

**Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association General Meeting May 16, 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by Earl Prizlee at 7:10pm. Earl thanked the Pastor for the use of the Church for our General Meetings.

Earl welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the Meeting Agenda for the evening and asked everyone to hold onto their ballots until the end of the presentation by the Building Height presentation. He reminded everyone that our newsletters are hand delivered and include great information. Mentioned a few of the Board activities including decorating the street signs and Waterway Cleanup.

**FLPD report:** Officer Jackson explained the role of the Community Support Unit. She said there are no Part 1 crimes to review. There was a vacation rental complaint on Okeechobee Lane and the Police and Code responded and cited them for noise and no VR license. A home on Nassau Lane had a broken window from someone shooting a bb gun across the canal at an animal.

**Code Compliance:** Marco Aguilera reported on the stats for 2 months. There are 9 open cases, 18 are in compliance with no fines, 6 with fines and 21 complaints handled but led to no violations. FIXIT FTL is the new app to request things such as new trash carts, when street lights are out, etc.

**Lauderdale Isles Community Center update:** Earl provided an update from the recent meeting with the Parks & Rec Board. $2.3 million is allocated to build the Center. There are discussions planned regarding the scope of the project and he will continue to bring the ideas to the Community.

**Riverland Road Traffic Calming:** This is a $1 million project but does not appear to be funded until 2027. We all need to keep pushing for this to happen sooner.

**Other news**:

Geoff reported that the MIASF Waterway Cleanup March 2 was a great success. 70+ volunteers attended and it was covered in the most recent newsletter, along with pictures.

**Algae Prevention this summer:** Geoff reminded everyone that fertilizer use as of June 1 is prohibited by the City. Landscapers should be reminded to not to blow lawn debris in the canals. We haven’t had algae in the canals for 4 years and the Broward County lab indicates our water quality is good.

**Vactions Rentals**: The total number of legal and illegal vacation rentals in our neighborhood is now 28. In May 2021 we only had 7. There is a new phone number to call for vacation rental violations.

**Vacation Rental Senate Bill 280**: The Governor has received several thousand emails, calls and letters and we hope he will veto by July 1.

**We are a Civic Improvement Association, not an HOA**. Earl explained the difference and referenced the City code on the City website. This is the Code of Ordinances we need to live by. LICIA’s purpose is to protect and improve the neighborhood.

**Building Height Amendment:** Karlann Devonish of Urban Design & Planning presented the Height Amendment for the annexed area as they would like to make it 35 feet and have uniformity throughout the City. Eric Silva of Whale Harbor Lane would like to build a new home at 24 feet and was told it was too high for our neighborhood. He challenged the interpretation and definition of the current rule. The max height in the City is 35 feet, but in the annexed areas, it is based on 2 stories at 10 feet/story for a total of 20 feet. The end result is he was told the code needed to be changed in the annexed area. After a discussion, a vote by informal ballot was taken. The results were 23%: 35 feet height, 55%: 25 feet height, 17%: keep the 20 feet height, 6%: other. Earl said he would convey the results to the City.

A person who tried to disrupt the meeting was escorted out of the building by FLPD Officer Jackson.

**Presentation by Representative Darrell Campbell, District 99:** Rep. Campbellexplained resources available to the community. These included grants and programs for small businesses, career resources, help with mental health issues. He will be holding 5 town halls and 1 virtual meeting for the community. He provided a list of dates and locations in June. See myfloridahouse.gov for more info.

Flanigan’s Gift card was awarded.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Rames, Secretary