

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PALM BEACH CIVIC CLUB JULY 26, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: 15 present. Melanie & Gordon Perry, Justin & Jennifer Harker, Russell & Barbara Hooper, Myrna Reingold, E. Flores, Jeanie Mason, Laverne Carter, Alice & Drew Hayward, Becci King, Peter & Michelle Pedalino.

A quorum was met.

Meeting began at 10:12

Welcome & Introduction

All present introduced themselves and gave address. A birthday card was passed around for everyone to sign and present to Domingo Fernandez in celebration of his 58th birthday, when he gets back from his cruise. Jeanie Mason announced she had closed on her house on Surf.

Melanie passed a packet out containing:

1. The agenda
2. The minutes of the May and June meetings <http://palmbeach.jimdo.com>
3. Newsletter from West Galveston Property Owners Association, <http://www.wgipoa.com/tx>
- 4.-6. (3) Seaweed articles,
http://www.galvestondailynews.com/opinion/editorials/article_4fdd7014-0a36-11e4-a1bc-0017a43b2370.html
http://www.galvestondailynews.com/sports/fishing_report/article_4d3992ea-fa85-11e3-9d7c-001a4bcf6878.html
http://www.tamug.edu/SEAS/SEAS%20Articles/Articles_No_Show/Washington%20Post%20Pesky%20Seaweed%20Article.pdf
- here is an extra one not in packet http://www.surfsidetx.org/users/sargassum_info/06_019_final_report.pdf
Deals with benefits of seaweed on the beach
7. Ike Dike article, <http://www.tamug.edu/ikedike/>
8. Texas dike spill article
http://www.galvestondailynews.com/opinion/editorials/article_7a09a71a-f50d-11e3-92eb-001a4bcf6878.html
9. Galveston Island Shrimp Festival 9/26 – 9/28 Flyer <http://www.yagaspresents.com/shrimpfestival/>

She also handed out leaflets on hurricane preparation, seaweed, and sea turtles.

Treasurers Report - \$11,085 in treasury.

Hurricane season- Melanie Perry highlighted things to do and places to go to prepare for hurricane season that were covered at the Jamaica Beach Hurricane preparation meeting June 21.

<http://news.galvnews.com/sections/hurricane>

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/images/hgx/hurricanes/HurricaneWorkshop14.pdf>

<http://www.cityofgalveston.org/469/Emergency-Preparedness>

Emergency alerts <http://www.ready.gov/alerts>

The Jamaica Beach Fire Department is a staging area for emergency action. Jamaica Hardware gave supplies to them after Ike hit.

Dune Walkovers- A FEMA grant applied for after IKE to fund crossovers at Surf, Vista, and Las Palmas. What little information we have is it is a grant for \$115,000.00. The club would have to put up 10% to get the grant. Once built the civic club would maintain it. The civic club would have to pay out \$11,500 to meet that 10%. Melanie and Myrna are going to city hall for a meeting on 7/29 for more info.

There are rattlesnakes in the dunes. There are 4 types of poisonous snakes on the island: Rattlesnakes, coral, copperhead, and water moccasin. All the others are nonpoisonous and beneficial for rodent and insect control.

DO NOT KILL NONPOISONOUS SNAKES.

Don't know which is what? GOOGLE IT AND LEARN.

Raking

Melanie put out a request to email your thoughts about raking the beach. She got 9 Responses and she read them to the group. 6 were for raking and 3 against.

After that a **lively** and at times **heated** debate took place in which everyone got to express his or her opinion.

At the end a motion was made to table all further action regarding beach raking and suspend further discussion.

The motion was seconded, voted on, passed.

A desire for harmony in Palm Beach was expressed by all.

Melanie Perry announced that she would not be president after Jan. 2015. All expressed their deep appreciation for the work she has done.

**NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 23, 2014. 10a.m.
4118 Vista, Galveston, TX**

**Russell Hooper
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