

## Minutes of the Meeting 3/24/2012

- Minutes of the last meeting were handed out.
- Treasury report: \$11183.75
- Drew & Alice Hayward were introduced to the group who live at 4120 Surf.
- The seaweed season has started. We voted not to rake it. Better for beach.
- Artist Boat has come and gone. If you look closely you will find the planting.
- Should we do a workshop to make stay off dunes / planting signs?
- Pathway across dune is needed
- To save money we stopped doing meeting mail outs. We use only email now to announce meetings.

-A discussion was held about dues. We are dues paying members of the West Galveston Island Property Owners Association and the yearly dues to that organization are a drain on our limited funds.

It was moved and seconded and voted on to increase the voluntary dues to the Palm Beach Civic Club to \$50.00 dollars per year starting 1/2013 and due by 5/31/2013. Anyone who wanted to start their \$50 now is welcome. W.G.I.P.O. with Jerry Mohn is a powerful and useful organization representing the interests of home owners on the west end.

- our tax exempt status is reinstated
- Submitting a permit application to the City of Galveston is now just a few clicks away. The City's new e-permitting web tool allows the public convenient, 24/7 access to permit information, tracking, and submission. The online launch is part of the City's efforts to improve and streamline its permitting process. Go to <https://eportal.cityofgalveston.org/>

-Matt Nguyen got a letter from the city regarding the height of his grass and the size and spacing of the numbers of his address. If you need ordinance assistance, call inspector Bill Hare to resolve conflicts.

-Mayoral election and District 6 voting is May 12, 2012. Those running include Jaworski, Rawlins, Rosen, and Roof. If you don't live in Galveston, it is a good idea to have at least one member of the household registered to vote in this county.

-Matt and Tanya Nguyen have a webcam set up at the end of Vista. You can visit it at <http://vistabreeze.dyndns.org> , username: palmbeach {no password} you must use Internet Explorer.

-Turtle season has begun. The nesting season is April to July in Texas with a 6- to 8-week incubation until October. If you spot a turtle nesting, contact NOAA and document which way the turtle is facing (to the Gulf or landward, etc.). Do not touch the turtle or the nest. Sea turtles are endangered and threatened species and only permitted individuals can handle the turtles. There could be a fine up to \$20,000 and possible jail time. If a sea turtle is spotted, please call immediately 1-866-TURTLE5 or 409 771 2872, Attention Shanna Kethan.

- Texas Parks and Wildlife have hummingbird kits. Go to: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/texas\\_nature\\_trackers/hummingbird\\_roundup/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/texas_nature_trackers/hummingbird_roundup/)
- Dan Rather is coming to the Tremont House 4/27/2012, 6-9. <http://galvestondailynews.com/story/297490>
- A surveyor was spotted on Las Palmas and mentioned drainage ditches.
- Jim King is reinstated as Vice President.
- Don't want to cut your grass? Apply for a wildflower permit.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday May 5, 2012 at 10 A.M. at 4215 SURF DR, Galveston, TX 77554