

Minutes of Spanish Grant Annual Meeting 2007

The annual meeting of the Spanish Grant Civic Association was called to order at 1:00 p.m., May 20, 2007, by the president Patti LeClear at the Hawthorn Suites, Galley Room, Galveston, Texas.

A quorum was established with both persons in attendance and proxy votes. The total being 30.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed before the annual meeting. A motion was made by Wanda Brinkley to approve the minutes, seconded by David Lindemood and approved as read.

Jim Gasper presented the treasurer's report including 3 accounts as of Dec. 31, 2006, (1) Cepra sand donations, \$15,000, (2) Funds for a Protective Device, \$43,282.57, (3) Operating Expenses, \$10,883.92. Cash on hand \$16,934.49. Savings account \$10,769.38, Checking account \$6,165.11. Jim Jolly made a motion to approve this report, seconded by David Lindemood and was filed for audit.

Juan Pena, City Council Member District 3, spoke about the state of the finance in the city of Galveston. (12 million in the black according to Steve LeBlanc). The Core of Engineers is dredging on the East End for further sand development. The Marquette Development has presented to the city of Galveston, a plan for its future development. A government hazard study has been under way to define problem areas. Council will discuss this plan and pass it on to real estate companies and new buyers.

Dianna Puccetti talked about travel and traffic problems on highway 3005 and that TX Dot may possibly design another bridge in the West Bay area. Marvin Schneider asked Dianna about a sand unloading facility in West Bay and she said that the project had been approved.

Lt. David Torres gave a talk about his duties and what he has done for the subdivision. He sends reports to the board of directors once a month. He reported to thefts of lumber and a break-in to one house for pure mischief, but no other major problems. He works with another officer from Galveston who works with GARM. They have suggested leaving small lights on when not at home.

Patti LeClear spoke about the installation of a new light at West Ventura and Buena Vista. The Board hopes that the city will help with this project. Drainage projects have been worked on with the city. Seventy Five percent (75%) of the subdivision has signed off on the project. Brandon

Wade worked with Patti on the drainage issues, which will start after the summer. Patti LeClear has acquired a seaweed-raking permit from the city.

Dianna Puccetti from the Park Board has formed a committee for the raking and bailing of seaweed. Mr. Coburn has devised a piece of equipment to rake seaweed without disturbing the sand. Pocket Park and Bermuda Beach already have dunes from beach raking.

Marquette Development set up a tele-conference with our Board and sent maps of their future plans so that the directors could review them. Many questions were asked, at present, some areas of the development would need to be rezoned. The next meeting will be held at the Galveston City Hall, Tuesday, June 5th at 4:00 p.m. Buildings at present are allowed to be 9 stories tall, by the city. On June 4th, Marquette Development will hold a meeting about putting in a project for a Protective Device.

Marvin Schneider spoke about the state of the shoreline committee. A protective tube has been thought of as a good project, also looking into a PID. GLO has not wanted to help out with this project. Some people from Pirates Beach are interested in Lungren perpendicular jetties and submerged reefs advocated by the New Zealand Company. ASR LT'D are also being studied. Marvin also stated having Marquette put pressure on the GLO to have some beach protection for the beach. Dianna though it was a good idea for smaller subdivisions to get together to develop plans for beach protection.

Wanda Brinkley asked that everyone register in Galveston to vote if we want change.

The Board has applied for CIAP5 funds, which includes sand, walkovers, and vegetation. Spanish Grant has received approval for the Cepra II replacement funds. These funds will be used for the engineered beach that was lost during Hurricane Rita. The GLO still needs a sand source.

Jim Gasper gave the nominating committee report with Jim Jolly, Patti LeClear, Chris Samuels, Peggy Zahler and Jim Gasper on the ballot. Tom Brinkley made a motion to accept the list of candidates and David Lindemood seconded it.

Peggy Zahler presented the JSC credit union prizes to the winners.

Move to adjourn by Wanda Brinkley, seconded by David Linderhood.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM
Lucy Rangel, secretary.