

Upper Captiva Community Panel
Draft Minutes
October 9, 2014

Present: Kristie Anders Chair; Rick Fox, Treasurer; Zeke McDonald, Secretary (by phone); Bert Trapanese, Member; Hart Kelley, member; Margaret Banyan, FGCU (by phone); and members of the public*.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Kristie Anders.

Meeting Minutes

Rick Fox: Motion to approve minutes

Peter Aldrian: Seconded

Decision: Unanimous in favor

Public Comment

Arthur Mason provided public comment that the panel has done a great job and have looked at all issues and should close up show and happily 'ride off into the sunset.'

Discussion Regarding Dissolution of the Panel

Zeke McDonald agreed with Arthur Mason. There is no current funding and all terms have expired.

Rick Fox provided information that we had \$1,000 in revenue and \$20 in expenses. Going into 2014, there is an additional \$600.00. CPA would charge \$400 for each set of tax returns. Thinks there is no need to exist anymore. Thinks UCCP has accomplished goals.

Hart Kelly said that if there is a by-law revision, it should be after a new board is in place. He also commented that no fund raising has been attempted and that funding was not necessarily a compelling issue and considered a representative panel to be an important – or only- way to communicate with the county. He was also concerned that it would be more difficult to get the entity back in place if needed.

Peter Aldrian argued that there is a need for an entity if there is a hurricane at some point.

Bert Trapanese commented that there is a need for a group to exist that is not connected to the community but with the interest of the population at large. Bert would like to spend money to do a survey. Ask the community whether the panel should invest the time to administer elections. Bert agreed it was hard to get people on board to be active on the panel. Things have changed. Give new folks an opportunity to weigh in on the decision.

Kristie noted that the County gave the UCCA seed money for the panel. She was concerned that the Panel has been in violation of its Bylaws for over a year and was concerned that without the "Sunshine Laws" the Bylaws could be changed at a cocktail party (by 60% or five out of seven votes, with a 30 day notice...).

Margaret Banyan pointed out that it is possible to notify public and to ask the public what their preference is for moving forward.

Bert Trapanese would like to do a real broad brush question of what the panel could do and ask the public what they would like. Election buddy seems to work the simplest.

Bill Fry (via phone) noted that technically from inaction, one could take the view that the panel doesn't exist. Of the 7 members, 2 are appointed. The other five require votes of the membership. By-laws make it clear that it is one person – one vote. Agree with doing a survey as to whether island wants to move forward. Following that the election should be held. UCCA and Safety Harbor should reappoint the remaining members until such time as an election is held.

Zeke McDonald: Move to enlist Margaret to construct the survey and submit to the public sometime in December.

Peter Aldrian. Seconded

Decision: Unanimous in favor

Poll: Consensus was that the survey will track IP address and require names. The survey will note a December 5 at 10am meeting time. Margaret will send out as soon as approval is received by the current panel. Zeke would like a follow up in the middle of November to remind folks to vote.

Peter Adrian: Motion to Adjourn

Bert Trapanese. Seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am