

## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, May 15, 2014

President Dirk Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Police Report: No police report was provided.
2. "Smart Water" presentation: President Lowry introduced Brenda Bailey from the Smart Water company. She provided a presentation on Smart Water, which is a sophisticated method of marking items invisibly so that they may be identified if they are stolen. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has been using the program in several neighborhoods, one of which experienced a 17% reduction in burglaries. Anyone wishing to purchase a Smart Water kit for the special price of \$30 may do so by notifying President Lowry by email. Info about purchasing these kits will be placed in the next newsletter and on the LICIA website.
3. Approval of Minutes of the Feb 20, 2014 meeting, as published in the newsletter: Motion: Bill Gray, Seconded: Chad Hodder. Approved unanimously.
4. Newsletter Advertising: The cost of color printing of the newsletter is not that much more than that for black & white printing. The goal is to pay for the newsletter through the advertising.
5. Treasurer's Report, as published in the newsletter: Motion to approve: Bill Gray, Seconded: Chad Hodder. Approved unanimously.
6. Beautification Committee: No report
7. Airport Committee: George Counts reported that the new runway is on schedule, and helicopter flyovers are decreasing.
8. Welcoming Committee: No report. President Lowry introduced the person who originally started the Welcoming Committee years ago.

### OLD BUSINESS

9. Alligator Update: As of this date, the alligator "Wiley," has not been seen since February. George Counts stated that alligators have been in these waters for thousands of years, and these waters are their home.
10. Dredging Update: Despite the request for volunteers to allow the FLPD Dive Team access to the canals as published in the newsletter, it appears that the sea grass surveys will not be necessary for our canals.
11. LICIA Website Update: Chad Hodder reported that the website, ourlicia.com, is now up and running. His daughter Abbey was introduced as the webmaster. The old licia.org domain will be set up to forward automatically to the new website. Chad advised that information would be updated on a weekly basis. The current newsletter is on the website. Chad graciously paid the costs to establish the website.

### NEW BUSINESS

12. All Aboard Florida: President Lowry has scheduled a presentation by All Aboard Florida for the next General Meeting in August. Questions can be posed to the AAF Public Relations staff at the meeting. This meeting should help dispel the many rumors regarding the project. A lively discussion about the project ensued. One person stated that someday we may be limited to one boat per household due to population growth.
  13. Activities: President Lowry asked for fresh ideas for events and activities, like a big yard sale or picnic.
  14. September Waterway Cleanup: There will be a waterway cleanup event just for Lauderdale Isles in September. It was suggested to schedule the cleanup so that it occurs at low tide.
  15. Puppies Available: Ryan St. George announced that he has thirteen beautiful puppies available for adoption, boxer/labrador mix. Dirk advised that they are a good burglar deterrent, and are excellent for iguana control.
  16. I-95 bridge: Ken Stauch asked if anyone had accurate information regarding the I-95 bridge repair and the height restriction due to the construction. The project at this bridge is preventing passage by sailboats.
- There being no further business before the group, the motion was made by Bill Gray to adjourn. Seconded by Chad Hodder, approved unanimously.

Note: Post-meeting, President Lowry asked Karen Rames and Glori Stauch to re-activate the Welcoming Committee. They agreed to do so.

Respectfully submitted, Geoff Rames, LICIA Secretary