



Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association Board Meeting Zoom call January 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Earl Prizlee at 7:00pm.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Earl Prizlee, Geoff Rames, Karen Rames, Dawn Hannah, Dick Cahoon, Trent Simpson, Jackie Zumwalt, Aynsley Geramanis, Penny Shea, Julie Gordon, Savita Baboolal

Absent: Diana Steeger, Debra Dedek. We do have a quorum.

FLPD report:

Officer Solanch Alvarez was present, filling in for our Officers. She said there is nothing to report.

Earl advised there was another accident on Riverland Road. He recommended to Officer Alvarez she ask if the Police can put a mobile radar speed sign so people know the speed limit was recently reduced to 30 mph from 35 mph. This action was included in the Riverland Road widening project.

Geoff asked her to advise our Officers that there were guys drinking in the Riverland Woods Park and perhaps the Officers can drive into the park more frequently to check on any activity and be sure no one is hanging out there at night.

Aynsley said there are homeless people in the Civic Peoples Park both in the day and at night. Mom's don't want to take their kids to the park anymore. Officer Alvarez advised this is a public park and in the daytime, it's hard to ask people to leave the park. She said she will send a message to the Police to go to the park at night and "move the people along".

Also talked about the woman sleeping on the ground next to the bus stop to keep an eye out for her.

Code Compliance:

Marco Aguilera was present and everyone gave thanks for doing a great job.

Marco called the Park Rangers to advise them of what is happening in the parks and they are now aware and asked to check on the people in the park at night. The Park Rangers work until 10pm. After that, we are to call the Police if there are people there. Park Ranger phone # 954-401-0800 and can be reached from 6:30 am – 10:00 pm. He said he will personally go tonight.

Marco gave us the stats for Oct 1, 2022 – January 1, 2023. There are 90 cases open. 2 to Magistrate for fines pending, 8 pending to go to Magistrate, 16 currently open. 6 cases complied with fines, 61 cases closed and 19 still pending. 4 are going to the Special Magistrate. 2401 Cat Cay is being fined daily. The City cannot take over the home to clean it up due to problems with drugs and needles and city employees being possibly harmed. The City stopped foreclosing on properties due to COVID but will do again but first is finalizing a different process. It will be more difficult to do, but they will do.

Vacation Rentals update:

A Sugarloaf Lane property was discussed, and Marco advised it is owned by the Federal Government.

The City's fees for maintaining this property are now over \$30,000.

Vacation Rentals at 2407 Key Largo and 2407 Nassau Lane are being monitored closely by Code.

A sign has been ordered to put in Riverland Woods Park as 3 different people were doing big marine work/projects on boats in the park. No mechanical work is allowed in the park.

Marco advised that no one can rent their dock in Lauderdale Isles. This seems to be a constant discussion but should not be as the rules are clear. Karen to include information in the Welcome Kit about this so it is clear.

Marco told us that everyone needs to know you can't just cut down a tree on your property. You need to first call the City Landscape Division to see if it is ok. Or you need a certified arborist to complete a form certifying it is ok to cut it down. If so, no permit is needed. If no form, get a permit. Some trees are invasive so you will receive the okay to cut them down. There are also some palms you can cut down without a permit. Call the City Landscape Division to discuss. You may need to send a picture of the tree to them and they will tell you what to do. Check out the City website for this.

Aynsley is writing an article about this for the next newsletter.

Treasurer's report:

Earl advised the October, November and December 2022 Financial Reports need to be approved.

Dawn made the motion to approve, Penny seconded the motion and we all agreed to approve all 3 months.

Penny said she thought we were doing away with the storage unit. Earl explained we do need to keep it. Geoff said we have records going back for years and when an individual stored the records years ago, it was totally mismanaged and records were missing. In the storage unit are the signs for meetings, waterway cleanup information, equipment and records going back for years. The cost is \$195 quarterly and everyone agreed we should continue with the storage unit.

Additional business:

Aynsley is working on a spreadsheet to record vacation rentals who are advertising but are not certified. She will discuss the spreadsheet with Geoff and then Earl and Geoff will go to Katrina with the information. Marco offered to review the list and see those that are not properly registered.

Jackie asked if the Code boat has been out patrolling our canals as there is a new boat that is too big on Key Largo which left but is now back. Geoff suggested Jackie call it in, but she doesn't have the address. Marco said the Code boat is supposed to be out patrolling on Thursdays but it is currently not in the water as it is getting routine maintenance.

Dick advised there is nothing new to report about Airport Noise. For the most part, it is not noisy, with a few exceptions.

Julie asked if Dick could help her with a question she received from a new listing she has. Why did they stop putting street lights on Cat Cay Lane and Riverland Road? Earl said he likes it darker but we should light up the street signs which brought us to our previous conversation about solar lights on the street signs. We need to get this on our project to do list. Vince added a solar light to his lane sign but we need a larger and brighter light, something commercial grade.

We talked about the new solar lights in Riverland Road that were recently installed.

We also talked about the new Lauderdale Isles Welcome sign. Earl stated the City needs to remove 2 trees before a sign can be installed.

Regular and Bulk trash:

Too many people continue to put their trash cans out on the wrong dates and start a bulk trash pickup pile too far in advance of the actual pick up date. Aynsley would like to make a trash magnet to include with a newsletter. Julie has a neighbor who is a printer and will get a price for us to consider.

New River Middle School Traffic Update:

Vice Mayor Sturman talked to the City Manager and he agreed it is a problem, so we have his full support.

Vice Mayor Sturman meeting update:

Earl and Geoff met with Vice Mayor Sturman, did a Power point presentation detailing all the projects they want him involved in for Lauderdale Isles, including the purchase of the Yacht Club by the City, Vacation Rental issues, Riverland Road traffic calming project, the Boat Ramp at Riverland Woods Park and expectations from our neighborhood.

General Meeting:

The next meeting should be in February, but we will postpone to March as we need time to promote it and Mayor Trantalis may join us and needs to know the date before he can commit. We agreed to do a test at the Church to see if we are successful doing a simultaneous in-person and virtual meeting. Karen, Earl and Geoff will coordinate the test.

We agreed to limit the presentation time for guest speakers to keep it interesting and so as not to go too long with the meeting.

We will promote the meeting date in our February newsletter, to our email database, on Next Door and will put up the meeting signs on each lane. Date scheduled for March 16.

Newsletter:

Geoff is coordinating the newsletter to be ready by Feb 17. We will include the following information:

MIASF Waterway Cleanup is March 4. Karen and Jill Prizlee have volunteered to be the coordinators and Dawn, Aynsley, Julie, Dick and Lynn Cahoon have volunteered to help. We will coordinate once we have the information from MIASF. LICIA and LIWMD will provide prizes.

Dawn has offered to provide a 2nd story on the historic maps and also the history of the Peele Dixie water plant.

Aynsley's Mom is a Maritime Lawyer and will do a story about how dock rentals in our neighborhood are illegal and what happens when your renter stops paying or leaves and how you are responsible. . Aynsley offered to write an article about the tree policy in Fort Lauderdale.

Julie Gordon offered to provide old sketches and pricing for our homes and floor plans she has to show the history of our neighborhood.

Earl and Jill will provide an article about the mystery of the blue lines and flags in our streets.

Geoff will send out reminders about the articles promised and the due date for submission and will coordinate the ads he has for the next article.

Lots of great information and good discussion and lots to follow up on.

Meeting ended approximately 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Karen Rames for Deborah Dedek, Secretary, LICIA