



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

Margaret Mead

Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Association

January 11, 2017 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 following Directors were in attendance: Burke Cannon, Steve Gibbs, Ann Nickerson, Pauline Klein, Laura Heinrich, Lee Huenniger

Dottie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer's Report - \$3124.23 Approved

President Dottie Moses introduced the **guest speaker:**
Rick Griffin, Senior Director and Building Official

Mr Griffin brought staff members Rey Ortiz, Assistant Building Official; Jenn Ballard, Sr Floodplain Coordinator; and Lisa McGilvra, Sr Building Coordinator.

Monroe County joined the National Flood Insurance Program in 1975. If county were not in FEMA program, citizens would not qualify for federal programs such as VA loans, FDOT funding, or subsidized insurance.

The county recently joined the Community Rating System to qualify for discounts on flood insurance premiums which have become expensive. As part of the program, employees are encouraged to become certified as a Certified Floodplain Manager by paying them a \$1500 incentive bonus.

Structures below the floodplain may be legal but nonconforming. Pulling a permit may trigger requirement to come into compliance.

Flood maps are being remapped with LIDAR which reads topography accurately. The results may change existing established Base Flood Elevations (BFE).

Structures located on a lot with more than one flood zone is rated based on the location of the structure.

Build at least 12 inches above BFE to be safe.

President's Report: (from General Meeting Agenda)

- The Federation's **2016 Year in Review** is now available to members.
- **Federation Membership Dues** - Invoices have been mailed out and are due before the Feb meeting
- **Call for candidates** - Election of Federation board members will take place at the Feb. meeting. Please consider running for office.
- **KLWTD** will be voting to replace board member Norm Higgins
- **John Hammerstrom**, Director for Coral Coast Subdivision, is leaving the Keys
- **Demitious Efstratiou**, an individual member, is also leaving the area.
- **Dollar Tree MM100** – Has applied for a variance to move their US 1 access.
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Announcements:

- Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center – **FIU Lecture Series** – FREE - Friday – Jan 20- 7 PM – Progress in Revealing the Tree of Life. Tim Collins, PhD
- The **Delicate Balance of Nature Lecture Series** – Pennekamp State Park – 7:30 PM every Wed night.
- Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society – will present a Film ***The Wild Orchid Man in the Ghost Orchid Swamp*** at the Murray Nelson Gov't Center - \$5 donation – Thurs Feb 16 - 6 PM
- Jan 21, 2017 **Key Largo Woodrat Nest Building Workday** (9 AM – 12 PM) Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers must be in good physical condition. Please contact crocodilelake@fws.gov to participate. Bring gloves, sunscreen, bug spray. Meet at Refuge Headquarters.
- ***Diamonds and Denim*** Cocktail Party fundraiser for **Habitat for Humanity** \$150 on Mar 3 6:30 – 10:00PM The Islander Resort, Islamorada RSVP 305-453-0050

Next Meeting – February 8 -Federation Annual Meeting with Elections of Executive Committee need **all directors to attend**. Speaker- Pete Frezza from the Audubon Science Center on Marine Zones.