

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BAYVIEW CITRUS GROVE SUBDIVISION
AND OF THE TOWN OF BAYVIEW

November 28, 1928 The Port Isabel Irrigation Company subdivided and established the Bayview Citrus Groves Subdivision including an area for the San Roman Townsite.

In 1959 Mr. Hull proposed to establish a trailer court on property he had acquired in the Bayview Citrus Groves Subdivision. Other citizens were disturbed by proposed trailer court because of fear that it would detract from the area and lower property values.

Mr. Fitzpatrick proposed that an area be established and incorporated as the town of Bayview and that rules be set up to prevent building a trailer court in the incorporated area.

A meeting was held in the home of Mr. Fitzpatrick at which time Mr. Fitzpatrick donated \$500.00 toward the cost of legal fees involved. Other residents donated smaller amounts.

An application for incorporation of the proposed town was submitted to the State of Texas, County of Cameron, on the 17th of October 1959. The application being properly filed, an election was held on the 30th of October 1959 to determine if citizens favored ~~the~~ incorporation. The vote was 31 for incorporation and 1 against incorporation.

An order of incorporation, formally establishing the town of Bayview, was signed the 5th of November 1959 by Oscar C. Dancy, Cameron County Judge.

The first election of officers was held the 14th of December 1959. The first officers were: Mayor: Warren Franklin - Aldermen: Gerald Allen, Herbert King, Thomas McLeaish, Doctor Metheny, R.J. Puhl, - Marshall: Bernard Gobar.