

LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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August 19, 2013

CITY COMMISSION

MEMO TO: MAYOR JACK SEILER AND THE CITY COMMISSION

2013 AUG 19 PM 4:13

FROM: KENNETH D. COOPER

RE: NOTICE TO OWNERS OF THE UNDER-GROUNDING PETITION

ALL
COMMISSIONERS
RECEIVED

Dear Mayor Seiler and the City Commission:

At the last meeting there was a claim by some people that they had never been informed of the under-grounding process in our association. From November 2006 through April 2013 we have held two meeting per year (16 in total) where the topic of discussion was the under-grounding. Charlotte Rodstrom attended and FPL attended the meetings as well as the residents. There were letters, votes, notices, and information sent to every homeowner on this issue. The people at the city commission meeting that claimed they did not know either don't read their mail or are new to the association. The last meeting was held April 28, 2013 where we discussed the under-grounding issue for the sixteenth time. Attached are sample copies of some the Annual Notices of Meetings from 2006 through 2013 that are sent to all owners of public record in the Las Olas Isles Homeowners Association. In addition to those meetings I have had at my house a meeting wherein there was the discussion of the under-grounding issue. Lastly, and in addition, to the above each and every time we have a meeting we send the notice to the city with a copy to the Mayor and our commissioner.

I have in the past mailed a vote to all the homeowners. I hand delivered the written votes to the city in an orange folder. If the commission will remember we had a discussion about the delivery of the votes and Charlotte Rodstrom verified that I, with her present hand delivered to the City Clerk the written votes to approve the under-grounding in the orange binder. We were first to obtain written votes. In that folder we had more than 58% of the total owners voting in favor of under-grounding. After that date the city commission change the rule to 50+1% of the people that vote. I had 58% of the owners, not just people voting. Therefore, of the people voting we are probably 95+% of the people that voted.

There are approximately five maybe ten people out of 300 that are not in favor of the under-grounding. Mostly because they don't know how much it will costs. I held a meeting at my house where all 300 owners were sent written notices and at that meeting the three people that are opposed to the under-grounding insisted that I send out a vote for the approximate \$30.00 per month water bill fee. I did and the vote was above the 50% again.

I am at a loss to explain how at the last meeting three people came to the commission to say that they were not informed. Therefore, the 300 owner have all received more that sixteen letters and notices. If they don't read their mail, I don't think they should complain.

Sincerely,



Kenneth D. Cooper

**NOT RECEIVED
AT MEETING**

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

THE LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD
THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

DATE: April 28, 2013 

TIME: 5:00

REGISTRATION

5:30 - 7:00

MEETING FOLLOWED BY DINING
AND BEVERAGES

PLACE: LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB
1725 SE 12TH ST.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL.

YACHT CLUB (954)524-5500
(IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS)

KEN COOPER'S PHONE:(954)527-5888

E-MAIL - KCOOPER543@AOL.COM

SINCERELY,

KEN COOPER

Annual Meeting Procedure

ORDER OF BUSINESS

READING OF THE NOTICE OF MEETING OR WAIVER

READING OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING OR WAIVER

REPORTS OF OFFICERS -

Meeting with Police Lieutenant and area Sargent to have the regular city police patrol during the times our office does not patrol.

Meeting with City Commissioner Charollette Rodstrom.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - TREASURER'S REPORT

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - UNDER GROUNDING OF THE POWER LINES

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

INVITED SPEAKERS

**JEFF ALEXANDER - OUR POLICE OFFICER
CITY COMMISSIONER RODSTROM
JACK SEILER**

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

**THE LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD
THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:**

DATE: October 28, 2012

TIME: 5:00 - 7:00

5:00

REGISTRATION AND MEETING

5:30 - 7:00

DINING AND BEVERAGES

**PLACE: LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

**THE LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD
THE ANNUAL MEETING:**

DATE: November 26, 2006

TIME:

5:00 MEETING

5:30 - 7:00 DINING AND BEVERAGES

**PLACE: LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB
1725 SE 12TH ST.
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL.**

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(OVER)

November 13, 2007

Dear Property Owner:

The Las Olas Isles Homeowners' Assn., and community residents have proposed a Neighborhood Improvement Project to address the under-grounding of the electric lines, telephone lines and the cable lines which would also include new street lights. The streets to be under-grounded would be Isle of Palms, Royal Plaza Dr., Coral Way, San Marco, Bontona, Lido, Coconut Isle, Isle of Capri and Mola. The purpose of this questionnaire is to determine your level of interest and support for the project.

The goals of the Neighborhood Improvement Project, which have been maintained throughout the development process, are: (1) to create a safer neighborhood by reducing vehicle speed and separating vehicular and pedestrian traffic; (2) to enhance neighborhood security by creating the appearance of a private residential community of concerned, caring residents; and (3) to maintain and enhance property values by beautifying street-scapes using architectural and landscape features. Enhancements to the neighborhood would include: the under-grounding of the overhead lines including the electric, telephone and cable lines which would also necessitate new street lights.

Please complete and return the questionnaire opposite this page. Your response will help the City determine the level of interest among property owners in the project area. Should the response indicate a significant level of interest and should the City Commission concur with request, final design will be completed and public hearings would be scheduled. If approved, the project would be constructed with cost funded through a special assessment levied on each benefitting property owners.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$20,000.00 per house. There are 308 houses for a total of \$6,160,000.00. Financing alternatives will be available throughout the City for up to ten (10) years. The costs would be about \$1,667.00 per year.

Keep in mind, the level of citizen support will be essential to determine whether or not the City moves forward with this project. In addition, your response will be vital to developing a project that accurately reflects the desires of your community.

Sincerely

City of Ft. Lauderdale

VOTE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS FORM

UNDER-GROUNDING PRELIMINARY VOTE!!!

After six years the City has passed the Under-grounding ordinance!!! More than 100 meetings with the City!!!! This will allow us to put the FPL, AT&T and Comcast lines under-ground. It will greatly improve the looks of our neighborhood.

When FPL, Comcast and AT&T were going to prepare a bid, we knew it would be the highest possible. After their bid, the bid will be put out to FPL, Comcast, and AT&T approved contractors for a real bid and we believe much lower. We now have a high bid to do the work from FPL, Comcast and AT&T. The high costs are estimated at \$27,000.00 per house. It will be financed over either 20 or 30 years. If financed over 30 years the annual amount would be \$900.00. Divided by 12 months the costs would be \$75.00 per month, plus interest. If financed over 20 years the annual amount would be \$1,350 per year and divided by 12 months is \$112.50, plus interest.

THEREFORE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF AT THIS PRICE YOU WOULD LIKE IT DONE OR HOW MUCH YOU THINK IS REASONABLE. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR PRELIMINARY VOTE. AFTER THE CITY PUTS THE PROJECT OUT FOR BID WE WILL HAVE AN EXACT BID WITH AN EXACT NUMBER AND WE WILL GIVE THE CITY A FINAL BINDING VOTE - SO THIS IS A PRELIMINARY VOTE!!!! NOT A BINDING VOTE!

BALLOT -

PLEASE VOTE ON THE UNDER GROUNDING OF THE
ELECTRIC LINES, BELLSOUTH LINES AND CABLE TV LINES

I AM IN FAVOR OF THE UNDER GROUNDING

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF THE UNDER GROUNDING

I AM IN FAVOR OF THE UNDER GROUNDING AS
LONG AS IT DOES NOT COSTS MORE THAN \$ _____.

NAME

ADDRESS

PLEASE RETURN TO:

KENNETH D. COOPER
625 ROYAL PLAZA
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. 33301

WATER BILL VOTE

PRELIMINARY VOTE!!!

Finally!!! - after six years, the City has passed the Under-grounding ordinance!!!

There are up-front costs associated with the project. The city is proposing to advance the up-front costs to pay for an engineer to prepare a full set of construction plans for the project. This is the first step to obtaining a binding bid from a contractor. The city also requires an appraisal to make sure the under-grounding will increase the over-all value of the properties. There are also costs for an engineer to coordinate FPL, Comcast and AT&T to make sure the plans meet their requirements and other costs. The estimated costs for our 340 houses and lots is approximately \$200,000.00. The city is proposing to advance the costs and then we will reimburse them by paying an extra approximate \$30.00 per owner on the their water bill. This would last for approximately two years on the water bills. Therefore, I would like a preliminary vote to see if the majority of the owners would agree to have approximately \$30.00 charged on the water bill for the up-front costs to obtain a set of construction plans, appraisal and the rest of what the city requires to get us moving forward on under-grounding project.

BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE ON THE UP-FRONT COSTS FOR THE UNDER-GROUNDING.

_____ I AM IN FAVOR OF PAYING APPROXIMATELY \$30.00 PER MONTH ON MY WATER BILL FOR THE UP-FRONT COSTS OF THE UNDER GROUNDING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS.

_____ I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF PAYING THE UP-FRONT COSTS OF THE UNDER-GROUNDING

NAME

ADDRESS

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625 ROYAL PLAZA
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. 33301

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

The following enhancements will be incorporated into the Neighborhood Improvement Project.

Please complete the following information:

1. I support the under-grounding of the overhead lines, including the electric, telephone and cable lines along with new street lights and request that the entire project be constructed:

_____ YES

_____ NO

2. If you answered "No" to question 1 above, what modifications, if any would you like to see implemented?

3. Additional comments, if any:

Property Owner Name (Please Print)

Property Owner Signature

Date

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

Phone Number. () _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO:

LAS OLAS ISLES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 2201

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. 33303

Thank you for you participation in this questioner!