

Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association General Meeting May 19, 2022

Grace Alone Church 1900 SW 35th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Earl Prizlee welcomed everyone and thanked Pastor Bill for allowing us to use the church for our meeting. Earl explained what the LICIA board does for our community and what the \$20 per year dues are used for such as maintaining our street signs, quarterly newsletter, etc. Earl asked for volunteers for lanes that do not currently have lane reps.

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Officer McClendon (standing in for Officer Guevara): Crime Stats for May: 1 Burglary of a business. Crime is down 40% in our neighborhood compared to this time last year.

Guest Speaker: Beam Furr, our new county commissioner. Beam pointed out that there are 50,000 jobs available currently in our county. Employees are needed. There are 7000 job openings in hospitality and 7000 hotel rooms being built. 911 is raising salaries and is in dire need of employees. The county is asking the school board to add a 911 training curriculum to schools such as McFadder. A commuter rail is being worked on running from Miami to WPB. Beam is Chair of the Solid Waste Workshop. Their goal is to get recycling up to 75%.

Code Compliance: Marco Aguilera - Stats Mar 1st - May 1st: 76 Total, 3 Complied w/fines, 53 Complied w/no fines, 10 Pending, 10 Headed to Special Magistrate. Top offenses: overgrowth, trash, derelict vehicles/boats, VR w/no certificate, public nuisance, fences in disrepair.

Manny Garcia - Code compliance will have a boat soon. Hurricane season is around the corner. They will be looking for derelict boats/trailers (no or expired registration. Code 18-3 on the Ft Laud website. As of August 2021, no more anonymous code complaints. Manny asks, "if you see something, say something".

Your house number must be visible from the water for the benefit of fire/law enforcement. It is a code violation if your number can't be easily seen from the water. We are governed by Broward county code 39 with regard to the distance your vessels, etc can protrude into the waterway. 33% of the width of the canal measured from the center of your seawall.

Vacation Rentals Geoff Rames: In Lauderdale Isles there are 10 known VRs, 274 in district 4. There are 344 VR code cases, 95% are operating without or expired licenses. A VR compliance guide was developed by Geoff Rames and Earl Prizlee and distributed to all meeting attendees. The guide was designed to help residents combat the growing VR problem in our neighborhood. Code complaints can be called in to 954.828.8000 24/7. When calling in, request the Q Alert number to be sure that the complaint has actually been logged. If calling police, you must state that it is a VR. You also need to ask the officer to write up a report. This is the only way that we can get repeat offenders shut down. You can send pics and videos to Vacationrental@ftlauderdale.gov. They can't be used to prosecute but will trigger that there's an issue.

A drawing took place for a Flanigan's GC for members in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dedek, Secretary, LICIA