## Commendation for Michael Larson

Michael Larson was Commissioner Wardlow's 1<sup>st</sup> appointee when the City created the Sustainability Advisory Board back in January of 2009. During his time on the board, Michael led or advised on a great many firsts for the City, including:

- Hiring of the City's first Sustainability Coordinator
- Completion of the City's Climate Action Plan
- Support for no discharge zones in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
- Green Government Award from GLEE
- Support of White Roofs throughout Key West
- LED Lighting retrofits at the Park N Ride
- Promoting free Energy Audits for local businesses
- Adoption of the City's Solid Waste Master Plan
- Increasing Sustainability Efforts in the City's Comprehensive Plan
- Environmental Section of the Strategic Plan
- Allowing for the raising of homes above Flood

On top of all of these things, Michael proved to be a great sustainability liaison to the City's other community partners. He worked closely with FIRM and the Key West Board of Realtors on hurricane issues and relating those issues as further sea level rise mitigation. The City is indebted to Mr. Larson's commitment to the long term sustainability of our island community.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 19th day of May 2015

In recognition of this honor, the City of Key West hereby presents this Commendation to:

## **Michael Larson**

Craig Cates, Mayor

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15 day of August, 2015.