



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
TOWN HALL MEETING
May 14, 2014
Florida Sea Base
73800 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
6:00 PM**

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

At 6:05 PM Daneen Zettwoch with the Lower Matecumbe Key Homeowners Association (LMKHA) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Larry Zettwoch, President of LMKHA, presented a video entitled "Lower Matecumbe Party Beach Summer 2013".

Martin Moe, resident and Marine Biologist, stated three primary concerns (1) safety of family and friends, (2) preservation of Village ecological assets and (3) peaceful enjoyment of (our) property. He further discussed the issue of "pseudo-persistence" stressing the effects of trash and chemicals and the persistent effect on biological impact. He stated other concerns regarding the social impact and suggested mooring buoys beyond 300' and protecting the sea grass.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan clarified the difference between a boating restricted area and vessel exclusion zones.

Seasonal restrictions were discussed as a possibility by the citizens as well as Council Members.

Councilman Ken Philipson stated the importance of unity regarding the issue.

Captain Corey Bryan mentioned the noise issue and the difficulty managing the problem. When law enforcement arrives, the boaters turn the music down. When law enforcement leaves, the boaters turn the music back up. Various citizens also expressed concern about the noise level and the possibilities of restricting the noise to certain decibel levels.

Dr. Ken Wagner asked specifically if the Village could have a no motor zone and whether or not it was legally possible. He also stated that he didn't want to inhibit the home owners from any sort of usage that they currently have available to them.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan responded that there are provisions for the creation of a no motor zone. He also spoke of the issues surrounding the enforcement component.

Citizens and Council discussed the options of a 300' no motor zone and having boats turn off their engine and walking the boat in versus no boats in the area with motors.

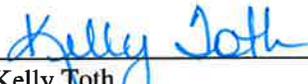
The majority of the citizens in attendance expressed a preference for a 300' no motor zone and year-round enforcement as opposed to periodic enforcement.

Mayor Ted Blackburn explained that Council would add this item to the Council discussion on the May 22, 2014 Regular Village Council Meeting agenda and briefly explained the process of enacting a new ordinance.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ted Blackburn adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Approved by the Village Council on May 22, 2014.



Kelly Toth
Village Clerk