



**Meeting Minutes of the
Lauderdale Isles Water Management District
Fort Lauderdale City Hall
April 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM
Eighth Floor Small Conference Room**

Time: 1550

Roll Call:

P - Mr. Geoff Rames – Chairman

P - Mr. Kenneth Stauch – Secretary/Treasurer

A - Commissioner Romney Rogers - City of Fort Lauderdale

Others:

Mr. Robert Franks – Free Holder

Lawrence Teich – City of Fort Lauderdale Liaison, Environmental Resources Supervisor

1. Motion to approve December 12, 2016 Minutes



LIWMD Minutes
12122016.pdf

Motion to approve: GR/KS

2. Chairman's Report

To be provided orally.

Another boat ride up and down the canal will be done to mark some of the addresses. During the waterway clean up event two docks were noted as almost falling into the water.

We're going to forgo picking up the City's sanitation boat, later in the agenda, because they are still using it and by the time they are ready to surplus it, it will be cost prohibitive to repair.

Waterway cleanup on March 4th was very good. There was a lot of materials in the rocks, although not part of the District, and was very productive to remove the trash.

Still kicking around the idea of having a kayak cleanup but haven't finalized the event details.

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3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer reports



Treasurer Report
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- Major expenses continue to be the cleanup events at \$1,200
- Storage is \$86.32 and revenue from the association is \$43.16
- Total ending balance is \$96,900

Motion to accept: GR/KS

b. Budget Proposal



Budget FY2017-2018
Proposed.pdf

Noted that testing of blue crabs has been added to the budget for a cost of \$3,000.

Motion to accept: KS/GR

New Business

1. Sampling for crabs is going to be pursued by Larry.
2. Ethics proposal – do we adopt the City or State code of ethics? Tabled until Commissioner Rogers is available to comment.



2017 FL Code of
Ethics.pdf

Pending Business

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- 1. Davie Zoning Issue - This property was sold and the new owner is not pursuing the commercial development of the property. He's the owner of Sun-seeker Yachts. For now, this subject is resolved.**

The Davie zoning issue was brought up by Geoff and requested input from the Board to what end or level the LIWMD would be involved. It was suggested that the LIWMD may be representing the water quality issues associated with vessel repair work at the marina and activities that could pollute the waterways.

A letter will be drafted to the Town of Davie and County from the LIWMD indicating that the District is concerned about the water quality issues that would arise from the marina's development.

2. From the Chairman's report on September 12th: The Broward County Conservation area is becoming overgrown with mangroves to the west on the New River.
 - a. The property was determined to be a SFWMD easement along the River. An email was sent to the SFWMD Field Operations staff requesting the mangroves be trimmed due to navigational restrictions.

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No progress has been noted. Mr. Walsh was not able to receive a progress update by the time of this meeting.

3. GHD Environmental Consultants presentation and proposal. We will need to follow up on asking them for a simplified Water Control Plan with hourly breakdown of costs associated to each task.

The County has provided files and documents from 1961 to 1993 detailing the LIWMD meetings and activities. A Water Control Plan was not located within the files.

RECOMMENDATION:

GHD will review the County Plan and come back with recommendations for a 5 year plan. GHD will review the current Minimum Statutory Requirement to have a Water Control Plan and provide a proposal to augment that County plan specifically for the

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Lauderdale Isle Water Management District with suggestions for a 5 year plan. They will provide an hourly breakdown for each of the sectional recommendations.

A motion will be needed to pursue obtaining the above proposal to be brought before the LIWMD Governing Board in April 2017.

It was suggested during the meeting that GHD provide an itemized checklist, like a menu, so the board members might select the water quality plan that best suites the need and economics of the District.

Itemized presentation – to be obtained by Larry

4. Vessel Donation Request

This was addressed in the Chairman’s Report and will be removed as an agenda item. Geoff spoke to Enrique and it looks like this may get somewhat involved. This is still a pending request.

5. Dredging volumes appear to differ from what was in the final report and what was reported from the field inspection sheets. Communications with Elkin did not provide clarity. Chairman Rames was referred to Herb Stanley for clarification. He will pursue this further and provide feedback to the Board. This is still a pending request.

6. Annual Award “Plaque/Trophy”

This was brought up at the waterway cleanup and the majority of participants nominated the Board. There will need to be a revisiting of this subject to iron out the details and find a worthy champion to nominate for the protection of the LIWMD waterways.

“During review of the Future Meetings an idea was proposed by Commissioner Rogers for an annual award plaque for the individual(s) that contributed the most to waterway cleanup. It could be named after one of the founding members and might stimulate more civic involvement.”

This is a tabled item. The Board members keep getting volunteered for this “Award”.

Discussion Items

7. Website Update - WWW.LIWMD.org

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a. Website Statistics



Website Statistics.pdf

There was a slight uptick in March due to the waterway cleanup. January was the largest number of hits ever but there is not a reason. Maybe due to automated robot-hits/calls.

8. Code Enforcement Discussion

Environmental have been donating the use of the boat to code enforcement for conducting inspections for sea-wall compliance and other waterway issues. The code enforcement inspectors could use the boat to pursue identified issues in Lauderdale Isles. Geoff expressed some concern that they could drive around the block to look at the back of homes. In addition they could use the boat more frequently in coordination with the LIWMD Board members. Geoff will communicate with code to pursue some of these issues with the dilapidated boats and docks.

9. Future meetings:

- a. June 12, 2017
- b. August 12, 2017 – Saturday planning meeting
- c. September 16, 2017 - Waterway Cleanup – lowest tide
- d. September 11, 2017
- e. December 11, 2017

Note: Election this year.

Motion to Adjourn: GR/KS

Time: 1621

Dually noticed in the Sun-Sentinel on March 26th and April 2nd, 2017 and on the District Website at www.LIWMD.org starting in February 2017.

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