



**“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

March 8, 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, Laura Heinrich, Pauline Klein, Linda Perloff, Lee Huenniger, Patti Spires, Richard Prentiss, Janet Coplan, Diane Blumenthal, Arnold Diaz, Raymond Reigadas, John Donnelly

Dottie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurers Report - Ann Nickerson - \$4,444.23

SPEAKER

County Administrator, Roman Gastesi and his staff addressed the membership.

Roman distributed a State of the County handout and a survey he would like the residents to fill out. It is also available on the county website.

Cynthia McPherson, Sr Director of Code Compliance, distributed a chart with the number of VR violations that have come before the Special Magistrate. Last fiscal year there were 106 violations. This year, to date there have been 67. If a neighborhood is experiencing a short term VR violation, they should record the address, the activity and any website advertising and report it to code. Ms. McPherson also distributed a handout on the county's parking regulations.

Kevin Wilson explained how trash is handled in the Keys. Anyone can call and ask to have a trash pile picked up. It is free. However, if it is a yard waste pile, there is a charge. Call Keys Sanitary (305) 453-0334, Will Thompson (305) 292-4432 or himself (305-797-1547)

Michael Roberts, Sr Administrator of Environmental Resources (305-289-2500) and Tim Douma, Sr Biologist (305-451-8731) spoke about illegal clearing of hammocks. If in doubt, you can call them.

Mr Wilson advised that the county was looking into a FDOT provided temporary pedestrian bridge for festivals and events to help address traffic backups.

Tina Boan, Sr Director of Budget and Finance, provided information that reflects the county's outstanding debt at \$182 million. The maximum debt service burden over the next decade is approximately 60% of anticipated one cent surtax revenues.

Members of the Tamarind Bay Club Condominium expressed concern over the noise from Rowell's Waterfront Park when there is a large event with amplified music. Thought there was to be a landscape buffer to keep people off their property. Unhappy with the unsightliness and noise of Bloodline filming crew. The county is not allowing anymore free use of Rowell's for Bloodline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Art Guild of the Purple Isles **Members Art Show** at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Museum, Islamorada, FREE Mar 6 – Mar 26
- The **Delicate Balance of Nature Lecture Series** – Pennekamp State Park – 7:30 PM every Wed night. FREE
- Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center – **FIU Lecture Series** – FREE - Friday – Mar 17- 7 PM – *Sea Level Rise, Everglades Restoration and the Health of our Coastal Waters* - Steven Davis, PhD
- **Commodore's Regatta and Beach Party** – Mar 25 -26 – Upper Keys Sailing Club - Beach Party Saturday night 5-10 PM – Members \$13 – Non Members \$15 – Children \$6

Next Meeting – April 12, 2017 – Speaker – Mel Montagne – President of FIRM Insurance Rates for Monroe County