drop boxes are available outside the front gate.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED RECYCLING CENTER

Glass: Brown, Clear, and Green Sorted Separately, All Types of Paper, Styrofoam Packaging – MUST be clean; sorted by color, Cardboard, Plastics (1 through 5 ONLY), All Scrap Iron & Metal, Aluminum, Tires – Up to 5/Week (current water bill required; separate rims from tires), Old Gas, Antifreeze, Ink Jet Cartridges
Computers & All Electronics (current water bill required), Automotive Batteries & Rechargeable Batteries
Cell Phones, Green Waste (current water bill required)

Before bringing your items to the center, please ...

*Wash out all items*Sort items into separate containers to save time*Do not bring broken glass, we no longer accept it*We Do Not Accept Paint Or Household Hazardous Waste!!!

How to safely dispose of your leftover latex paint:

- 1) Buy kitty litter
- 2) Open the can of paint
- 3) Mix equal amounts of kitty litter with equal amounts of paint
- 4) Store in a dry place for 4-5 weeks or until completely dry
- 5) Leave out by trash can (with lid off) on your neighborhood's trash pickup day

-a hurricane preparation list was read. Go to the following web address for a complete guide:

http://www.cityofgalveston.org/documents/hurricane_peparedness_guide_May2011.pdf

Other info includes:

12-15 hours after evacuation ordered the water will be shut off

Contractors must be escorted by owners

Shut off water at the meter

Shut off main electric breaker

Make video or pictures of house inside and out

-Jamaica Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. is having its 35 Annual Independence Day Benefit Dance Saturday, July 2nd at the Susie Schuler Pavilion at the Jamaica Beach City Park. They will have a live band and food will be available for purchase. There is a \$5 entry donation. They operate strictly on donated funds and your contributions insure that a well-equipped, dependable volunteer fire department is nearby.

-ideas are needed for next year to get neighbors involved with each other. Block parties, kid's activities, etc....

-salt build up on outside electric parts causing problems. Untrimmed Palm trees and other trees growing in power lines causing shorts. Unplug sensitive appliances to prevent power surges damage. Whole house power surge protectors recommended.

-separate meters for irrigation save money. The \$350 they cost initially is paid for in months.

-some residents may need to get additional garbage cans. The over flow of trash onto the street is attracting birds and other animals and creating a bigger mess.

The next meeting is in September. The date is to be determined. It will be a Party.