

# Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association Board Meeting Zoom call March 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by our President Earl Prizlee at 7:00pm.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Earl Prizlee, Geoff Rames, Karen Rames, Diana Steeger, Dick Cahoon, Dawn Hannah, Trent Simpson, Aynsley Geramanis, Andrew Silverman, Julie Gordon, Glo Knowles, Jackie Zumwalt

Absent: Penny Shea, Joann Kratky

### **FLPD report:**

Officer Nicole said there was 1 theft, a package with a \$3,000 stereo, on March 19 on Marathon Lane.

Police may be able to download data from the speed limit signs. If there are trends to share, they will do so.

**Code Compliance:** No one was available to attend this meeting.

### **Treasurer reports:**

Dick made the motion to approve January, Trent seconded the motion and we all approved. Karen made the motion to approve February, Trent seconded the motion and we all approved.

## **Secretary reports:**

For the January 19 Board Meeting minutes, Trent made the motion to approve, Geoff seconded and all approved. For the February 2 General Meeting minutes, Geoff made the motion to approve, Julie seconded the motion and we all approved.

### **Vacation Rentals update:**

Earl discussed Geoff's trip to Tallahassee with Ben Sorensen to appear before the State House Commerce Committee hearing on the Vacation Rental bill. Collee Hammock HOA contributed \$400 to Geoff and \$400 to Ben Sorensen to help defray the cost of the trip. Dawn made the motion, Dick seconded and majority approved with one abstained vote (by Treasurer) to contribute \$400 to Geoff and we will send a thank you letter to Ben. Diana and Trent will write the letter and Julie will coordinate all electronic signatures from the Board.

### **Lauderdale Isles Landing name update:**

Earl advised the name Lauderdale Isles Landing has been approved. Parks & Recreation Marine Facilities advised they applied for a \$75,000 grant from the State to redesign the boat landing area.

#### **Community Center update:**

Earl advised the funds are being transferred to the project and this item will be on the May Commission agenda. Earl and Geoff will attend all meetings regarding the design of the Center.

## **City Building Height Amendment:**

Earl introduced Eric Silva, a resident on Whale Harbor Lane. He is requesting an ordinance change and Earl shared his letter with us. Lauderdale Isles current code is 2 stories/20 foot limit. Eric went to the City Planning Department and requested an increase in the building height rule. City Staff proposed an increase to 35 feet in order to make the height limit uniform throughout the City. Melrose Park is retaining the 20 foot height. After some discussion, Karen recommended an increase from 20 feet to 25 feet, not 35 feet. A motion was made by Geoff to approach the City with our recommendation. Earl suggested they coordinate a mailer inviting every resident in Lauderdale Isles to a meeting for our neighborhood to discuss this change and vote on it. We may include this at our General Meeting in May. All approved.

# **Next General meeting May 16:**

Julie suggested Marty Kiar, Property Appraiser, as our guest speaker. We all agreed and Julie will invite him.

#### **Newsletter:**

Geoff reminded everyone he is working on the next newsletter. Please have your articles to him by April 25.

Motion made by Geoff to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded and all approved. The meeting ended at 8:58pm.

Submitted by Karen Rames, Secretary