

# Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Association

## September 9, 2015 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dottie Moses at 7:05 PM at the Key Largo Library Community Room. The following Directors were in attendance: Burke Cannon, David Leahy, Ann Nickerson, Pauline Klein, Emilie Stewart, Lee Huenninger. County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy, School Board Member Ed Davidson, Kevin Wilson, Kevin Madok, and KLWTD board member Robby Majeska were also in attendance.

Dottie led Pledge of Allegiance

- Announcements – Keyswide cleanup Sept 19
- Introduced Guest Speakers – Florida Keys Community College (FKCC)  
President Dr Jonathan Gueverra, Ed. D.

### **Presentation:**

Dr Gueverra - Reviewed history of FKCC. FKCC needs solid footprint in upper keys to complete its mission of service to the community and all the keys. Keys residents attending FKCC will save \$6000 /yr by doing first 2 yrs at FKCC. FKCC graduates earn on average 15.6% more than graduates from other 2 yr schools. FKCC brings \$54.9 million to Monroe County. FKCC wants to bring in students to continue to live, and then work, in Monroe after they graduate. Also want to make FKCC attractive option for students on the mainland.

Brittany Snyder – Director of Academics, reviewed FKCC programs, present and planned for future. FKCC is only college with an Associate’s degree in Underwater Science. FKCC actively asks what academics are in demand in upper keys, and what do employers want in way of future employees. FKCC offers Nursing, EMT, Paramedic, Phlebotomy, medical assistant, culinary management, hospitality, criminal justice, associates of arts. FKCC planning a 2 yr degree in Emergency Management. Dual enrollment -some Keys high school students are already taking FKCC classes while in high school. Need KL facility because FKCC has outgrown CSHS space, and FKCC wants to expand student enrollment. FKCC wants to establish “business incubator” for small business owners. FKCC will provide opportunities for industries certifications. “Project Access” is a program for intellectually disabled students.

Mike Wood– Director of Nursing, reviewed plans for new nursing, EMT, Paramedic programs.

Frank Wood – Director of Advancement, reviewed expansion of geography as part of FKCC long term growth of programs and students. FKCC is starting a 4 yr degree in Business Management, Hospitality, Nursing, Marine Resource Management. 4 yr degrees will keep Key’s students living in the Keys. Also planning Center for Study of Invasive Species, partnering with Crane Point. Current cost \$109. /credit hr. Reviewed plans for new facility in KL. 80 -90 students attend Upper Keys Campus right now. The new campus is projected to serve 200 students with 70-80 students in attendance at any one time. There will be no cafeteria,

General discussion about new building need, location, and design. So far, the building is only at the design phase. The drawings are only renditions. Planned so far - 65 parking spaces under the bldg, classrooms, offices, labs, training space (gym), residence area for dorms. The traffic flow will be students coming for classes for a few hrs, then leaving. Then more students come in for classes then leave. Every few hrs, cars will come in, leave and be replaced by more cars coming in then leaving. Several questions from audience regarding traffic volume, and some in audience said concerned about traffic frequency load, and taking parking away from the park.

Kevin Wilson addressed group to answered questions about the park, and parking. Ann Nickerson read a letter from Port Largo Residential Property Owners Association Board of Directors, which “voted unanimously to oppose construction of a community college in that small property.” Their points: “the amount of traffic that would be created in our **residential** community;” and “Not sufficient parking considering the overflow of parking from Jacobs Aquatic center and Key Largo Community Park:” and “Small benefit to Monroe County residents if developed in that area since most likely bring in students from other counties....”

Frank Woods ended presentation. 2015 is FKCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so is having several celebration events in the Keys.

- Regular meeting – Dottie read letter from IKLFHA regarding the Shared Use Landscape Path, to support a grant from the county. Motion to approve letter passed.
- Motion to adjourn – made by Lee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann.

Next Meeting – October 14, 2015

The meeting was adjourned

Minutes submitted by Sue Heim