

Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association Board of Directors

Meeting, August 19, 2021

<u>Attendance</u>

Executive Board		Board of Directors		
Audrey Edwards, President	Р	Diana Steeger	Andros	Ρ
Earl Prizlee, Vice President	Р	OPEN	Bimini	А
Deborah Dedek, Secretary	Р	Dick Cahoon	Cat Cay	Ρ
Jeannie Lewis, Treasurer	Р	OPEN	Duck Key	А
		Penny Shea	Flamingo	Ρ
		Geoff Rames	Gulfstream	Ρ
Dawn Hanna, Webmaster	А	Jackie Zumwalt	Key Largo	А
		Julie Gordon	Marathon	Ρ
		OPEN	Nassau	А
		Deborah Dedek	Okeechobee	Ρ
		Vince Valldeperas	Sugarloaf	А
		Judy Seiler	Tortugas	А
		Dawn Hanna	Whale Harbor	А

The meeting was called to order by Earl Prizlee at 7:06pm. A quorum was present. *Geoff Rames' votes were by proxy in accordance with an email he sent to the executive board on Aug 18, 2021.

- 1. Meeting Minutes: Jeannie Lewis made a motion to approve. Julie Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Approval Of Treasury Report: Deborah Dedek made a motion to approve. Diana Steeger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Committee Reports: Airport Noise: Earl Prizlee reiterated the start date of Metroplex as being Aug 12, 2021 and said that it has been relatively quiet in the Isles since that date. Dick Cahoon said that the winds have been coming from the east so we really don't know if there have been any changes as of yet. Dick said that planes used to turn immediately upon takeoff but now have to travel at least a mile straight west before starting a gradual turn to the north. Earl Prizlee suggested that we keep track of the flights to see if further legal action is necessary to force planes to follow the new route. Vacation Rentals: No new updates. Audrey Edwards led a discussion on a new Florida law that just passed allowing anyone to run a business in a residential neighborhood. To keep up with info on proposed legislation, text Home Rule to 50457
- 4. LIWMD Update: Geoff Rames gave an update via email to the board of directors on Aug 18, 2021. As mentioned in the newsletter, at this point we are unsure whether the Lauderdale Isles Fall Waterway Cleanup scheduled for November 13 will take place, due to uncertainty over the COVID situation. I imagine we will make a decision by mid-September.

One of the problems that comes up at LIWMD meetings frequently is derelict boats & docks, not only in the waterways of Lauderdale Isles, but in the waterways of the entire city. Lately, the river always has large pieces of lumber floating in it, from docks that have fallen apart. These pieces of lumber do a great job of destroying boat propellers. Senior Code inspector Manny Garcia goes out in an FLPD boat twice a month and cites numerous boats and docks every time he goes out - again, throughout the entire city. But he tells us it's only the tip of the iceberg, and it could be a full time job handling these and other waterway issues. Commissioner Ben Sorensen, who is on the LIWMD Board, took these discussions to heart and approached the City Manager about this situation. Take a look at this good news highlighted in yellow:

CITY COMMISSION JOINT WORKSHOP WITH BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD

City Commission Discusses FY 2022 Proposed Budget. During a recent meeting, the City's Budget Advisory Board (BAB) unanimously passed a motion recommending approval of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022). At that meeting, the BAB expressed support for additional funding related to rent costs for partially relocating staff from the City Clerk's Office to better accommodate the City Commission at City Hall and appropriating funding for the acquisition of a boat that will allow code enforcement officers to inspect properties from the water. In addition to these items, the City Commission discussed funding for additional not-for-profit organizations and staffing for the City's Fire Department. The City Auditor, John Herbst, also presented his review of the City Manager's FY 2022 Proposed Budget and FY 2022-FY 2026 Community Investment Plan. His review concluded that the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the primary government as presented is balanced, the proposed millage is in compliance with Florida Statutes, and the priorities identified by the Commission all show funding allocations in the coming year. The City Commission will hold budget hearings on Wednesday, September 8 and Monday, September 13 to adopt the FY 2022 budget. To review the FY 2022 Proposed Budget, visit fortlauderdale.gov/budget. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3xWvg6S.

- 5. Entryway Sign Project: Earl Prizlee had a meeting with Louis Lafarrier (works with neighborhood associations) to discuss help with designing our new Lauderdale Isles entrance sign. Earl will update us with any progress.
- 6. Newsletter: Feedback from residents was very positive. Earl Prizlee suggested that all lane reps organise block parties for their lanes as was done on Okeechobee Ln in June (article in our summer 2021 edition).
- 7. New/Old Business: Earl Prizlee informed us of the light pole at Tortugas and Riverland was hit yet again. He would like to see the proposed construction plans to find out if the situation at that spot will be remedied during the current project. Dianna Steeger is spearheading a committee to get the traffic patterns changed on Riverland Rd at the Middle school during drop off and pick up times as the traffic is horrendous at the times and is causing unnecessary traffic jams all along Riverland to the east and west of the school. Jeannie Lewis and Audrey Edwards had a meeting at the bank where Audrey was added to the LICIA account as a signatory. New checks have been ordered with the LICIA mailbox address to replace the current checks which list Jeannie Lewis's home address. Dianna Steeger suggested that Jeannie Lewis create a LICIA specific email address to use for Zelle so that it can be passed on to any subsequent treasures for the LICIA board and Earl Prizlee should have the Zelle?bank account login info in case Jeannie is unable to perform her duties. Dianna Steeger brought up an issue with all of the signage in Riverland Woods Park that was installed fairly recently. WE all agreed that they are an eyesore. Most say "no parking on the grass". Some feel that there should be more parking for boaters and that moving the playground to the north end of the park might be a wise idea to make room for additional parking. It was also mentioned that paid parking might be an option. Earl Prizlee will find out if there are any options.

Adjourn: Dick Cahoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Dawn Penny Shea seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.