



**“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

November 11, 2015 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, Pauline Klein, David Leahy, Steve Gibbs, Laura Heiner, Linda Perloff

Dottie led Pledge of Allegiance

Dottie called for moment of silence for veterans.

Treasurer’s Report - Ann -\$2936.90 checking

President Dottie Moses introduced guest.

State Representative Holly Raschein remarks:

Reviewed Special Sessions due to early closing of regular session.

1st session - supposed to address environment issues, but switched to health care discussions. Did pass a balanced budget.

2nd & 3rd sessions - – discussed redistricting for (fed) Congress & FL state senate. Many meetings with FL House & Senate. The Keys will not be split up. Several redistrict options, none chosen. Courts will now decide.

Next week in Tallahassee – mini Keys day. All elected from county, Islamorada, other cities attending. Discussion is regarding funding for wastewater, restoring canals & reefs, storm water, near shore waters, status on Mayfield money, the new Stewardship bill @ \$ 20 million per yr for 10 yrs. Plus another \$ 5 million per yr for 20 yrs for land acquisition. The Stewardship bill was developed in response to Amendment 1.

The goal of mini week is to do a Stewardship Bill presentation, emphasize that the state is our partner and must address future takings claims. Next week in Tallahassee will also roll out in depth conversations with many state legislators regarding area of critical state concern because many legislators are not familiar with all the ramifications/issues. Rep Raschein stated “Don’t want to promise to bring home \$25 million. We will get some money.” “Everything in the Keys economy is tied to the environment.”

Indian River Lagoon is the biggest competitor of Stewardship bill money. Remaining \$100 million Mayfield money being rolled into Stewardship money.

Existing ILA's will have to be adjusted to include land acquisition money.
1/12/16 is state of next FL legislative session, and committees start their meetings.
Rep Raschein "We've done our homework, we've got a good team and everybody knows how vital this is. We're in good shape."
Other comments – big election year coming up, House & Senate need to focus, and governor's wanting progress.
End of Rep Raschein's remarks.

Open discussion & Q/A:

Dottie – FL Bay needs fresh water to avoid collapse of Bay. C111 project in 2nd phase, but is flooding pit some local farmers. Can you help resolve & just buy them out?
Rep Raschein – my Homestead Assistant goes to meetings about this. They had some funding for pumps. ACOE is moving slowly for fishermen & Everglades Restoration

Dottie – Fracking Bill – Collier Co is back again in Tallahassee. Monroe Co has referendum against fracking.
Rep Raschein – I need to track down actual bill language. Maybe need a study for fracking.

Rep Raschein – regarding question about guns on campus – this is extremely problematic. Just passed 2nd committee in House. Senate status unknown presently.

Rep Raschein – regarding question about BP money – not all \$ doled out. Check with Monroe Co commissioner George Neugent, he is on Restore committee.

Rep Raschein – regarding question about "reuse water" in Stewardship bill – yes.

Dottie – FKCC wants to build 300 more dorm rooms at their Key West Campus.
Rep Raschein – bill only authorizes up to 300 & applies to students and faculty.
Because the Keys are an Area of critical state concern, approval is required.

End of discussions with Rep Raschein.

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Remainder of meeting:

Dottie – discussed agenda items -

- 1) Federation letter to BOCC sent about FKCC Key Largo campus location.
- 2) Energy 3 – Saving the county \$92,000 yr now, and \$750,000 yr in future
- 3) Noise ordinance is on BOCC agenda, Dottie will email copies of Ord to any who want it. Ord will finally give ability to give tickets for vehs & motorcycles making too much noise.
- 4) Height – 6th public hearing coming up. FED continues to support 35 foot height limits.
- 5) Flooding – county discussing problems & alternatives.
- 6) Mattress store – going to Planning commission
- 7) Ragnor race – has anyone experienced problems? Several members responded about problems with all traffic & support vehs, plus they don't spend much money in Keys.
- 8) Hotel room allocation – BOCC wants public input regarding 1 transient rogo = giving up 3 buildable lots. Concern is more rogo= more development. We are reaching capacity for hotel units.

9) Light rail – ask FDOT to do feasibility study for rail. Comments from members - Just to get people to Key West faster. Why spend money just to prove something can't be done.

10) 24 hour long weekend parties put on by “Beach Road Trip weekend” has received TDC funding. Some complaints from homeowners about noise after hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rowell's Marina – design completion date 2017. It is still closed to public for everyday use, but open for special events. Parks & Rec Board has not had meetings on this for 1 yr. General discussion regarding uses.

Burke motion / David second – Dottie follow up on status of Rowell's being open for public. Motion passed.

Sue – update on Key Largo Wastewater - have 659 properties not yet hooked up. Plan to send 6 or 7 a month to county codes dept for compliance action. At that rate, will take 6 yrs to get all “unhooked” properties through codes process. As per Codes Director McPhearson in email to Sue, county did not establish the 6 or 7 number. That was determined by KLWTD staff.

To see list of all properties not yet connected click on <http://www.klwtd.com/> then Resources then Code Compliance. If you want to find a name, click on Name and list will go to alphabetical order. Same for Location.

Burke – Codes Director Cynthia McPhearson has been moving on Hammer Point complaints. General discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dottie reviewed announcements in agenda.

Pauline Klein handed out new brochures for Ocean Reef Life Studies.

Ann – motion to adjourn. Dottie second. Passed.