Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association General Meeting November 16, 2023

Grace Alone Ministries, 1900 SW 35 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Earl Prizlee started the meeting at 7:15. He welcomed everyone and thanked Pastor Bill for allowing us to use the Church for our meeting. There are approximately 45 people at the meeting tonight.

A survey was passed out to attendees so that the Board could have a better idea of how the residents think we are doing and what they would like us to focus on in the coming year.

FLPD: Officer Haggerty and Officer Jackson came to the podium to provide the crime stats. In the last month, there were only 3 instances. A UPS package was not received, a car was stolen at an AirBNB property and the parts were seen on Facebook Marketplace, and a tag was stolen off a vehicle. Always remember to report that the property is an AirBNB when you are calling FLPD for a vacation rental complaint.

Note to everyone: There is a TikTok Challenge where a USB card is used to steal Hyundai and KIA cars. If you have those cars, the police recommend to use The Club to help prevent these cars from being stolen. Both companies are working on issuing recalls to change the locking systems.

Regarding complaints with damage less than \$1000, there is a new online reporting system to alert the police. You can find this at FLPD.org

Packages delivered by Amazon and others are stolen more often now than ever, so try to be home for deliveries or arrange the delivery time so someone is home when being delivered.

Remember, if you see something strange, call 911.

Regarding traffic calming, the Police Officer gave Earl pictures of traffic calming procedures in another neighborhood that really helped. Everyone thanked them for attending.

Earl came to the podium and gave a brief overview of what the Association does for the community. He mentioned we will be decorating all the lane signs with garland and bows this year. The signs were painted this year and thanked everyone for not attaching stickers or signs to the lane signs. Talked about the recent Waterway Cleanup which was a great community event and thanked all the volunteers. Mark your calendars for the annual MIASF Waterway Cleanup next year on March 2.

Code Compliance: An officer was not at our meeting this time so no report.

Community Center: Earl asked if anyone was here from the Yacht Club to give us an update on what they planned to do since they purchased it. No one was at the meeting and Earl advised he was told they want to restore it back to its original condition, but it will not be open to the public. Earl advised there is money in the Parks Bond for building a Community Center, about \$2.3 million. Earl showed a possible layout and inclusions for this building. The project planning would start Nov/Dec 2023 and the ground- breaking would be October 2024. We also want to change the current name of the park to Lauderdale Isles Landing. The Community Center would be patterned after the one in Hortt Park.

Earl asked if everyone has seen the new signs on Riverland Road to slow down the traffic. The actual speed each car is traveling is flashed on the screen just below the 30 mph sign. We all agreed it is working.

Former Commissioner Ben Sorenson stopped by and was introduced and asked to say a few words. He announced he is running for Commissioner. Geoff Rames reminded everyone that the Phoenix Plan was given to Ben to help with airport noise and he, along with the Airport Noise Committee, did a great job reducing the noise in our neighborhood.

Elections: All board members and Officers for 2024 were announced and were elected by acclamation. Andrew Silverman, our new Okeechobee Lane rep, was introduced. Thank you, Andrew!

Vacation Rentals: Geoff provided updates on 2 addresses we have all been talking about.

Graffiti Boat: Joann gave an update on the status of the towboat. There was a delay in traveling from Cape Canaveral so the date has been extended. They say it should take 2-3 days to pump out and then will leave. Federal funds are supposed to pay for the removal of this boat.

Riverland Roat Traffic Calming: Earl said the funding for this project is scheduled for 2027 and the project is in the design phase. There will be speed tables that are raised up to 6" at

intersections to slow down traffic. Tortugas Lane and Riverland, Gulfstream Lane and Riverland and Bimini Lane may be the areas designated for this.

DOT shared use path: SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street/441 to Riverland Woods Park
The new pathway will connect the existing pathway to end at Riverland Woods Park.
Construction would start Spring 2025 and be completed by Fall 2026.

The Flanigan's gift card raffle number was selected, and the gift card presented to an attendee at the meeting who was very happy to win it.

With no additional business to discuss and no questions, Geoff Rames made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dick Cahoon seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Rames, Secretary