

President Monthly Update October 27, 2020

Our PPOA Board meeting was held on October 10, 2020 with approximately 70 members participating on the call. The highlights of the October Board meeting are as follows and include some updates as of today:

Flock Security Cameras

- We are still waiting for the City of Galveston to approve our Application to place our camera poles in the City right-of-ways. We are in month 2 of this process and are very frustrated.
- UPDATE:
 - We are now reaching out to some of our residents that have alternative camera locations. Hopefully, the PPOA can obtain permission from these residents to place the cameras on their property so we can get the cameras shipped.

Security Community Survey

- The Security Survey questions have been completed and the Survey will be administered thru Survey Monkey.
- Update:
 - The Security Surveys have been mailed to all PPOA property owners as of October 23rd, so be on the lookout in your snail mail. Simply follow the instructions to get to the Survey Monkey site and complete the form.

Real Estate Transactions – PPOA Reserve Properties

The Board received offers from two property owners to purchase PPOA Reserve lots. The Board voted to not sell these lots at this time.

PPOA Dune Task Force

- The Dune Task Force has met numerous times and is working with all stakeholders to creating an action plan.
- 3 stakeholders have been identified:
 - 26 front row private property owners
 - PPOA with 6 beachfront Reserve lots
 - The City of Galveston that owns the Beach Access Points as well as 10 front row lots from the buyout after Hurricane Ike.
- A meeting with Brian Maxwell, City Manager and several other City representatives will be held on October 21 to discuss the Dune Task Force action plan.
- The goal is to build a contiguous dune across Pirates Beach and Pirates Beach West – with the hope that the dune could be fortified.
- Update:

- The meeting with the City was held via Zoom and there was a lot of good communication. To Do's were assigned and a follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the near future. Highlights of the meeting:
 - Street clean-up was slower after the third storm. Streets that still need attention should be cleaned by the end of this week.
 - All sand that was taken from the PPOA after Hurricane Laura will be returned and placed on the beach to be distributed to the pre-Laura dune line.
 - City approved a contiguous dune structure that can be placed through all Beach Access Points with walkovers. ADA walkovers will also be built.
 - Beach quality sand must be used to re-nourish the dunes because fortified dunes are not allowed by the GLO.
- Several West End communities have enjoyed fortified dunes for many years and they have successfully kept the dune line intact. For new residents, the PPOA did have a fortified dune "geo-tube" installed before Hurricane Ike, but it failed and the GLO required it to be taken down.
- The Dune Task Force is discussing funding sources for a contiguous dune with the Coastal Beach and Bay Foundation. Those discussions are underway.
- Many front row property owners are moving forward with re-nourishing the dunes on their property.
- The Dune Task Force is developing an action plan to approach the State Legislature to attempt to change the GLO prohibition against fortified dunes.

Resignation of PPOA Board Member Ron Pearrow

- Ron Pearrow submitted his resignation from the PPOA Board because he has sold his house and is moving out of the Community.
- Ron has served on the PPOA Board since 2006 and was Board President from 2012 to 2017. He has been very active in the Community and he will be missed.
- Purvez Captain, a Pirates Beach property owner, was elected by the PPOA Board to fill Ron's unexpired term ending June 2021.

Appointment of PPOA Officer – Treasurer

Ron Pearrow was a PPOA Officer and served as the Treasurer of the PPOA. With Ron's resignation, BJ Willingham was voted in as a new Officer and Treasurer of the PPOA.

Next PPOA Board Meeting

The next PPOA Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2020.