

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Aug. 15, 2014

President Dirk Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

1. Police Report: FLPD Ofcr. Jason Wilson, Neighborhood Action Team: There were no residential burglaries. There was one burglary of an unlocked vehicle, between 11pm – 4am, probably by juveniles walking down the street. Properties are being watched on Duck Key & Cat Cay Lanes. A discussion ensued regarding issues with homeless people in Riverland Woods Park. FLPD officers have been citing people for using the boat ramp faucet for personal hygiene. A neighbor reported that these people start heading to the convenience store to buy beer around 7am daily. All FLPD shifts are working on the situation. In response to a question regarding break-ins, FLPD's policy is that the subjects will be arrested as long as a victim is willing to prosecute.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May General Meeting: George Counts stated that his statement as listed in the May Minutes: *"George Counts stated that alligators have been in these waters for thousands of years, and these waters are their home,"* was taken out of context & should be removed from the minutes. M: G. Counts, 2nd Chad Hodder, Approved: Unan.
3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report, as shown in the Newsletter: M: Bill Gray, 2nd: Chad Hodder, Approved: Unan.
4. Alligator Update: No gator activity reported in Lauderdale Isles since June. The state-authorized trapper is extremely busy throughout Broward.
5. Dredging Project Update: Seagrass Surveys are complete, permits requests have been submitted, and it is hoped that the permits will be approved by September 9. Dredging is still expected to start before the end of the year.
6. September 20th Waterway Cleanup: Neighborhood event, just for Lauderdale Isles, sponsored by LIWMD, LICIA, & LIYC. Joan Sheridan has graciously agreed to be the event coordinator. Pre-registration is required.
7. Website Update: Website continues to be updated. Any neighborhood pictures are welcome for the website.
8. Welcoming Committee: Welcome kits are complete. Several new neighbors at the meeting were introduced.
9. President Lowry advised that money has been set aside to repave the lanes that did not have new sewers installed.
10. All Aboard Florida: Ali Soule, Public Affairs Manager for AAF, presented an overview and the latest status of the project. Salient points for L.I. boaters: AAF has committed to having a bridge tender at the New River Bridge downtown. AAF north and southbound trains will cross the bridge at the same time. The bridge cycle for each closing will be 12-13 minutes for passenger trains. A smartphone app will be developed so captains on the river know the real-time status of the bridge. Bridge closings for AAF will be on a scheduled basis, not random. Improvements to the bridge will be made. Use of the tracks by Tri-Rail for a 'Coastline' commuter train operation is being studied by FL DOT. The FRA's EIS is due in September. Questions were raised by neighbors about hurricane evacuations, the corporate status of AAF, and the EIS process.
11. Airport Runway change: John Anderson reported on the new airport take-off heading of 285 degrees, causing aircraft to come closer to Lauderdale Isles, with resultant increased noise levels, especially with winds from the south. It was recommended that neighbors go to the county's website and complete a noise complaint form when this occurs. This is the best way to get the issue to the forefront with the county. George Counts asked neighbors to come the airport noise meeting, Sept. 11th. It was recommended that this information be forwarded to Chad for inclusion on the LICIA website. Chad would put a link on the website homepage to this information.

There being no further business before the group, the motion was made by Chad Hodder to adjourn. 2nd: Bill Gray, Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Rames, Secretary LICIA