

Minutes of the Palm Beach Civic Club stated meeting
Saturday May 5, 2012
Meeting started at 10:00

Members in attendance: Mel & Gordon Perry, Sarah Holm, Barbara & Russell Hooper, Ben Costin, Jean Mason, Debbie Rushing, Nancy & Larry Stiles

-Topic to the start the meeting was the question of beach cleaning

-It was noted that the fresh plantings in the dunes in pirates west and east have been covered over by sand and dead seaweed. The plantings in Palm Beach are just fine.

-This year the seaweed is especially thick and full of driftwood from the spring rains. The driftwood is excellent for hauling back to the house for fires.

-Once again it was noted by the president that we voted already this year not to rake our beach and the benefits of a healthy beach outweigh those of a pretty beach. Maybe we'll have fewer tourists crowding our streets!

-The WGIPOA dues of \$500.00 is due. A motion to pay was made, seconded, and passed. What does WGIPOA do for us? Go to their website and see for yourself. <http://www.wgipoa.com>

-Our Federal and Texas sales tax exemption is reinstated. We have our charter reinstated. We have state corporation status. We are going to put mechanisms in place to make sure these things never lapse again.

-The City of Galveston will hold a general and special election on Saturday, May 12, 2012, to elect a Mayor at-large and City Council Members from each of the island's six districts. Qualified voters will also consider 17 proposed amendments to The City Charter. Early voting begins Monday, April 30, 2012, at the Galveston County Courthouse located at 722 Moody, Galveston, TX.

Early Voting – Polling Hours:

Monday, April 30 – Saturday, May 5: 8am – 5pm

Sunday, May 6: Polls are closed

Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8: 7am – 7pm

The Galveston City Council adopted redistricting Plan R revised in October 2011. Current voting district maps are available online for reference, http://www.cityofgalveston.org/city_council/default.cfm. An online voter guide is also available, http://www.cityofgalveston.org/city_council/elections_result.cfm. For more information regarding the upcoming election and new voting districts please contact the City Secretary's Office by calling (409) 797-3510.

-There is nothing wrong about fighting your tax appraisal when it comes in. Start early and go the workshops offered by Cheryl Johnson.

-They are having turtle seminars and turtle patrols. You see a turtle laying eggs, hold the turtle there until the turtle tagging team gets there. They tag them and track them all over the gulf. The following are links about turtle programs and information:

<http://www.ridleyturtles.org>

<http://www.tamug.edu/stferl/turtle/index.htm>

Next Meeting is September 22, 2012 at 10A.M. at 4215 SURF DR, Galveston, Tx 77554