

**Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association Board Meeting Zoom call September 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Prizlee at 7:05pm.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Earl Prizlee, Geoff Rames, Karen Rames, Diana Steeger, Dick Cahoon, Dawn Hanna, Julie Gordon, Glo Knowles, Penny Shea, Aynsley Geramanis and Joann Kratky.

**Code Compliance:** We are happy to welcome Matt Flesher, our new officer. He joined Code Compliance 2 months ago, having previously worked in Miami Beach. Matt advised there are 23 cases pending compliance. Cases include exterior violations, parking on lawn, and public nuisance. 6 cases have been complied since our last report. We asked Matt to let us know how long the 23 pending cases have been on-going. Matt said the average is 2 months and he will let us know those that are longer than the average. Matt works Sunday-Wednesday. He will go to the boat ramp every Sunday to see if there are any problems he needs to write up on Monday.

**FLPD report:** Officer Jackson advised there were 2 Part 1 crimes. 2 auto burglaries. A purse/bag was taken from an unlocked car at 3400 Riverland Road and tools/chainsaw taken from an unlocked trailer. She reminded us this would not have happened if we lock our doors.

**July and August Treasurer reports:**  Dawn motioned to approve, Joann seconded and all approved.

**July and August minutes**: Joann motioned to approve, Dawn seconded and all approved.

**Community Center update:** Earl said the City is not focused on this project now due to their tremendous workload. Commissioner Sturman told Earl he will work to get it back on track.

**November LIWMD/LICIA Waterway Cleanup**: Geoff asked if Saturday Nov 2 or Nov 9 is better for volunteers and most are available on Nov 9 so that will be our waterway cleanup date. LICIA will pay for breakfast and LIWMD will pay for everything else. Karen and Geoff coordinating and will update everyone as we get closer. Thanks for the volunteers who agreed to help.

**Next newsletter:** Geoff said the final deadline for articles is Oct 10, earlier is appreciated. Geoff will know final page count after all the political candidates have secured their ads. Geoff advised once he receives the newsletters back from the printer, we need to deliver the newsletters to our neighbors by Oct 25, in advance of the Nov 5 election. This newsletter will include information about our last General meeting for the year. Joann and Glo volunteered to be the content managers and provide Geoff with all of the articles by Oct 10 for the newsletter. All Board members were asked to write an article.

**November General Meeting**: The next General Meeting will be on November 21. As this is the last General Meeting of the year, annual Board elections will be held. And it is Diana’s birthday, so a great reason to celebrate her with a meeting! Diana offered to contact the City Flood Plain Manager to see if he can attend as our headliner. A discussion took place about changing the fiscal year to make it clear when dues apply. Geoff made the motion to change the fiscal year to Jan-Dec. Penny seconded and all approved. Dues collected at the November meeting will apply for Jan-Dec 2025. Earl will determine if the by-laws need to be changed.

**Review of Candidates Night:**  Geoff and Earl reviewed some of the statements made by the Candidates and did some fact checking. The Board recommended that the fact checked statements be included in the next newsletter, without the names of the candidates who made them.

**Holiday decorations for the lanes**: All agreed to decorate the lane signs again for the holidays. Diana volunteered to order new red bows from Amazon.

**New River School Traffic update:** We will take up this issue with the Commissioner after the November election.

**Building Height Amendment:** Dawn asked if we need to go the Commission and reinforce that our neighborhood wants 25 feet maximum height, per the vote at the May General meeting. We will determine how to handle this in a separate meeting.

Motion made by Geoff to adjourn the meeting. Earl seconded and all approved. The meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Karen Rames, Secretary