



**“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 14, 2016 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, Diane Blumenthal, Laura Heinrich, Patti Spires

Dottie led the Pledge of Allegiance

The Treasurer was not in attendance and there was no report

President Dottie Moses introduced the **guest speaker:**
Mike Guarino, Park Manager of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

Mike gave a history of the trail and how it came into existence. It is managed by DEP and is part of the state park system. It is a multi-use recreational trail that incorporates 23 of the historic Flagler railroad bridges and receives 1.5 million visitors a year. Sections of the trail are still under construction in the lower Keys. It runs parallel to US 1 for 106 miles. The trail runs along the Ocean side of the highway in the Key Largo area, not to be confused with the county managed bayside path. If anyone has safety concerns about the oceanside trail they may call 305-853-3571.

President’s Report: (from General Meeting Agenda)

- **Trash & Litter** Dottie brought this item before the BOCC meeting today as a Sounding Board item. The proliferation of trash on our roads and public places needs attention. The BOCC did not comment.
- **Canal Restoration** The county discussed assessing properties for the Operation & Maintenance of restored canals. One of the commissioners stated that if there is to be any more restoration of additional canals, property owners will have to contribute at least a 1/3 of the cost of restoration as well as pay the full O & M costs. RESTORE money and DEP/EPA grants (if available) will pay the other 2/3.
- **Short Term Rentals** – Code Compliance continues to hear cases before the Special Magistrate.
- **KL Fire & EMS** – Interlocal agreement with the county discussed at today’s BOCC. They were not receptive to using the infrastructure sales tax to help pay for a KL fire engine, only fire hydrants.

- **Flood Improvement Pilot Project** – Discussed at today’s BOCC meeting.
- A **Florida Constitution Revision Commission** publication was made available to the members to help explain the process.
- A **Pot Hole** at Shell gas station MM 100 is to be repaired by FDOT.

Updates

- **Beach Road Trip Weekend**, a TDC funded tourist event resulted in many noise and parking complaints. At the DAC V TDC meeting, Bayside Inn said they would not host this event again next year. The TDC has already authorized funding for this event next year. It is unknown if they will be using a different venue.

Announcements:

Flyers available on how the new pedestrian light works at MM 99.

FIU School of Environment, Arts and Society will be offering a continuing Adult Education Class; **Flora and Fauna of the Florida Keys** taught by Jim Duquesnel from Jan 21 – April 29

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

Next Meeting – January 11- Speaker TBA