



**“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

February 8, 2017 Annual 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, Arnold Diaz, Raymond Reigadas, Steve Gibbs, Diane Blumenthal, Ann Nickerson, Janet Coplan, Pauline Klein, Daryl Cullen, Lee Huenniger

Dottie led the Pledge of Allegiance

ELECTIONS

The following slate of officers was presented and a motion by Ray Reigadas to accept and 2nd by Lee Huenniger. The motion carried.

President, Dottie Moses

Vice-President, Raymond Reigadas

Vice-President, Internal Affairs, Burke Cannon

Treasurer, Ann Nickerson

Secretary, Laura Heinrich,

At Large, Pauline Klein

At Large, Linda Perloff

Annual Treasurers Report was given by Ann Nickerson bank balance is \$4,444.23

Approvals - The members voted to send letters to:

- Gov. Scott asking not to close the Big Pine Road Prison as they provided invaluable service to the community in the way of trash & Litter control
- Letter to TDC - Bricks And Mortar Fund – do not roll over unused B & M money into advertising, increase allowed amount of B & M to municipalities.
- Letter to BOCC – Regulate floating billboards – Do not allow to proliferate

SPEAKER

Pete Frezza, an Audubon Science Researcher, gave a presentation on Marine Zoning. The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is in the process of a regulatory review. Researchers have provided data showing how marine zoning has had positive results in areas where resources were in decline. Photos were shown of areas where prop scarring was destroying seagrass such as Tavernier Creek. After a no wake zone was put in place, positive results were visibly noticeable. The Dry Tortugas Ecological Reserve has shown a 400% increase in mutton snapper after only 5 years of

establishing a no take zone. Presently, only 1.5% of the FKNMS is zoned to limit or restrict fishing. Trophy fish are now 90% of their historic weight. Marine zoning is an important tool in helping restore declining marine resources. To learn more about marine zoning go to <https://www.marinezoningworksforme.org/> To learn more about the regulatory process go to <http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/review/welcome.html>

Membership Discussion

Jorge Cepero and Angel Lazo from Prime Group and Mark Lyttleton-Frances from Playa Largo were invited to discuss the impacts of their new resort on the neighbors and residents of the Rock Harbor Club.

- Noise generated by the industrial chillers effecting the peace
- Trucks & shuttle driving through Shell World parking lot
- Playa Largo has lost 2 employees from car accidents
- Playa Largo has added a deceleration lane
- Playa Largo is investigating noise mitigation technology to address noisy chillers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Key Players will be presenting **Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical**. February 9, 10, 11 – Key Largo Government Center \$20.

The Delicate Balance of Nature Lecture Series – Pennekamp State Park – 7:30 PM every Wed night. Free

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

Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center – **FIU Lecture Series** - free Friday Feb 17 – 7 PM *An Introduction to Florida Bay Ecology& the Sea Grass Die-Off Story* Thomas Frankovich, PhD

Diamonds and Denim cocktail party fundraiser for **Habitat for Humanity** \$150 on Mar 3 6:30 – 10:00 PM The Islander Resort, Islamorada RSVP 305-453-0050

Monroe County Sheriff's Office is offering **Citizen's Police Academy** starting in Mar 2017. Contact Capt. Fanelli to enroll 305-853-3211 dfanelli@keysso.net

Next meeting March 8, 2017 – Roman Gastesi – County Administrator