



Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association General Meeting February 22, 2024 via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order by Earl Prizlee at 7:00pm. Earl welcomed everyone to our first ZOOM meeting.

Earl introduced himself and introduced the lane reps. They are the first point of contact if you need anything or have any questions for the Board.

Earl asked that everyone provide their email address and Karen captured them to add to our database.

FLPD report: Officer Jackson introduced herself and explained the role of the Community Support Unit.

There was one crime reported in Lauderdale Isles, an auto theft on Cat Cay Lane. The owner left the keys inside the car, went into the house with groceries and when they came back outside, the car was gone.

Officer Jackson advised she sent the Midnight Supervisor contact info to Earl and he will be in touch to discuss patrolling at night. She mentioned that Police can only enforce the noise ordinance for vacation rental complaints.

Code Compliance: Marco Aguilera reported there are 35 open cases and in the last 3 months, 27 open cases have come into compliance without fines imposed. Common violations still include derelict vehicles and parking on lawn.

Marco asked that we ignore the signs that have been placed in our neighborhood regarding seawall compliance, as they are not legal. This is a scam by the person putting up the signs.

Lauderdale Isles Community Center update: Earl provided an update from the recent meeting with the Parks & Rec Board. He showed a diagram of the park which is going to be renamed Lauderdale Isles Landing and where the Community Center will be located. He also talked about how the funds come together to build this Community Center. All attendees were excited about this with the exception of one neighbor who commented in the chat, "I respectfully disagree with your idea". A neighbor asked if we can move the existing playground equipment to the park across the street and Earl said the Parks Department will not move it.

Guest Speaker: Commission Warren Sturman. Earl introduced and welcomed Commissioner Sturman to our meeting. Commissioner Sturman said Lauderdale Isles has the most organized leadership and he receives continuous updates from the Board. He mentioned public safety is the largest item in the budget. Police and fire contracts have been secured and the City will begin hiring. Police will receive EMS training so when they appear first on scene, they can help right away. He talked about the Flood Plan, which includes \$500 million for 18 neighborhoods to upgrade infrastructure. Regarding vacation rentals, Geoff and Earl gave the Commissioner the latest update. We have been having conversations with State legislators and lobbyists regarding the new Bill that will not be good for our city. Geoff gave a quick update from the Tallahassee airport regarding his testimony before the House Commerce Committee today. The proposed Bill will be horrible not only for our City but the entire State of Florida.

Commissioner Sturman discussed tree and noise ordinances as well as bikes lanes. Trash on Riverland Road was mentioned.

Commissioner Sturman addressed the New River bridge vs. tunnel issue and the costs for each. This is a County project, and they make the final decision and are responsible for securing state and federal funding. The Commissioner prefers the tunnel.

An attendee inquired about tree maintenance. Commissioner Sturman said there is a tree ordinance meeting on Feb 27 at 6pm at 700 NW 19 Ave.

He gave a brief update on traffic calming options such as raised intersections. He said state and federal funding should be coming through to fund this.

Other news:

Reminder: MIAF Waterway Cleanup March 2. LICIA and LIWMD are sponsors.

Earl advised we are working on solar lights for the lane signs and the neighborhood entrance sign.

A neighbor asked for an update on the Yacht Club. Information on the Yacht Club property is available in the last newsletter and the City website.

Lots of favorable comments were made about holding the General Meeting via Zoom. Many found it very convenient, and others prefer in-person meetings to meet their neighbors. The Board will discuss whether future meetings will be Zoom, in person or both.

Geoff made the motion to adjourn, and Dawn seconded. The meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Rames, Secretary