

## Minutes of the September 19, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association

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

1. FLPD Report, Officer Stevens: There was one residential burglary on Riverland Road on August 28. The problem of the vagrants under the 441 bridge was discussed. Besides sleeping under the bridge, some are sleeping under the playground equipment in the boat ramp park. They are using the boat ramp faucet for personal hygiene. More patrols of the boat ramp by FLPD were requested. The existence of a "Sober Home" on Nassau Lane was discussed.

2. Dues: Dues received at August General Meeting will be applied to LICIA's new fiscal year, which starts in November. Exec. Committee: M: Geoff Rames, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad Hodder, approved unanimously. It was agreed to publish a list of dues-paying members starting in January (*corrected: "February"*) newsletter. The November newsletter will contain an envelope for neighbors to submit their dues for the new fiscal year.

3. Treasurer's Report. N/A. Treasurer is out of town tonite. Dirk will assist with Treasurer's duties, as will Ryan St. George. Discussion of ads in the Newsletter ensued. Dirk has put a system in place to track payments for newsletter ads.

4. Minutes from July Board Meeting: Approval by Exec. Committee: M: Chad Hodder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Rames, approved unanimously.

5. Airport Committee Report: Mr. Counts reported on the 285 runway heading over L.I. He reported that John Anderson, Bud Johnson & a man from Miami Intl Airport are working on this. He stated that anything that affects our neighborhood will not go into effect until the next Part 150 which is several years down the road, & that a special flyer should be generated. Dirk stated that we could get some emails out. Yelka mentioned the possibility of installing noise monitors and retaining an attorney.

6. Waterway Cleanup: Geoff Rames stated that 70 volunteers had registered, along with 14 boats. He also showed the T-shirt that all participants would receive. Chad Hodder pointed out the location of his house on the map image on the back of the shirt. George Counts stated that he hoped we would have some trash to clean up. Several members stated we would start cleaning at Mr. Counts yard.

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GC (to Dirk): We're going to start at your dock where you're renting it out. You've got electrical hookups and everything else. This is not Kosher. You have a big marina at your house.

DL: What are you talking about? You've been by my house?

GC: Yeah

DL: I've got my boat behind my house, lad

(Dirk showed a picture of his boat at his dock)

DL: You see that boat lad, that's right behind my house

GC: I see your boat. But you can't put a mini-marina behind your house, Dirk.

GR: Wait a minute. What are you talking about mini-marina? He's got a dock & he's got his boat there.

GC: One of the things that have happened in the Isles is that people have taken...

GR: I'm asking you what you're talking about, about his house. You're making accusations....

GC: You shut your mouth and listen!

GR: (to Dirk) Let me ask you a question. I am going to interrupt. What is his official position here?

DL: He's our guy for the airport, but he can really wait till we're done talking here. Wait till the meeting's over, we'll get to you, George.

GC: OK

Discussion of the WWCU continued. Geoff Rames reported that there would be a cookout picnic for all the volunteers afterward.

7. Vagrants under the bridge problem: Dawn Hanna, who has spent a great deal of time addressing this problem, advised that we're at a standstill at this time, as we still try to find out who is ultimately responsible for the issue. She said she would continue to work on it, and asked if the board would want to get involved. Dirk stated that he was awaiting a call from a DOT official who was contacted by another neighbor. Dirk recommended that as part of any communication with any officials regarding the issue, they be made aware that if something happens, they could be held liable.

8. Newsletter Editor- Yelka had advised that she will be moving, and will no longer be editing the newsletter after the next issue. Chad said he would talk to a prospective editor. Dirk & Chad said they would continue to address the issue.

9. Welcome Committee: Geoff Rames advised that the Karen & Glori of the Welcoming Committee have the packages available now. Jackie Zumwalt requested four of them. The consensus was that Welcome Kits could be provided to renters as well as new homeowners.

10. Dredging: Ryan St. George stated that County approved the permit for dredging our canals. Geoff Rames said they would be putting details on liwmd.org as soon as they were available. The size of suction hoses & hydraulic dredging equipment was discussed.

Dirk asked if anyone had any additional items. George Counts stated that he had something. Dirk told him to wait till the meeting was adjourned.

11. Motion to Adjourn: M: Chad Hodder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan St George: Unanimous approval

The meeting continued, ex post facto:

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DL: OK, go ahead, George.

GC: I have visited several waterway cleanup sites. I participate in several organizations, and the trash is getting less and less trash every year.

DL: Good

GC: You burn people out by having too many cleanups. One site I went to . . .

CH: George, we've only done. . . this is the first one. Let it happen. Let it happen.

GC: Just let me finish

CH: Listen, you complain about everything that goes on here.

GC: Is this a social occasion or is it something to help the environment?

CH: What does it matter, it's not costing you a dime in the first place.

GC: So what

CH: Did you register? Did you register?

GR: No, he didn't

GC: What do you mean, did I register?

CH: Did you register to be a part of the Waterway Cleanup?

GC: No, I do it once a year

CH: Then why are you even commenting?

GC: Because, I live in this neighborhood

CH: Then join in and help!

GC: Join in and help? There's nothing to do!

CH: How do you know?

GC: I'm going to monitor and see how much ...

CH: You know George, again, you complain

GC: I've been doing this since day one. (To Chad) You don't do anything.

CH: I don't do anything, you're right...

GC: You're too busy, you had to go to the Keys. You didn't have time to help us when...

DL: Alright, that's enough

Gina Garcia brought up the issue of lawn service workers blowing debris into the canals. Dirk asked Gina if there was a lot of stuff in her canal. Gina responded that yes, there is. Dirk stated, "So there's something in the canal."

The ex post facto meeting ended.