

PBCC Jan. 24, 2015 Meeting of Minutes

Attendees: Laverne Carter, Jeanie Mason, Sarah Holm, Michelle & Domingo Fernandez, Alice & Drew Hayward, Myrna Reingold, Melanie & Gordon Perry, Jennifer & Justin Harker

Meeting agenda was handed out

Meeting started @ 3:10 pm

- Minutes from last meeting were discussed and motion to approve by Myrna. Then motion from Myrna to Amend so to acknowledge that Buzz Bates was at last meeting. Motion to approve by Myrna and second by Justin Harker.
- Treasury Report: \$11,606.64 WGIPOA dues are due May 1st. Statements go out March/April. Motion to accept Mel & Myrna second motion to close.
- Dune crossovers: About mid-Feb Melanie will be contacted, 3 crossovers for Surf Dr, Las Palmas & Vista Dr. They will also be handicap accessible. Movi Mats were discussed. The pricing is considerably lower in cost, but they are environmentally safer. Pirates Beach completely approved for Movi Mats. It was brought up that Movi Mats will get full of sand and will still need to be rolled up for safety during bad weather.
- Melanie brought Galveston dinning guides.
- Melanie gave a few updates and a plea for fellow Palm Beach neighbors, John Holman & Russell Hooper. John Holman had a heart attack and is in need of getting his yard mowed. Sarah Holman suggested Bob Adam who is local & resident of Palm Beach. Myrna Reingold gave the name of Roberto who is her yardman. Russell Harper fell and hurt his right shoulder. Depending on the MRI results he may be hospitalized and have surgery.
- Melanie introduced the new officers: Alice Hayward - President, Myrna Reingold - Vice President, Jennifer Harker - Treasurer & Michelle Fernandez - Secretary. New officers presented Melanie with a well-deserved Thank You card and flowers, Melanie has been president since 2008. Everyone present signed and gave thanks to her for all of her hard for PBCC.
- Melanie turned meeting over to the new officers
- Alice Hayward gave reminders that all monies will go to the dune crossovers and that Melanie mailed out farewell letters with the membership dues and forms attached.

- Alice announced the goals for PBCC in 2015! :

- 1) Getting neighbors together with Pot Luck gathering sometime in March. Also to have guest speaker Dr Tom Linton. He is a professor @ A&M & author. A&M did study last year and stated that Palm Beach had the best beach. He could explain the important factors for why seaweed is so important to beaches.
- 2) Neighbor's night out: to occur when it gets warmer & to invite Carolyn Sunseri as guest speaker. She is our representative on City Council. And to invite the local police, we want them to know PBCC.

- Alice opened the floor for discussion:

- 1) Domingo Fernandez asked if there could be a survey for future comparison on beach raking, to show damage through the years; that is if raking still continues. Reminded the floor that raking was voted down in Meeting of March 24th 2014.
- 2) Michelle Fernandez brought up the fact that after the raking the sand is not solid, very mushy and hard to walk on. Is very dangerous for elderly and hard to walk on. Not a stable surface.
- 3) Myrna Reingold suggested that those opposed to beach raking to contact the City of Galveston to inform that they are opposed of raking. Those opposed need to call the city and send letters.
- 4) Sarah Holm reminded the floor that PBCC is recognized under the Federal Government not only State. PBCC has a 501C4 status. Alliance claims to have a 501C3 unincorporated and is not recognized under the Federal Government & State. PBCC is recognized by Federal Gov. & State
- 5) Justin Harker suggested that we look into becoming HOA to have more legal representation.
- 6) Myrna reminded that HOA's can be very strict for home owners.
- 7) Melanie suggested to bring Artist Boat back as a guest speaker.
- 8) Gordon suggested that those opposed to write to the City that PBCC is incorporated and recognized by the Federal Government and State. And that PBCC voted down the raking and so therefore should be discontinued.
- 9) Justin suggested to email homeowners asking if they are for or against raking.

- Jeanie Mason will represent PBCC @ WGIPOA & will communicate all information to PBCC. She reported that the Mayor spoke @ WGIPOA meeting about the crossovers. They spoke of short term rental fees. Murmurs requesting donations of \$250.00 attendance will be provided at the suite with a balcony.

Galveston Police Dept soliciting funds. Galveston Police Academy. Jeanie too free Rape Prevention class and highly recommends # 409-763-5604.

- Motion by Justin to have new webpage started as fresh start and for 2/3 officers to have control. Domingo second motion.
- Myrna spoke on the need to get the written by laws for the Civic Club. Sarah stated that she has and will get to Myrna. Needing to verify the voting process on the by-laws: if per lot the dues to be paid for each lot. Per Sarah by-laws are not specific in voting, describing 1 vote per property.

- Per Sarah the bank account has 1 account with 2 purposes: 1 account for the dues and 1 account for fund raisers.

- Setting up a new web page was brought to the floor. Justin motioned to start a new web page and Domingo second the motion no opposes. Jennifer found that to buy a domain was \$50/5 years. Justin and Domingo agreed to go in half to pay for the 5 years. Jennifer register website and Michelle to start up. Motion to have all 4 officers to be administrators: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. All were in favor no opposes. Also, that the web page is handed down to the new officers voted in next election, each year.

- Suggested names for the new webpage were voted on: PalmBeachCivicClub.com or PalmBeachGalveston.com. All were in favor of PalmBeachGalveston.com with no opposes.

- Owners of rental properties must be in contact with the city. The city will start collecting a hotel tax on rental properties. Sanctions: \$500.00 per day. GAORM will field calls associated with this.

- Jerr Mohn: The City of Galveston is overwhelm with requests from small groups and suggested that multiple requests be incorporated into one request; no individually. PBCCwill send email advising PB property owners of this. Some action items:

Speed signs: PBCC to investigate speed signs 25mph as a first try.
Missing water meter covers
Check of fire hydrants

Meeting ended @ 5:00pm

Next Meeting: March 28, 2015 3:00pm

Domingo & Michelle's house
14118 Mira Mar Dr