

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Nov. 20, 2014

President Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

1. FLPD Report: Officer A. Dupree, member of the new Neighborhood Action Team: (1) Vehicle burglary on Nassau on Nov. 10 & (1) residential burglary on Okeechobee on Oct 25. Riverland Village on the north side of Riverland Road is a very active area right now. Most of the break-ins are juveniles. The homeless issue of people drinking & sleeping in the park was addressed. A neighbor stated that there were boats traveling at high speed on the river at night, but could not provide actual times when this was occurring. If the police don't actually see this activity, there is little they can do.
2. President Lowry opening remarks: announced that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of creating minutes, & that everyone should sign in for the meeting. He advised that he and Ken Stauch attended a recent All Aboard Florida Meeting. A large report is being generated by the Marine Industries regarding AAF & LICIA will be one of the signers of the report. They both also attended a recent meeting held by the US Coast Guard where people could state their objections to the AAF project. Ken reported that the Coast Guard will review all the options and come up with their recommendation, such as for a tunnel under the river, which would cost 1 billion dollars.
3. Minutes from previous General Meeting (August, 2014): Motion to approve: M:Chad Hodder, 2nd: Bill Gray, approved: U.
4. Treasurer' Report is on the website & will continue to be published there. Motion to approve: M:Chad Hodder, 2nd: Bill Gray, approved: U.
5. Homeless Issue Committee: Dawn Hanna has been pursuing the issue vigorously for us. She reported that the agencies involved under the bridge are DOT, Town of Davie PD, and SFWMD. There was a meeting this morning at the boat ramp with DOT where fencing was discussed. As of today, the fence is insufficient for preventing access to the bridge by the homeless. There is a lot of garbage including empty beer cans under the bridges. New, better, fencing should be installed by Dec. 15th. Ryan St. George stated that it may be necessary for DOT to obtain a permit from SFWMD for the fence at the water. A neighbor emphasized the need to call FLPD whenever homeless are seen hanging around the food store, drinking, etc. Dirk complimented Dawn for her hard work and perseverance on this issue. She was given a big round of applause.
6. Welcome Committee: A sample Welcome Kit was presented. Neighbors knowing of a new resident on their street should notify their lane trustee, who will then arrange the delivery of a Welcome Kit. Twelve of the kits were recently distributed.
7. Airport Committee: Dirk reported that there may be some "give & take" on the 285 heading, and he feels that heading won't be used unless absolutely necessary. A representative of the airport will be at our next General Meeting in Feb. Chad Hodder reported that the noise will always be present – it's one of the things you have for living near an airport.
8. Alligator Sightings: The gator was seen devouring a duck last week on the Sailfish Canal. The gator trapper for our area resigned & the Gator Boys now are the authorized trappers for our area. They have been out 14 times for this gator. Neighbors are urged to continue to call when it's sighted.
9. Dredging Update: A diagram was distributed to all attendees at the meeting which shows the profile of the canal & how they will be dredged. Only the center 20 feet of the canal will be dredged. The contractor may be doing the dredging mechanically instead of hydraulically. The work is supposed to start before the end of the year. The on-going problem of lawn service crews putting lawn debris in the canal was discussed. LIWMD is trying to come up with a positive solution.
10. Web update: Chad reported there will be a story with pictures of houses decorated for Christmas on the website.
11. Election: No one from the audience volunteered to run for office. Herb Rassing volunteered to take over as lane rep for Tortugas. Glori Stauch will take over for Gulfstream Lane. A slate consisting of the existing officers, Dirk Lowry:P, Chad Hodder: VP, Geoff Rames: S, & Ryan St. George: T, was listed. Motion to elect the slate: M: Bill Gray, 2nd: Chad Hodder: Approval: U.
12. Presentation: Dirk Lowry, VP of Crime Stoppers offered a very interesting presentation on the Crime Stoppers program.
13. Paving: Dirk reported that funds have been set aside for paving of our lanes.
14. Geoff Rames agreed to continue as editor of the Newsletter, replacing Yelka Mikolji. There being no further matters to come before the board, the motion was made to adjourn: M: Chad Hodder, 2nd: Bill Gray. App:U

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoff Rames, Secretary