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LOWER MATECUMBE KEY ASSOCIATION  
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Welcome to the Lower Matecumbe Key Association. We have now had our first two organizational meetings. Our goals are established and our board has been elected. The officers are:

President: Jay Miller  
Vice President: Ray Hampson  
Treasurer: Billie McClenithan  
Secretary: Frances Stitely

Balance of the Board is: Al Falb, John Myers, Tom Stephenson, Harry Conrad, Bill Richter and Walter Eggers. The following agreed to serve as the by-laws committee: Ruth Falb, Jackie Eggers, Sam Wampler, Clyde Means and John Myers.

ASSOCIATION ATTORNEY

A very special thank you goes to our attorney, Frank Greenman, who has filed our Articles of Incorporation and all the other paperwork required by the state to make us official. Frank generously donated his time and charged us only for the expenses of the filing fees. We are very fortunate to have an attorney who has earned an outstanding reputation within our county, especially in County Building and Zoning issues.

MEMBERSHIP

We have set our membership fee at \$10 annually per voting member. This is a per person fee, not a per property fee. If husband and wife want to participate the fee will be \$20. The fees will be used initially for postage for newsletters to keep all members informed about the progress of our group as well as issues within the County that affect our island. We are depending on our members to spread the word. Please let your neighbors know about this worthwhile organization. New members can contact us by dropping us a note at:

Lower Matecumbe Key Association  
Post Office Box 911  
Islamorada, Florida 33036

We will need a name, mailing address, Lower Matecumbe property location, and a phone number along with a check for \$10.

GOALS

The number one concern of the Lower Matecumbe Key Association is our beautiful island. Through our organization we hope to unite our efforts in preserving the very special environment we enjoy on Lower Matecumbe. By sharing ideas and creating a method of keeping our residents and property owners better informed and more conscious of the unique nature of the Key, we can protect the quality of our island. We must share ideas and knowledge. Many of our property owners do not live in the Keys fulltime. Just because they are not involved on a day to day basis does not mean they do not share our dedication to making Lower Matecumbe Key a quality place to live and visit. We must communicate and work together for the greatest results.

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#### LAND USE PLAN

The Land Use Plan has been reviewed by the state's Department of Community Affairs. Rather extensive changes have been recommended by DCA. In the next few weeks there will be public hearings in Key West, Marathon and Plantation Key (10 a.m., June 20 at the Courthouse) to present these recommendations. If acceptable they will be incorporated into the final plan. If the County Commission does not go along with the changes, the final version of the Land

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Use Plan will be determined by the Governor and his Cabinet. Before the State Legislature ended their recent session, they voted to provide over \$11,000,000 in funding for Monroe County over the next two years to aid in the implementation of the Land Use Plan. Funds are to be provided for a solid waste disposal system, purchase of undeveloped land by the State, and funds for a conch hatchery.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

No matter what laws we are working with, the current County code or new Land Use Plan, Code Enforcement in Monroe County must be improved. There is hope as the County is working to incorporate some fresh new ideas in reorganizing the Code Enforcement procedures.

#### MEETINGS

Lower Matecumbe Key Association is hoping to have regular meetings with speakers of local interest that can help us all make our island the best island in our wonderful Florida Keys.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our future meetings.