



**“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

December 9, 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, Fred Bamman, Lee Huenniger, Linda Perloff. (No quorum) Guests included Mosquito Commissioner Tom McDonald.

Dottie led Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer's Report - No Report as the Treasurer was unable to attend.

Guest Speaker

President Dottie Moses introduced the guest speaker, Claudia Moriarty, from the Key Largo Library.

Claudia gave a wonderful and informative presentation on the services provided by the KL library. Many new features have been added and updated over the years. The library now offers E-books along with reader tablets for loan, audio books, large print books, interlibrary loans, historical archives and online photos, free notary service, research services, access to online magazines, active story time, instruction on English as a second language, free help with electronic devices, free wifi, free access to computers and internet, copy services for a fee, scanner services, free tax services, DVDs for loan, videos of Pennekamp State Park lecture series, videos of old BOCC meetings, they will courier plants and bugs to the FL Extension service for identification, and they offer a large Summer Program for Children. In addition, the community room holds a variety of meetings and activities and the non-profit Friends of the Library has a gift shop that has items for purchase. For more information on Key Largo library go to <http://www.keyslibraries.org/about-us/locations/key-largo/>

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President's Report

- The Federation has previously voted to support Energy 3 in their efforts to contract with the county to provide recycling credits for yard waste disposal. They will give an update at the next BOCC meeting and Dottie will speak on behalf of

the Federation in support for a county contract to send our yard waste to Energy 3's gasification plant when it is built.

- The County passed the new Noise Ordinance at last month's BOCC meeting. The Federation has been supportive of this long coming improvement to the county noise problem.
- The County approved a pilot project to look into what it would take to raise roads due to ongoing flooding in the community. Some of the Federation HOAs are experiencing this problem and may benefit from such an effort.
- The BOCC voted NOT to permit the upcoming planned Ragnar Race in Monroe County. Past traffic tie ups have become a major safety concern and the event is seemingly unable to manage the traffic and the numbers who attend.
- Dottie forwarded the Federation's comments to the Planning Department in relation to the state's proposed 3 for 1 Hotel Unit Allocation Rule.
- Rep. Holly Rashein's FL Keys Stewardship Bill has passed its first Senate Committee hearing.
- Dottie will continue to represent the Federation's position of no height increase for new development at the upcoming DRC meeting.
- Dottie attended the SE Regional Climate Summit in Key West. The new predictions for Sea Level Rise is potentially 81" by 2100.
- The Federation has voted in the past to support efforts to restore the Florida Bay, unfortunately, the Bay has experienced a seagrass die off this past summer. The FKNMS Advisory Council voted for a resolution at their last meeting to expedite Everglades Restoration projects. The Federation will also send a letter requesting the same.

Member Discussion

Mosquito Commissioner Tom McDonald stated that the District is still looking into releasing GMO mosquitoes to fight Dengue Fever. This technology would help reduce the cost of killing mosquitoes over time. They are also considering sharing a garage with the county public works department. Two more paid holidays have been approved for the District's employees.

Sue Heim gave an update on the KLWTD and their discussion on rather to sewer Monroe Park or not.

Burke Cannon gave an update on the KL Fire District and Tavernier Fire Departments ongoing exploration for a possible merger.

New Business

Next Meeting will be January 13, 2016. The speaker will be Laurie Scop from the new Upper Keys office for Florida Keys Outreach Coalition