

Minutes of the Meeting Palm Beach Civic Club April 9, 2011

Meeting came to order at 10:10 am

Packet passed out containing the following:

-Minutes of the last meeting. Motion to accept and passed

-The revised bylaws as written by Sarah Holm. Each section was read and approved with some changes in the wording. A motion to accept the revised bylaws was made and passed by the members. To see the current bylaws go to <http://palmbeach.jimdo.com> , click on File Cabinet at the top of this page and once in file cabinet click on palm beach civic club by-laws.

-Melanie reported that \$600.00 for the West Galveston Island Property Owner's Association was due. Motion to pay was made, seconded and passed. All home owners in the Palm Beach subdivision are members and could attend the meetings at the country club.

-A membership form was passed around for approval. It will be sent out with the next mailing.

-Party Time – it was agreed that the civic club would hold a block party on May 14 from 4pm to whenever at a location to be determined. There will be live music, hamburgers, crawfish, and hotdogs supplied. Attendees are to bring their favorite dish (Pot Luck) a mail out will be coming.

-Next art walk is April 30

-For those who vote in local elections:

Notice of Special Election on Seawall Paid Parking

A special election will be held on Saturday, May 14, from 7:00AM to 7:00PM at polling stations throughout the City of Galveston. Registered voters will determine whether the City should have the authority to charge a fee for parking a motor vehicle on Seawall Boulevard in the amount of \$1.00 per hour not to exceed \$8.00 per day, or an annual permit not to exceed \$25.00, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily which shall be collected by pay stations, electronic means or annual permits issued at City Hall, The Park Board or other designated locations, except during special events identified by Ordinance; such Seawall parking funds shall be administered by the City and restricted to the following: 75% for funding Seawall enhancements, including but not limited to lighting, bathrooms, showers, and litter control, which shall be funded through debt service or maintenance and operations; 15% being held in reserve for the replacement of capital improvements; and no more than 10% for administrative costs, all in accordance with a neighborhood parking and security plan and state law provisions governing the expenditure of beach user fees; and such authorization shall expire seven years from the date the fees are first collected unless otherwise renewed or amended by a majority of qualified voters. The special election will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 7:00AM to 7:00PM at polling stations throughout the City of Galveston. For more information, please call the office of the City Secretary at (409) 797-3510.

-Galveston First in the Region to Recycle Styrofoam®

Galveston is home to the only public facility in the area to process Styrofoam®. From coffee cups and packing peanuts to take out boxes and egg cartons Styrofoam® has been the bane of the conscientious recycling public ... until now! The City of Galveston is now accepting Styrofoam® at its Recycling Center. The public can now bring sorted, clean, white or colored Styrofoam® to the facility with their other recyclables. Galveston is the first municipal facility in the State of Texas to break down Styrofoam® into a recyclable commodity on-site. The facility's new RecycleTech XT-70 extruder machine melts the material reducing it by 90:1. The final product can be reused to create products like plastic eyeglass frames and picture frames. "This is a natural extension of our services and we hope to continue to expand our recycling initiatives," stated Gene Williamson,

City Environmental Services Superintendent. “Islanders have been asking for this and we’re pleased to offer this new program,” he added. The City’s Recycling Center, located at 702 61st Street, is open 8:00 AM – 4:45 PM, Monday – Saturday; closed Sundays and holidays. Recycling bins are conveniently located outside the entrance gate for after hours drop offs.

-Texas Parks & Wildlife Unveils Galveston Island State Park Master Plan May 5

Come see the master plan design concept for Galveston Island State Park — one of the most popular state park destinations in Texas! Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is presenting the final master plan design concept for Galveston Island State Park. The master plan will provide the guiding framework for the park’s rebirth after being severely damaged by Hurricane Ike. OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, May 5, 2011, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Texas A&M University at Galveston - Mitchell Campus - Ocean and Coastal Studies Building, Lecture Theatre & Foyer, 200 Seawolf Parkway, Galveston, TX 77554. At this open house, members of the community will have the opportunity to view the design concept for the master planning effort. All local residents, business owners, civic groups, schools and universities, recreational groups, and anyone else with an interest in the future of Galveston Island State Park is invited to attend. Spanish-speaking team members will be available to assist with translation. If you are interested in attending this event and have special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Trey Goodman at 409-737-1222 by Friday, April 29, 2011. For more information, please call Trey Goodman at 409-737-1222.

- A benefit for Richard Schneider (stroke victim) will be held May 7 at the Redfish Roadhouse (formerly Curley’s) 6121 HWY 6; Hitchcock, TX 77563
 - o Raffle: 2006 Harley Davidson Softail Classic 1450 cc
 - Upgraded pipes, leather saddle bags, 28k, black, one owner
 - o \$100 per ticket – only 250 tickets will be sold
 - o Ticket price includes 2 Fajita dinners
 - o Cash prizes will be drawn throughout the day
 - o Winning tickets will be put back into drawing for motorcycle (chance to win multiple prizes)
 - o Winner need not be present
 - o Silent auction – 50/50 – liquor baskets – live music
 - o Additional dinners available for \$7 per plate
 - o Poker run 10:30 am – 3:30 pm
 - o All proceeds go toward medical expenses
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 - o **For information and tickets call 409-996-3256**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 am

Members in attendance: Gordon & Mel Perry, Barbara & Russell Hooper, Sarah Holm, Ben Costin, Jim & Becci King, Alan Rochford, Jean Mason

Next Meeting will be June 25, 2011 at a location open to a volunteer