

Palm Beach Civic Club
Minutes of the Meeting 11/13/2010

Meeting started at 10:10 am

Handouts were given out containing the minutes to the last meeting and new information
Introductions were made by the members attending:

Gordon & Melanie Perry, Suzanne & Al Roach, Charlene Kesner, Laverne Carter, John Coppens, Warren Brice, Beryl Griffiths, Lance Osborne, Myrna Reingold, Barbara & Russell Hooper, Sarah Holm, Tanya Nguyen, Jeanie Mason, Alan & Alice Rochford, Jim King.

Treasury Report: Balance is \$10,549.74 with many checks yet to be deposited. All checks will be applied to 2011.

The bylaws state that dues are due in May. A motion was made to change due date to January. After January all dues would apply to the next year. Motion passed. It was also suggested a reminder mail out near dues time.

The bylaws are out of date. Starting with the next meeting, we will start to revive the bylaws. A copy of the bylaws are on our website at <http://palmbeach.jimdo.com> in the file cabinet.

Dues are \$25.00/yr voluntary.

Beach nourishment has not yet started.

Surprise guest speaker Myrna Reingold, a resident of Palm Beach and lawyer for the county, gave a very professional talk about buyouts, open beaches, Glo, the City And County and State angle, taxes, beach replenishment, and some problems associated with all of this.

The civic club owns property at the end of Vista and Surf. We will discuss soft crossovers on this property as soon as the sand replenishment is done and we have determined where the state and city have placed their crossovers.

City Council is considering electric and gasoline golf carts on the beach. Glo says if you allow some, you must allow all. You cannot favor residents over non-residents.

There is a new fire plug on Las Palmas

The Vista and Duncan Way signs are compliments of Charles Calvin

Alan Rochford has sent messages to city council to correct the spelling of Las Palmas signs

No drainage fixes in the works

Your Sewer bill is determined by the water usage. Drainage fees are up to \$10.00 now. It was discussed that if residents installed an irrigation meter (\$350.00) there would be no sewer fee associated with watering your lawn and you would save money.

It was brought up that Paul and Linda Griffin got a \$1000 water bill with no plumbing problem found. The city told them it was probably stolen (33,000 gallons in 2 weeks !!)

There have been instances of water and power theft reported by residents in the past.

Nominations for new officers: Melanie Perry president, Jim King vice president, Russell Hooper secretary, Lance Osborne treasurer

Board of directors: Oleander Sarah Holm, West End Warren Brice, Alan Rochford (Las Palmas), Al Roach (Vista), Gordon Perry (Surf), North Side of 3005 - Open

All nominated and accepted as elected body for 2011.

John Coppens announced that he was moving to the Boston area.

Was noted that we need more involvement from north of 3005

The next meeting of WGIPOA will take place on Saturday, November 20, beginning at 8:30 AM for breakfast burritos and coffee and 9:00 AM for the meeting at the Galveston Country Club, 14228 Stewart Road.

Go to <http://www.wgipoa.com> to find out about the next meeting agenda and to get the minutes of the Nov. meeting.

Starting December 1 islanders will need to request a bulk item trash pickup by phone or email. City collector crews will only visit pre-scheduled locations to cart away bulk items like furniture, white goods, appliances, and brush. There is no additional cost for city refuse customers.

The new on-demand service applies to bulk items only; not regular weekly garbage collection. The city will transition refuse customers to this new rule over the month of December. It becomes mandatory on Jan. 1, 2011.

To schedule a bulk trash pickup call the Public Works Department at 409 797 3630 Or emailing publicworks@cityofgalveston.org
City refuse customers will need to clearly communicate their address and phone number when calling. All on demand requests received by 3 pm will be scheduled for pickup within 24 hours. Friday requests will be scheduled for the following Monday.

Galveston to hold public forum on beachfront construction Monday, Nov. 29, 6-8 pm at city council chambers, 2nd floor of city hall, 823 Rosenberg, Galveston, TX.

Moody Mansion Fall Concerts sat. Evenings 6-8

Come see a rebuilt green home during greenhouse week.
3101 Ave Q, Sat. & Sun 2-4, 11/13 – 11/29

Next Meeting is February 12, 2011 , 10 AM at 4118 Vista.