

**Key West Bight Preservation Association Inc.**  
**Report**  
to the members and to the  
**Key West Bight**  
**Management District Board**

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Report from the Key West Bight Preservation Association  
regular Board meeting December 11, 2012

**Report from Board meeting - Tuesday December 11, 2012**

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**CALL to ORDER:** 3:36pm - A quorum was present

**New Business:** Three events of the KW Bight Before Christmas were to commence this weekend - Pet Pictures with Santa, the SWB Lighted Boat Parade and SMCC Classic Car Show, with two nights of Children's Violins in Concert the next weekend. The \$32,000 TDC funded S. Florida advertising and PR campaign was in full swing and continues to slowly build the Key West Harbor Walk of Lights as a pre-Christmas Holiday destination. Planning for next year will commence in January.

**Old Business:** The following letter was approved to share with the members of the Bight Board to insure that they are equally aware of the directives of the City Commission.

Dear Bight Board Members,

The Board of the Key West Bight Preservation Association felt that it would be a positive thing to share with you the comments below made by the Mayor and City Commissioners, acting as the CRA on October 2, 2012.

Mayor Cates:

I'm passionate about preserving what we have there.  
Important that Bight Board has your input.  
We gotta look at having the Bight Board meetings in the evenings.

Jimmy Weekley:

The new policies; not part of the original policies established by the City Commission - 1. Public Access - 2. Maintain the history of fishing - 3. Maintain the funkiness.  
There's a history of folks under umbrellas sitting at tables talking to visitors about fishing and Bight history.  
It makes no sense to change something that's working.  
Changes being proposed are not going to make it better, they're going to make it like anywhere else.  
The Mayor should write a letter to Bight Board Chairman telling them to have the meetings at 6:00pm, or the mayor can appoint someone else.

Billy Wardlow:

I like the funkiness; there should be chairs and tables.  
Supports (insulating) existing tenants from new rules to leave them alone and leave the Bight the way it is.  
Items on docks are not a life/safety hazard if they can be pushed in the water out of the way (of emergency personnel).

Clayton Lopez:

The big deal is that these folks just want to make a living.  
The tenants are being reasonable. Bight Board should work with tenants.

Tony Yaniz:

Tenants are compromising by willingness to pay more to preserve lifestyle.  
The funky individually of each business at the Bight attracts people.  
The Commission is not happy with the uniformity being put forth.  
We need the Marlin, fish mount box. Cleaning yellowtail at the current fish table is a great crowd attraction.  
This Commission will work hard to maintain the funkiness of the Bight.

Teri Johnson:

Likes preserving what's there to distinguish existing tenants from new. Current tenants should keep their stuff.  
Supports building department inspections of any items on docks, (for safety).

Thank you.

KW Bight Preservation Assn.

Good and welfare

**Adjourn 4:38pm**