

Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association General Meeting Feb. 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Geoff Rames at 7:12pm. (President Dirk Lowry was unable to attend)

1. Police Report: FLPD Neighborhood Action Team Officer Tisch: One incident was reported in the previous month at the school. A bicycle was stolen from a house on Nassau Lane. A neighbor reported kids on Bimini Lane trying car doors to find unlocked ones, which she reported to police. A homeless man sleeping on the playground equipment in Riverland Woods Park was discussed. Such calls are not a priority, unfortunately, for the police. Increased police presence in the park was requested. Bringing dogs into Riverland Woods Park is illegal. The day shift will be notified regarding this issue. Info on iguana control is on the FWC website.

Note: Vice- President Chad Hodder arrived at 8:22 and conducted the rest of the meeting.

2. VP Hodder discussed the manner in which questions would be posed to the guest speaker this evening. He advised that the meeting is recorded.

3. Guest Speaker: Allan Siegel, Community Outreach Coordinator for Broward County Aviation Department. Mr Siegel presented information on the Airport Terminals, construction of the South Runway, and passenger volume (24.6 million passengers in 2014). Non-stop service is provided to every major city in the U.S., except San Diego. The airport is a self-supporting enterprise. The North Runway is 9000 feet, and the new South Runway is 8000 feet, so the heavy, overseas flights using aircraft like 747's will use the North Runway for takeoffs. Members of the audience voiced their frustration with the aircraft noise problem.

4. At 36 minutes into the meeting, John Anderson interrupted Mr. Siegel's presentation and proceeded to provide a technical explanation of the noise issue with handouts showing noise contours, environmental concerns, communiques to Kent George, BCAD director, etc. Noise complaints should be filed whenever overflights occur. Various means of presenting concerns to the FAA were discussed. This was a lengthy discussion

5. Formation of LICIA Airport Noise Committee: Motion: To form a new LICIA Airport Noise Committee, with John Anderson as Chairman of that committee: M: Geoff Rames, 2nd: Gina Garcia, Approval: Unanimous. A form was distributed for neighbors at the meeting to volunteer to serve on this committee. Dirk, Chad, & Geoff would make arrangements for organization of the committee and for the first meeting. Approximately (16) neighbors signed up to serve on this committee.

(Editor's Note: Four days after the meeting, John Anderson resigned as Chairman of this committee. The Board then asked Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans of Key Largo Lane to serve as Chairperson and she graciously accepted.)

6. VP Hodder thanked Allan Siegel for his presentation, and the crowd extended its appreciation by applause.

7. Approval of Minutes from November General Meeting: M: Bill Gray, 2nd: Gina Garcia, Approval: Unanimous

8. Treasurer's Report: VP Hodder introduced Jeannie Lim as the new Treasurer for the association.. The Treasurer's Report was presented verbally. The current balance is \$25,039.69. Motion to approve: Gina Garcia, 2nd: Dawn Hanna, Approval: Unanimous.

9. Homeless Committee Report: Dawn Hanna, Chairperson: Neighbors were encouraged to call the non-emergency number for issues in Riverland Woods Park. It was recommended to take pictures of the issues when possible, and forward them to City leaders. The new fence is working fairly well now, but still has some kinks to be ironed out by DOT.

10. Dredging Update: Geoff Rames of LIWMD. Scheduling and dredging profiles were explained. The issue of shallow water at the mouth of the Cobia Canal was discussed; the City is aware of the situation, and Code Enforcement is working on it. A question was raised about the width of the center dredged cut: the city spec is the center third of the canal will be dredged.

11. Street paving: A question was raised about when the streets would be repaved. Dirk would be consulted on this.

12. March 7 Waterway Cleanup: Ken Stauch announced the MIAASF Waterway Cleanup would be March 7th at the Yacht Club, and the Trash Bash afterward will be at Bimini Boatyard. The tide does not come into play for waterway cleanup.

13. VP Hodder asked for a volunteer from Nassau Lane to become the new Lane Rep. Allistair DeVerteuil volunteered to become the rep for Nassau, and was approved by the attendees.

There being no further business before the group, the meeting was adjourned by VP Hodder.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Rames, Secretary