

**Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association General Meeting August 15, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by Earl Prizlee at 7:05pm. Earl thanked the Pastor for the use of the Church for our General Meetings.

Earl welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the Meeting Agenda for the evening which includes the Candidates Forum. He reminded everyone that he and Geoff need to stay neutral as we need to work with whomever gets elected. Mentioned a few of the Board activities including hand delivering the newsletters, caring for and decorating the street signs, Welcome Kit, committees including Airport Noise, Vacations Rentals and New River Middle School and Waterway Cleanup.

**FLPD report:** Officer Jackson said there were 2 Part 1 crimes that occurred from July 18- current day. There was a stolen tag and a burglary of an electric bike. The garage was open, and she reminded everyone to not make it easy for people to commit crimes in our neighborhood.

**Code Compliance report:** There are 23 cases pending, 4 closed and none scheduled for court. On May 15, a $15,000 fine was imposed upon the owner of the VR home on Okeechobee Lane and everyone was thrilled to hear this was done.

**1st agenda item: Acting Assistant City Manager Chris Cooper discussed the home at 2507 Nassau Lane:** Neighbors on Nassau Lane complained that this home is being used as a community residential facility.

Chris Cooper said this home does have a license to act as a home for developmental disability and assistance needed for people. There is an open case for building permits. He said this is a state issue and the neighbors need to work with our commissioners if they want to try to change the law so this house cannot operate in this neighborhood. The rules say this residence is limited to 6 people living there + 2 staff for a total of 8 people. The neighbors say this house is in disrepair as the roof leaks, there are electrical problems and mold. Chris advised they involve Code Compliance. Chris advised he will determine what state agency needs to be involved. The neighbors don’t want this business on their lane.

**2nd agenda item: Candidates Forum:** Geoff presented the ground rules for the forum. The questions were supplied in advance of the meeting and are just about our neighborhood. Geoff introduced the 4 candidates: Warren Sturman, Ted Inserra, Ben Sorensen and Kevin Cochrane as they came to the front table. The 5th candidate, Marion Howard, withdrew his campaign.

The questions posed related to Riverland Road traffic calming, New River Middle School traffic, Vacation Rentals and the Community Center.

Last question was a simple one – bridge or tunnel to see how everyone felt about the upcoming decision the County will be making regarding the train crossing on the New River.

It was an interesting and informative night for sure and we all thank the Candidates for their time and attention to Lauderdale Isles community needs.

Flanigan’s Gift card was awarded.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Rames, Secretary