

Minutes of the meeting of the Palm Beach Civic Club May 10, 2014 10 am, 4118 vista

Attendance:

Melanie & Gordon Perry, Russell & Barbara Hooper, Marilyn Bridges, Matt & Tanya Nguyen, Darwin Miller, Myrna Reingold, Bobbie Joe Carter, Jeanie Mason, Drew & Alice Hayward, Hernan Botero, Paul & Linda Griffin, Al Roach, Mary Feely, Bob Daniels, Domingo Fernandez, Jim & Nancy Minton

Meeting called to order at 10:06am

-Melanie, president of the club, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions by those present was made.

Suspended meeting for guest speaker

- Hernan Botero introduced himself as the guest speaker. He represents Beachside Environmental and gave a presentation and handed out information on beach cleaning. Residents were interested in possible ways to get the seaweed off the beach. Hernan cleans the sand at Beachside Village and other beaches on the island.

-Those present discussed the pros and cons. The rules for getting a permit had been streamlined and was no longer a long, expensive process. The 2014 cleaning rate stated by Mr. Botero was based on a one year contract and was priced at \$90 weekly, \$110/biweekly, \$150/monthly. It was noted that studies showed that the healthiest beaches were not raked. The vegetation line was just 50 ft. from the present location of the seaweed. Some residents expressed concern about disturbing the present vegetation on the beach to put seaweed on the dune. Those who rent expressed a need for a clean beach for the enjoyment of their renters.

Called meeting back to order

-It was moved and seconded that we take nominations for 2014 officers and the following were nominated, and seconded:

President: Melanie Perry, vice president: Myrna Reingold, treasurer: Barbara Hooper, secretary: Russell Hooper, Directors: Oleander- Mary Feeley, Vista- Al Roach, Las Palmas-Karen Ware, Surf-Alice Hayward, N. of 3005- Domingo Fernandez

-Bobby Jo Carter introduced herself. She owns a sign shop and is willing to work with us on needed signs in the subdivision. She suggested: more speed signs, make upright leaning signs, keep off dunes signs, street signs needed on 3005 per txdot rules. She volunteered to work up signage proposals for the club. Melanie suggested ordinance signs for the beach including leash and poop scoop signs.

-treasury report- \$10,400 in the bank. It was explained that this money was raised by Palm Beach for neighborhood improvements like dune walkovers, and not for frivolous spending such as parties. Dues were for that and \$550/yr. WIGPO dues. Dues or fund raising could be used for beaching cleaning. We are a 501C organization.

-Melanie had purchased a Roberts rules of order book to donate to the club.

-trash cans on the beach. The more that call the city and complain, the sooner we will get some. People could go to council meeting and raise a stink.

-hurricane meetings: Jamaica Beach, Saturday June 21 at 10am at their fire dept. City of Galveston, Wednesday May 28 at the convention center. Starts at 5pm with beach demo and moves inside at 6pm.

-turtle season – April 1 to July 30. Turtle number: 1-866-887-8535.

-new members – dues are \$50/yr. – voluntary.

At this point it was moved, seconded, and voted to suspend Roberts's rules of order to vote 2 items:

-a motion to elect new officers was made. it was moved seconded and voted to elect the officers who were nominated at the beginning of the meeting

-a motion to get more information and a bid to clean the seaweed off the beach was made and seconded. On a vote of the members present it was defeated.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 21, 2014, 3PM, 4215 SURF. This will take place after the Jamaica Beach Hurricane preparation meeting and we will plan how we will prepare as a neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned.

Other information given out at this meeting:

-West Galveston Island Property Owners Association- <http://www.wgipoa.com/tx/>

Next meeting May 17, 2014, 8:30am for breakfast, 9am for meeting at the new Marriott Courtyard Galveston Island Gulf Front at 9550 Seawall Blvd. Program includes Cheryl Johnson discussing property appraisal.

-HEART (Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles) is part of the Sea Turtle Restoration Project, an international group who work for not only the Kemp's ridleys but all species of sea turtles in the oceans of the world. They need your help. <http://www.ridleyturtles.org/>

-A new organization is in Galveston called Sea Turtle Restoration Project (STRP) located at 2228 Broadway <http://seaturtles.org/>

-The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association was founded in 1926 by individuals who recognized the need for an organized effort to combat erosion, a serious problem in many coastal areas <http://www.asbpa.org/>

2014 National Coastal Conference, Virginia Beach, VA Oct. 14 short course, Oct. 15-17, 2014

Join the national and automatically be enrolled in Texas chapter. <http://www.texasasbpa.org/>

-The Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association was organized in 1957 at a meeting of 37 local government and university leaders concerned about the growing problem of beach erosion that had virtually destroyed important resort beaches such as Miami Beach. <http://www.fsbpa.com/>

Annual Conference September 24-26, 2014 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point ,Bonita Springs, Florida

<http://www.fsbpa.com/annual-conference.html>

-Park Board Beach Maintenance Policy

<http://www.galvestonparkboard.org/beachmaintenance/ParkBoardSeaweedPolicy2013.pdf>

-Park Board Dune Maintenance Manual

http://www.galvestonparkboard.org/beachmaintenance/PB_Dune_Manual.pdf

-City of Galveston Office of Emergency Management guidelines

<http://www.cityofgalveston.org/154/Office-of-Emergency-Management>

-Galveston Police Department's 36th Citizens Police Academy will be held at The Grand 1894 Opera House located 2020 Post office. Classes will begin on Monday, June 9, 2014 and meet each Monday through August 25, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for the class or materials.

http://www.galvestonpolice.net/official/?page_id=164

-At a WGIPOA meeting, the Police Department talked about a power of attorney form (attached) that homeowners can sign and have notarized. The homeowner would place the yellow seal (attached) to a window so that the police can go onto the property when the owner is absent if there is someone suspicious on it. Otherwise the police officer would have to notify the owner of a suspicious person on your property, which would take time, and by the time they reached the owner, the criminal already left the island or went to another county. Go to the following site for information.

<http://www.har.com/houston-real-estate-blogs/38226/Galveston-Police-Department-Power-of-Attorney>

-Galveston Police Department <http://www.galvestonpolice.net/official/>