

Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Association

November 12, 2014 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President Dottie Moses at 7:00 PM at the Key Largo Library Community Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by the 30 attendees. The following Directors comprised a quorum: Burke Cannon, D. A. Aldridge, Steve Gibbs, Ann Nickerson, Mark Tanner, Kay Thacker, Pauline Klein, Dottie Moses, Linda Perloff, Lee Huenniger.

- Secretary's Report

D. A. Aldridge informed the attendees that the previous General Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2014 was approved by the Executive Committee, as part of the Federation policy to speed up the meetings and cut down on the use of paper. These minutes can be found on the Federation's web site (www.iklfha.org).

- Treasurer's Report

Ann Nickerson announced that the Federation's checking account had a balance of \$2383.25

- Guest Speaker

Dottie introduced Margaret Blank, Consultant to the Key Largo Waste Water Treatment District [KLWWTD] who spoke on the funding disparity between the Key Largo waste water treatment system and the other unincorporated County waste water systems [Cudjoe, Big Coppit, Duck Key, Conch Key, Bay Point, Stock Island]. She explained how the Key Largo rate payers are paying \$1853 more for our system and briefly discussed the current efforts by KWWTD to resolve this issue.

- Letter to the Board of County Commissioners [BOCC] on Disparity

At the conclusion of Margaret answering questions from the audience, Dottie read a draft letter to be sent to the BOCC asking for the BOCC to resolve this issue of disparity. A motion was made and passed [with Steve Gibbs abstaining] to send the letter. The attendees were informed that the Tavernier Community Association [TCA] and the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce were also sending letters to the BOCC asking for a resolution. A joint press release will be sent informing the public that this has occurred.

- Change to By Laws

The proposed changes to the By Laws were emailed 14 days prior to this meeting and were distributed to the attendees:

Current By-Law

Section 6.1 "The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be composed of the following MEMBERS: President, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President of IKLFHA, Inc., who held and completed their term of office, and eight (8) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE."

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of IKLFHA, Inc., who held and completed their term of office, up to eight (8) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.”

Current By-Law:

Section 6.5 “The Quorum of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be seven (7) MEMBERS of the Committee.”

Proposed Change:

Section 6.5 “The Quorum of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be fifty percent (50%) plus one of the elected and appointed MEMBERS of the Committee.”

Current By-Law:

Section 6.6 “The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE must have monthly meetings.”

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Dottie discussed the need for the change and the Directors voted unanimously for the changes.

Old Business

1. External Affairs

a. Garden Gove

Kay reported that the Magistrate Hearing did not go as well as we hoped. A subsequent meeting with Christine Hurley, County Director of Growth Management & her staff, also did not bring a satisfactory resolution to the community’s concerns. The next action is under consideration by the community.

b. Height Limit

D. A. quickly outlined 4 issues regarding building height limitation that is under review by the County. The Federation has a position that buildings should be no greater than 35 feet. The Executive Committee will look at this in more detail at its next meeting.

2. Membership

a. Sunset Acres

D. A. welcomed Sunset Acres Property Owners Association to the Federation. Located in Tavernier at MM93 bayside, it is composed of 76 homeowners.

b. Executive Committee

D. A. announced that John Hammerstrom from the Homeowners Association of Coral Coast at MM 97 bayside has joined the Executive Committee.

c. Renewal Notices & Annual Report

The Directors were informed that they would be receiving renewal notices for dues next month via the internet. In addition, a 2014 Annual Report of the Federation’s accomplishments would be included. D. A. asked that they send

the renewals to their Association treasurers and distribute the Annual Reports to their homeowners to keep them informed of what projects the Federation has been working on for this year.

3. Environmental

a. Clean Up Key Largo

Dottie reported that the Florida Department of Transportation [FDOT] was having a meeting on its 5 year transportation plan on November 20, 2014 in Marathon from 6-8 pm.

She reported on a meeting she with D. A. attended on the progress of the County Code Compliance staff on the Clean Up Key Largo campaign. Also in attendance was the Sheriff's office and FDOT contractor. The staff reported 59 businesses were in compliance. She thanked the Staff for the great work they were doing and commented on the great improvement there has been over the months.

Work on the Bay Side path should begin soon. Groans were made when the audience was told that the right of ways would be torn up again.

She also read a letter from FDOT stating that it would conduct a study from November to June 2015 around MM100, that the Federation requested. There were comments from the floor about the crosswalk. ~~but~~ Dottie stated that it was part of the Key Largo Livable Community Plan to have crosswalks and FDOT decided where to put the crosswalk.

b. GreenKeys Workshop

Dottie attended the second of three workshops being held by the County on sea level rise. She said she was impressed with all the information that was provided stating that the tidal gauge in Key West along with 1800 other gauges around the world have recorded a 9 inch sea level rise over the last 100 years. She encouraged people to attend the last workshop on December 9, 2014.

Old Business

1. Boat Hoists

Burke Cannon gave a brief history of the Federation's efforts to improve the County's boat hoist regulations. Since the last Federation meeting, Dottie, D. A., and he went to the County Development Review Committee [DRC] meeting when it was addressing updating the Land Development Regulations on boat lifts. A staff member did read the Federation's comments to the Committee when the topic was being discussed. All three also spoke at the meeting on various parts of the regulation that were being proposed. Burke felt some progress had been made but he was waiting to see the next draft of the LDRs to see how successful we have been.

2. Political Candidate Forums

Kay stated about 125 people attended the last candidate forum that the Federation co-sponsored with the TCA. A number of candidates told her how pleased they were with the forum.

One of the attendees suggested the Federation might consider using the format used by the Business and Professional Women's Group where the same question was asked of

all the candidates running for an office. Kay said the Federation had used that format before but often the other candidates would agree with the first person answering the question, thus not providing any new information. Candidates at our forum were not restricted from using part of their time to respond to a questions asked of another candidate.

New Business

1. Next Federation Meeting
Representative Holly Raschein will be the speaker at the next meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 and she will be discussing the upcoming State legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by,
D. A. Aldridge
Secretary