



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board Meeting**  
1:30 P.M. Thur. January 14, 2016  
Conference Room  
Marathon Fire Station #14

Attendees: Judy Hull, Dottie Moses, Paul Koisch, Susan Miller, Karen Quist, Nancy Diersing (FKNMS), Steve Belew (Girl Scouts), Mitzi Crystal (Monroe County), Mike Palozzi (CBI), Kirk Hoosac (FDOT), Rich Jones, (Monroe County), Kim Gable (MC Extension Svc.)

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

Judy Hull read a letter from Gina Boilini announcing her resignation and her efforts to help find a replacement for her seat. As Vice President, Judy will be interim President until a new President is elected.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Judy gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance is \$3691.77. There is an outstanding check for \$21. Dottie made a motion to accept and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it. The motion passed.

Susan made a motion to accept the Nov 5 minutes, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it and the motion passed.

Mitzi handed out information on the River of Grass Greenway.

Rich Jones gave an update on the Grassy Key Quarry. DEP was not receptive to the idea of building a bathroom for or near the proposed passive park. Paul wondered if there were other funds that could be used for bathrooms. Kirk said that other FDOT districts have rest stops but not our district. He will look into it. Judy suggested portable bathrooms so that they could be removed whenever there was a hurricane. Rich met with City of Marathon staff and found that the proposed park would be within their comp plan. He has not yet gone before the City Council. Rich's next step is to work with the county engineering department to put together a site plan and cost estimate for the proposed park, one with bathrooms and one without. Mike suggested that Curry Hammock incorporate the quarry into their state park. Judy recommended that at the FKOHT Master Plan public hearings, the Alliance could ask that bathrooms be included in the plan. Rich emphasized that the county is not yet considering the Quarry as a park.

Paul reported on Travel Story, a company that had contacted the Alliance. They will be putting together an app for smart phones that will be free to use. The smart phone traveler will listen to information or stories about a point along a travel corridor that will be triggered by their GPS. This particular corridor will be from Savannah to Key West. The cost to the Keys would be a \$27,000 one time fee with a yearly maintenance fee of \$1600. They have a team that will grant write for funding. After a board discussion, it was decided to table this offer until it could be further researched.

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Judy gave an update on the Indian Key Fills. The Alliance's request to reduce the speed limit was denied. Construction on boat ramp and widening will begin and take about 2 years. Kirk will hold public meetings on landscaping when designed. He will hold one of them during a FKSCA meeting.

Dottie introduced Kim Gable with the Monroe County Extensive Services' Master Gardener Program. Kim is willing to have her volunteers do a one time weeding and mulching of the Key Largo Welcome sign. She was unwilling to do ongoing maintenance. Dottie will check with the Key Largo Chamber, the Rotary, and the Baptist Church to see if any of them can do ongoing maintenance of the sign.

Mitzi gave an update on the FKOHT. FDOT may fund a \$6.8 million design for Sugarloaf section of the trail but not the construction.

Steve stated that Howard Livingston will need a letter from the Alliance to know what his music will be used for if we want to use it on our website. The board tabled this item until Shirley has a chance to look into it.

Dottie reported that at the Nov 17 Monroe County BOCC meeting, the commission asked FDOT to conduct a feasibility study of a light rail/monorail system in Monroe County. It appeared that FDOT agreed to do the study. Dottie is concerned that a rail system, if built, would have a negative effect on the Scenic Highway.

Dottie shared that at the Feb 10 BOCC meeting, FDEP will give a presentation on their 2016 legislative budget request to address the safety conditions of the historic pedestrian bridges along the FKOHT. The county will vote on a resolution to support their request. Mitzi clarified that the \$13 million request is just for a study and the actual cost of the work is estimated at about \$200 million.

Mike informed the board that every scenic highway must do an annual report by Feb 1. Mike assisted Gina in doing the report but the alliance must submit it. Judy will see to this. The report reflects two projects from 2015, the International Keys Wide Clean Up and the \$2000 Sheriff's Grant. It still needs a 2016 budget to be compared with 2015. Mike will help draft a budget. Dottie will review last year's minutes and put together a list of public involvement activities the alliance engaged in.

Mike distributed door hangars for the board to consider as promotional material.

The FSHP Office is putting together an Events Calendar and needs two events from each highway to post. The board recommended the International Coastal Keys Wide Clean Up in September and the All-American Road Vintage Cruisers Car Show at Island Fest on Apr 9 – 10.

Mike announced that 2016 is the 20th anniversary of the first Florida Scenic Highway and the Florida Secretary of Transportation, Jim Boxold, will be promoting the FSHP and may attend scenic highway events. Dottie suggested he be invited to speak at this year's annual meeting.

Judy announced that this year's Leadership Monroe class has adopted the Scenic Highway as their class project. They intend to pick up every cigarette butt along the highway and adopt a mile of the highway. Judy sees potential in recruiting class members to become board members. Judy will talk to them about it.

Dottie asked the board if they would like to be part of a Keep Key Largo Clean initiative. Roger Grimes, a Key Largo homeowner, is putting together a project to solicit business owners, homeowners, and landscapers to pick up trash along the roads on a daily basis. He will finance the program but needs partners to help implement it. Paul made a motion to be a part of the program, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it and the motion past.

Dottie agreed to be interim Treasurer until a new Treasurer is voted in.

The FKSCA will join FDOT's Aggressive Driving Awareness campaign. Judy will be the contact and she will send the FKSH logo.

The next meeting will be on February 4

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dottie Moses

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