

**ISLAND OF KEY LARGO FEDERATION OF HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS INC.
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ANGLERS PARK, BUTTONWOOD BAY HOMEOWNER ASSOC., CAPTAIN JAX HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., HOMEOWNERS ASSOC. OF CORAL COAST, HAMMER POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., HIBISCUS PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., KEY LARGO VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOC. , PORT LARGO RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., ROCK HARBOR CLUB CONDOMINIUM ASSOC., ROCK HARBOR ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., SEXTON COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOC. SILVER SHORES LEASEHOLDERS ASSOC., STILLWRIGHT PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOC. SUNSET WATERWAYS HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., TAYLOR CREEK VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., THE HARBORAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., WYNKEN BLYNKEN & NOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2014

Held at the Key Largo Library Community Room MM 101.2. Called to order at 7:04 PM by President Dottie Moses. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and conducted the meeting.

Members Present: Dick & N. Lancaster, Ann Nickerson, Kay Thacker, Burke Cannon, Mark Tanner, Pauline Klein,, Ray Thaler. DA Aldridge, Tom Moses and Wayne Smith, Emile Stewart, Dottie Moses, Linda Perloff, Fred Feldman.

There were 60 members and guests present.

1) **Secretary:** Pauline Klein emailed Mar. 12, 2014 minutes of the last meeting February 12, 2014 for approval. **Tabled for changes to minutes.** Tabled again for ex-committee to finalize and bring back to general membership.

2) **Treasurer:** Ann Nickerson reported balance of \$2,213.20. Pauline Klein reported that there had been no activity in the Special Projects & Legal Fund Account. **Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Kay Thacker, 2nd by Ray Thaler, passed.**

Motion by D.A. Aldridge to donate \$100.00 to Last Stand, Firm, and Friends of KL Library from IKLFHA, 2nd by Mark Tanner, passed.

Former Director Carol Ann Cefola has had heart attack.

3) (7:15 PM time certain) **GUEST SPEAKER: Mayor Sylvia Murphy.**

Opened up with info on Mainland Monroe: located off of island of Key Largo, part of Monroe County, this area contains a population of 24 and they still have post office there.

Clean up Key Largo: S. Murphy received a letter from the Secretary of the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor who spent a week in K.L. She felt a need to notify a county official of how much she enjoyed her visit but found the road signs and business signs were a distraction to the charm of Key Largo. Murphy will come back to this subject in a few minutes.

Multi Use Path: The Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail is on the ocean side of US 1. Right now it is difficult for people to walk or bike on the bayside. Money for the Bayside multi use path comes from money that can only be spent on new road projects. The new bayside path starts from about MM 100 up to however far the money will take the path, hopefully around MM105 or MM106. Landscaping from FDOT for the bayside path will not happen at this time because too late for County to look over, understand, or agree to a Maintenance Agreement with FDOT, so county staff is looking into a Sig P grant which may allow for some bayside landscaping. In preparation for the new path, FDOT is having materials that are on FDOT property removed to clear the way for the path. 905 will have bike lanes on 905A, which runs along the roadway. County has no maintenance agreement in the works with FDOT and is not pursuing one.

Mooring Fields in Buttonwood Sound Pilot Program; Clean Water Act: Monroe County is working with FWC; DEP, and others to put in MF at 3 locations, Buttonwood Sound, Boca Chica, and Jewfish Creek. The BOCC and Planning Commission had public meetings on establishing MFs. To establish MFs, county must provide shore side services for boaters. They are looking to establish a private/public partnership with Key Largo's Point of View RV Resort if they are willing. Boca Chica needs a MF the most but is the most difficult to establish because water is too shallow and area controlled by navy. Jewfish Creek consists of transients and the boaters are not there in the summer. These two are not good choices. DEP has given permits for a total of 100 buoys at Buttonwood Sound. This does not mean county will put 100 buoys at Buttonwood Sound. Boaters have choice to use MF or not. A no anchor buffer zone will be around the MF. Why create MFs?...damage to bay bottom and sea grass because engines and other structures are sunk so boaters can anchor up. Some boaters do not pump out

and use the bay for wastes. Liveboards use the Government Center because there is free water, Wi Fi, car parking, dingy dock, restrooms etc.

Complaints to S. Murphy –

Taxpayers foot bills for MF, most liveboards don't pay taxes, why use taxes for liveboards?

If Pt. of View builds upscale hotel will this business continue to offer services to boaters?

Will FWC be able to handle this MF, they are understaffed?

Members have already filed complaints about Jet Skis, liveboards dumping garbage and wastes, derelict boats but FWC and Sheriff's dept. can't handle these problems now.

Why not establish MF at Tarpon Basin?

Why not put in 25 buoys and not 100?

What impacts will MF have on residential neighborhoods?

S. Murphy's responses: Tarpon Basin/Gov't Ctr has no shore side services to offer. Rich Jones contact person to answer your questions. S. Murphy said for IKLFHA to get started now so public can have opportunity to speak to all Commission meeting rather we get petitions signed to stop MF, letter of Resolutions, or whatever IKLFHA wants to do.

Jason Rafter spoke as a private citizen and has concerns for his neighborhood, Pirates Cove. He is a FWC officer and states FWC has 1 officer for 100 boats. He suggested members visit Marathon's MF. Dottie stated Boot Key started out with 300 MF and ended up with 300 MF unlike this proposal that is building something much larger. S. Murphy stated MF's would be phased in.

Roads in Key Largo: Monroe County has driven every road in the county with a truck equipped with instruments that reported on the condition of the roads. They started in the farthest ends of M. County and worked towards the middle. The roads in Sexton Cove and Lake Surprise will be first on the list to be repaved, repaired, or whatever needs to be done starting in 2015. Storm water runoff and drainage will also be addressed; roads will be improved to whatever is required.

Election Forum: Collaboration with TCA and IKLFHA to hold a candidate election forum on July 16, 2014 at Gov,t center. Aug. 11-23 early voting, Aug. 26, Primary Election.

Wild Bird Center: Received money from TDC- DAC 5 and DAC 4 to lease or rent building for Bird Center Hospital. MM 92.

Clean up Key Largo: S. Murphy returned from a trip to Ft. Myers and was struck by the mess in Key Largo with trash and sign clutter. KL is so over run with signs it is no wonder everyone by-passes KL to get to Key West.

D. Moses, DA Aldridge, Wayne Smith, and Kay Thacker attended a meeting with county staff which included R. Norman, Wanda Reiner, J. Smith, R. Ortiz, J. Haberman, Cynthia McPherson. After sharing a Power Pt. with staff on signs, storage yards, clutter, and vehicles causing sod to be destroyed, staff concurred that most photos showed code violations. The Federation members asked S. Murphy to help direct staff. She suggested the IKLFHA bring it before BOCC to request a cleanup. A course of action would entail a newspaper ad announcing enforcement of the sign ordinance followed by courtesy notices if there are still violators. If after a reasonable amount there are still violations, a code violation will be issued. The Federation requested S. Murphy add an agenda item to the May BOCC mtg. to Clean up Key Largo. IKLFHA wants to work with KL Chamber, Sheriff's dept. to help with this goal.

Jet Ski Beach: A sandy area on Card Sound Rd. that belongs to M. County is being used as a party area and is generating trash and fights. The police pick up trash several times a week. A large piece of meat on hooks was left to capture crocodiles. This is costing M. County lots of money to clean up and police. The area has been blocked off and signs have been placed near Homestead announcing no boats or jet skis are allowed to be launched in this area.

S. Murphy finished up at 8:35 Pm.

Committee Reports:

Mark Tanner has been updating IKLFHA website. He is going to work with T. Reynolds, our original website designer, to bring our website up to date with the latest documents and info. He has added a few new tasks to IKLFHA pamphlet and these items will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval.

DA Aldridge has info on membership but will hold the discussion for a later date. She asked for email addresses and phone numbers of any new members.

Dottie Moses read letters to FDOT, asking for Landscaping for Bayside Path;
Motion by K. Thacker. 2nd by B. Cannon; Motion passed.

Letter to BOCC concerning Comp. Plan; leaving signage language in Comp. Plan; **Motion by B. Cannon, 2nd by R. Thaler, Motion passed to rework by ex. Committee and send out.**

Letter to BOCC about Clean up K.L. S. Murphy asked these letters to be shortened and the letters will be re-worked. **Motion to shorten and send out by M. Tanner and 2nd by B. Cannon, motion passed.**

Parks and Rec. Advisory Board: Letter from IKLFHA requesting P & R to honor new language in the Comp Plan that requires a park plan within a year after parkland purchase. **Motion by R. Thaler to send letter, 2nd by K. Thacker, motion passed.**

D. Moses announced Keys Water Quality mtg. Wed. Apr. 16th 6:30 -8:30 at M. County Library.

Vietnam Traveling Wall, VIP Thus. 4-11-14, At KL Park.

FKLCC: Ocean Life Series lecture 4-18-14 at Govt. Center 7:00 open free to the public. Oliver show canceled due to lack of participation at auditions.

2 Blackwater Ln. Planning Comm. Mtg. Govt Center 10:00Pm April 15, 2014.

K. Hoosac guest speaker next IKLFHA mtg. May 7, 2014.

Motion to adjourn: Ann Nickerson, 2nd K. Thacker, motion passed.