

Minutes of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association Board of Directors

Meeting, May 20, 2021 via Zoom

Attendance

Executive Board

Audrey Edwards, President A
Earl Prizlee, Vice President A
Deborah Dedek, Secretary P
Jeannie Lewis, Treasurer A
Dawn Hanna, Webmaster A

Board of Directors

Diana Steeger	Andros	P
Susan Sheridan Garlitts	Bimini	A
Dick Cahoon	Cat Cay	A
Ryan St. George	Duck Key	A
Penny Shea	Flamingo	A
Geoff Rames	Gulfstream	P
Jackie Zumwalt	Key Largo	P
Julie Gordon	Marathon	P
Allistair DeVerteuil,	Nassau	A
Dan Hughes	Okeechobee	A
Vince Valldeperas	Sugarloaf	P
Judy Seiler	Tortugas	A
Bud Bracey	Whale Harbor	A

Meeting Called to order by Geoff Rames at 7:17pm. A quorum was not present.

1. Approval of Minutes: Dawn Hanna made a motion to approve. Jackie Zumwalt seconded. Motion passed unanimously
2. Approval of Treasury Report: Deborah Dedek made a motion to approve. Dawn Hanna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Committee Reports: Airport Noise - Geoff Rames led the discussion – nothing new to report other than if air traffic noise continues Ben Sorensen will sue the FAA.
Vacation Rentals: Geoff Rames led the discussion – nothing passed in Tallahassee.
4. LIWMD Report: Geoff Rames led the discussion – As of June 1st no fertilizer is allowed.
If things keep going along with Covid as they have been there will probably be a waterway cleanup event in November. Lake Okeechobee has heavy algae and may be a prelude to what can happen here later in the summer.
Code enforcement of our waterways is going strong. There are a few derelict boats incurring heavy fines and the city will no longer forgive those fines after issue is corrected like happened in the past.
5. New Marathon Lane Rep Confirmation: Gina Garcia is moving and tendered her resignation. The board officially welcomed Julie Gordon as our new lane rep.
6. New Nassau Lane Rep: We need a new lane rep for Nassau as Allistair DeVerteuil will also be moving out of the neighborhood.

7. Newsletter Feedback / General Meeting Discussion: Geoff Rames led the discussion – The cost for our last 12 page color newsletter was \$927 and revenue for ads was \$358 for a net cost of \$569. There will be an August issue. Diana Steeger stated that the newsletter is a useful and welcome tool for our community. She also mentioned that a neighbor had suggested that we start accepting electronic payment for membership. It was also suggested that we collect ad revenue in this manner. Jackie Zumwalt suggested that we use Zelle. There is no cost for Zelle or Venmo. Geoff asked Diana Steeger to take care of setting up an account and to train Jeannie Lewis on how to use it. Geoff mentioned that Earl informed him of several checks that were in our mailbox since that last newsletter was delivered.

Geoff will have Audrey look into renting the church to have a General Meeting in August.

8. Riverland Road Reconstruction Update: Vince Valdeperas had emailed the city to find out what is happening with the Riverland Rd project. Was informed that surveys are taking place right now. Things will take a while. It will be slow.
9. HOA Entrance Sign: Geoff Rames led the discussion – We received \$10,000 from our insurance company to have the sign replaced after someone ran into it a few months ago. Earl Prizlee contacted the city to see if they would pay for or help design a new sign. He was told that they would be happy to design it for a cost of \$170 per hour. We will discuss alternative ideas at our June board meeting.
10. Neighborhood Recognition Program: Geoff Rames led the discussion – LICIA is not officially recognized as a civic association by the city of Ft Lauderdale because paperwork; bylaws, last general meeting minutes, etc had not been filed. Geoff believes this must be done annually. Earl Prizlee is working on getting our official recognition.
11. Old/New Business: Geoff Rames led the discussion – we were asked by Audrey Edwards (requested by the city) to come up with a new name for the roadway leading from Riverland Rd to Riverland Woods Park and boat ramp. Geoff Rames and Deborah Dedek submitted the name Riverland Woods Lane but were reminded by Dawn Hanna that Lanes run north/south and the roadway is east/west. Deborah Dedek suggested it be named Riverland Woods Rd. Dawn Hanna suggested it be called Old Riverland Rd. Audrey will take our suggestions to the city.

Diana Steeger brought up an issue with the alarm at New River Middle School going off at 2am and continuing through the morning until someone is there to open the school. She has contacted the principal but was told there is no one at the school overnight and that protocol is to call the police. The issue has happened more than once so Diana has asked if the board could send a letter to the school. Dawn Hanna replied that it would probably be more compelling for the school to be sited by the city. Police reports should be collected to prove that the issue is a nuisance to the adjacent neighborhoods. Dawn also suggested contacting Ben Sorensen to help in the matter.

Julie Gordon brought up an issue with the homeless pitching a tent on the swale next to the storage facility at Riverland Rd and 441. Geoff Rames asked that the board keep an eye out for a continued issue (send him pics) and said that he would contact Ben Sorensen to get it remedied.

Geoff Rames asked if anyone had any ideas how to get more of our residents to join the association other than the electronic payment suggestion. He feels membership is down because we're not having General Meetings. He says that people pull out their twenty dollars bills when they attend. Vice Valleperas says that he believes that the neighborhood welcome kit also helps.

Motion to Adjourn: Geoff Rames made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm. Dawn Hanna seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dedek, Secretary, LICIA