



**“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

June 14, 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, Ann Nickerson, Laura Heinrich, Janet Coplan, Pauline Klein, Patti Spires, Raymond Reigadas, Stuart Smith, Geri Smith

Dottie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurers Report - Ann Nickerson - \$3,336.29

Sgt. Ward was present and addressed the membership. Crime is low but encouraged members to report suspicious behavior while in progress, not the next day. It is part of the See Something, Say Something effort in the Keys. Concerns from the audience included reckless driving, noise violations, and underage drinking. Shooting iguanas allowed if done humanely. Golf carts must have a license plate and be registered to be on roads.

SPEAKERS

Holly Raschein – State Representative -gave an overview of the 2017 legislative session.

- Speaker of the House, the Senate and the Governor were at odds with each other this session.
- Medical Marijuana – Cannot be smoked, edible, oils, or baking only. Limited number of nursery licenses issued by the Dept. of Health. Local Governments can zone for dispensaries. Cash business because banks won't finance.
- Enterprise Florida – Governor will have to defer to Committee recommendations.
- Higher Ed bill vetoed because it would shift resources from state colleges to universities.
- Hoover Dike funded.
- Stewardship Act was funded for \$13 million for water quality projects.
- Florida Forever was not funded this year, expectations are that it will be funded next year.
- Pump out Program funded \$500,000, Mote Marine funded \$500,000, MARC funded \$100,000, Mel Fisher \$400,000, FKCC \$2.5 million.
- Everglades Restoration funded \$213 million.

- SB10 passed to create reservoirs south of Lake Okeechobee.
- FDOT funded \$9.9 Billion.
- Anchoring & Mooring Bill passed to establish consistent laws statewide .
- Monroe County can now hold advisory meetings via Skype as long as no formal action is taken.
- Uber & Lyft must meet stiffer insurance requirements and background checks.
- Keys Energy's in KW had their board boundary's extended.
- NOT PASSED – statewide VR rules. Gaming bill. Fracking ban.
- Holly is limited to 4, 2 year terms. She can only hold office until 2020.
- Holly handed out a flyer of the 2017 Legislative Wrap Up.

Emilie Stewart- FKCC Foundation – location of Upper Keys campus not yet known.

Robbie Majeska gave a KLWTD update.

- Nick Mulick new attorney being paid \$48,000/yr
- Received \$4.5 million from state and federal grants/
- Debt is presently down to \$42 million
- Looking to hire a General Manger
- Processed 2 million gallons of wastewater over Memorial weekend, usually process 1.5 million.
- Will be taking in 200 gals of pelican poop from the Wild Bird Center
- The board is looking at hiring an IT contractor out of 3 applicants.
- Receiving 90% of Islamorada's waste, 1/3 of total waste treated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Harold Wheeler, Executive Director of the TDC for the last 21 years announced his retirement in September.
- Please help KKLB by picking up trash wherever you see it.
- Report all illegal dumping to Sheriff's Office (305)853-3211

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center – **FIU Lecture Series** – FREE - Friday – June 16 - 7 PM – *Elbow Reef, Key Largo's Ship Trap* – Mathew Lawrence, Archeologist
- Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge June 24, 2017 **KEYS MOTHS BIO BLITZ** (7:30 PM – 9:30 PM) Help catalog different species of moths. Bring your camera (cell phone cameras work too), a flashlight and some insect repellent. The event is family-friendly and FREE.
- Detective Robert Dosh, Major Crimes Unit of the Monroe County Sheriffs Office, will speak on elder abuse at the Monday, June 19th, **Senior Moments** meeting at 10:30am to noon in the Key Largo Library Community Room. FREE
- **Technology 101**, every Thursday at 10:00 AM at the Plantation Key Senior Center , MM 88.8. This event is FREE to anyone 60+ years of age. Contact Betsy bbaste1@gmail.com

Next Meeting – September 13, 2017 – Speaker – TBA

NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST