

Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Association

June 10, 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 Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by the attendees. The following Directors were in attendance: Burke Cannon, Ann Nickerson, David Leahy, Steve Gibbs, Emilie Stewart, Lee Huenninger, Dottie Moses, and. Guests present: Robby Majeska (KLWTD) Tom McDonald (FKMCD) and several other members of the public.

- Guest Speaker

Dottie introduced Sheriff Rick Ramsay, Maj. Lou Caputo, Capt. Don Fanelli, and Lt. Al Ramirez from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Ramsay believes in community policing and community partnerships. He promotes better cleaner safer streets by applying the "broken window" theory which holds that maintaining an atmosphere of order and cleanliness will prevent more serious crimes from happening. He practices this by removing graffiti within 24 hours and doing community trash pickups. There has been an 18.4% decrease in crime in the past 2 years.

The Sheriff practices fiscal responsibility by finding creative ways to fund the needs of the department by way of grants and federal funds. Some of the Sheriff's expenses include: Jail programs for inmates, new radio system, a redundant dispatch center, GPS tracking of officers, donations to other law enforcement agencies, Trauma Star helicopter, and a King Air airplane.

The Sheriff encourages citizens to download the MCSO app on their phones to get the latest news on accidents and crime.

The MCSO answered questions from the members on:

- The Key Largo crosswalk- will be getting some enhancements for greater visibility.
- Slowing down the speed limit in Downtown Key Largo – The Sheriff would have to see some research before supporting it.
- What percentage of crime comes from people out of town? It is unknown but an additional detective will be added to the Key Largo area soon.
- What can be done about fireworks? – Call the police as they are illegal if they explode in the air.
- What can be done about loud music/noise? – The county needs a noise ordinance that can hold up in court. The Sheriff has referred a new noise ordinance to the county which he thinks will work.
- What can be done about vehicles already driving on bayside path – The Sheriff and Captain have talked about how they will handle enforcement.

Dottie presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for their exemplary community service in helping Clean Up Key Largo.



Maj. Lou Caputo, Sheriff Rick Ramsay, Dottie Moses, Capt Don Fanelli, Lt Al Ramirez
Ann Nickerson in background

Treasurer's Report

Secretary Ann Nickerson reported the Treasury had \$2992.90
Pauline was not in attendance to report on the Legal Fund

Secretary's Report

As part of the Federation's efforts to reduce paper, minutes can be found on the Federation's website (www.iklfha.org).

President's Report

- A Dottie attended the May 26 DRC meeting on height and offshore islands. She has continued to advocate for the Federation's position of maintaining the 35' height limit. The next meeting on height will be July 28. The DRC also discussed Wendy's which is in the process of applying for an expanded footprint to their building to meet corporate rules. They will re-landscape in native plants as well.
- B The May 27 Planning Commission approved Playa Largo (aka Playa Crystal) increasing their transient hotel units by 15 for a total of 177 units. They must provide a traffic study to determine rather their will now be a need for a deceleration lane. There will be no jet skis allowed. The existing detached bay front apartment can be used for employee housing only.

- C The DEO has responded with their Objections, Recommendations and Comments to the 2030 Comp Plan. They have some concerns about the county's change on how they measure the Level of Service for US 1.
- D The Key Largo Livable CommuniKeys does not allow outdoor storage within the Downtown Key Largo Community Center. There seems to be a proliferation of outdoor storage within these boundaries and this is of concern to the board. We are looking into it.
- E The BOCC meeting held June 10:
- approved sending out an RFP for Rowell's Marina to have an overlook built (which will include bathrooms and parking) with FDOT money.
 - in the process of having the Special Magistrate hear fine reduction code cases instead of the BOCC hearing these cases.
 - Approved adding three more people to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Capt Ed Davidson (School Disitric), Jodi Weinhofer (Lodging), and Bill Hunter (Citizen at Large).
 - Roman Gastesi encouraged members of the public to send him photos of problems that are of concern to the county through a text or email. 305-394-1332 gastesi-roman@monroecounty-fl.gov
- F The Sanctuary Advisory Committee will meet June 16 - 9:00 AM at the Marathon Hyatt (old Faro Blanco) to discuss marine events and concentrated uses. This is in part a response to the community's objections to the proposed Key Largo Columbus Day Regatta and the past Key West Wildlife Refuge violations. Dottie encourages all to attend.
- G There will be a Special Planning Commission meeting on June 17 to amend the Land Development Codes to concur with the 2030 Comp Plan. The Federation has proposed several docking changes which have been incorporated into the code. Burke and Dottie will attend.

Old Business

1. Adopt –A- Highway – Dottie encourages HOAs to consider adopting a section of the highway where it fronts their neighborhoods.
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statemaintenanceoffice/AAHBrochure%2002-10-09.pdf>
2. Dottie distributed the final version of the Federation LOGO. (see LOGO PDF)
3. The Federation is still in need of a Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everglades Law Center hosting a Forum led by top experts on restoring the Florida Bay and FKNMS on June 16 Tuesday night 7 PM at the Murray Nelson Gov't Center

Next Meeting – July 8, 2015 – **Cynthia McPherson**, Senior Director of Code Compliance AND Karen Beal and Diane Marshall will be distributing their newly published *Keys to Living: A Practical Guide to Living a Long Life in Key Largo, Tavernier and Islamorada*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM