

UCCA Meeting Friday, December 23, 2011, at 10:00am
Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Board members present were President Arthur Mason, Secretary Sue Ann Cousar, Jackie Burns, Karen Sirabian, Vicki Kirsh. Absent were Fran DeTure and Ann Murphy. Also present were Dave Tompkins, Marcia Andrews, John Porter, Tom Palazzo, Donna Ellsworth, Tom & Inez Jenkins, Bryan Brillhart, Bob Cousar, Carolyn Creagh, Richard & Andrea Pepper, Steve Muse, Andrew Anderson, Danny Davenport, Garrett Davenport, Andy Fuxa, Clark Evano, Jane Mason, Paul & Mary Douglass, Tom & Susan Hatch, Bill Byrnes, Karen Wildeman, Zeke McDonald, Bob & Sue Hipkins.

Treasurer's report: Approximately \$87,000 in the treasury.

Minutes of the May 1, 2011 meeting: Karen Sirabian moved to accept, Jackie Byrnes 2nd, approved.

Katie Walsh was appointed by a unanimous online vote of the Directors to fulfill Joel Halberstadt's final year of his term. Thanks were offered to Karen Sirabian, who is finishing her three year term.

Election of Directors: there are five candidates to fill three positions. Bryan Brillhart is an Island property owner and business owner. Tom Jenkins is a long time property owner and retired Lee Co. school teacher. Arthur Mason, president of UCCA running for 2nd term, is a founder of Safety Harbor, lives in SH #7. Steve Muse lives in Las Olas on Oyster Shell Dr., was a captain of motor yachts. Tom Palazzo has house on Escondido and is a retired Police Captain of NYC. Ballots were distributed to members and those holding proxies for absent members.

Fire Department - Chief Richard Pepper: Many asking about Advanced Life Support [ALS]. Our mission as a Basic Life Support service [BLS] is to stabilize the patient; the sooner you get the patient to the hospital the better the chances of survival. Our FRD operates under license of Dr. Lemons at Lee Memorial. There are paramedics on the helicopter which comes to pick up emergency medical cases. Takes time to get patient out of 3 story building and to the airstrip. ALS can operate a defibrillator, use pharmaceuticals, clear airways. How much would it cost to establish ALS? Protocol by state and federal mandate: have to have a monitor defibrillator \$20,000 to \$26,000; medications on hand \$5,000 a year; \$1600 for trachea equipment, advance suction equipment \$2,000; administration - have to be under a medical director with a contract which costs between \$15- \$20,000 a year; operating under their license. Continuing education is \$3- \$4,000. Once committed to ALS, \$175,000 per year to have a paramedic on duty 24/7. Does ALS have to have a medical director under contract? -yes. We may utilize the part time guys who have training, if they are under the same medical director, but some aren't. They have to be under the same MD. We are now BLS and our job is to get patient to helicopter. We are having a conversation with Lee County on January 10 to try and get them to station a paramedic out here. We are already paying taxes for EMS, which we only get helicopter services. FD is only looking at this - no decision made. It would cost us about \$200,000 a year to get ALS. Paramedic can make a big difference in cardiac cases. An additional cost would be nurses. Who reviews protocols? -Lee Memorial staff. We would have to have a more proper ambulance out here to transport to helicopter and it would be unlikely that Lee Co. would give us paramedic, although it could be justified if he were on call for all the barrier Islands. Would we be willing to pay what it would cost? UCFRD is studying the issue and has not approved any action.

Fire Station addition: Once we have final \$ figure on cost, FD will begin to have at least 4 public meetings to go over financing of addition. FD looking at referendum by mail in May or later by registered Lee Co. voters only, as required by law. Because house owners already pay a greater portion of expenses in property taxes, the Board looking to finance the addition with a levy on each lot. With a referendum, voters may participate in the choice. Chief Pepper invites questions from anyone.

Grant request by UC Fire Department: Zeke says the pathways need clearing and FD is asking for participation of UCCA for financial help. Zeke would like for UCCA take the burden to contract. FD has power and obligation to clear roads. FD has to follow rules closely: active duty firefighters may not do the work. But FD can hire somebody, put out notice, request bids and let the contract. Zeke thinks there is no legal problem with UCCA doing it. Suggestion to aggressively kill at the source whatever Brazilian Pepper is drooping into

the road. There are legal questions about cutting B.Pepper on people's property. The Board agreed to study the request, after consulting with counsel.

Upper Captiva Road Commission - John Porter: Everyone should have received an email with an online link to an opinion poll from ElectionBuddy. Hope everyone will participate and use the comment section. UCRC is looking at how to get fill dirt to put on roads. 60% of the respondents think that roads are in good shape, depending on rain and potholes. Comment: underneath our roads and houses, there can be sinkholes that can never be filled.

North Captiva Marina Group Dry Storage proposal: Open discussion to what are the concerns: Is this going to attract day trippers? - No. Introduction of fire hazard, can it be contained? - FD has begun process of studying it. Bryan Brillhart reported that in May, Marina Group bought Grady's property and is proposing dredging for basin and building dry storage building to hold 72 boats. The reason is they say there are 285 docking options, including SHC, canal docks, etc. All are sold out and the Island needs more. Plan is to sell a rack that would be sold like a piece of property with a deed and to Island property owners only and will have an initial offering to help finance project so it will be debt free. They plan to sell gas, but if that becomes a problem they may not. NFPA303 of the FL Uniform Fire Code requires extensive fire protection. It would become an inspected facility and to pass it will have to be rigorously inspected. Note: fiberglass burns very fast and hot so it would create a hazardous situation and hazmat would have to be called out for a fire. Question: who could Chief Pepper turn to if there were extraordinary costs? The building would be insured and each boat owner would have insurance. Application has been submitted and they hope complete. Building will be of corrugated steel on a slab, 122x120ft and 34ft. height. The building would not affect our ISO, we are still in residential area. There was a request to follow "Clean Marina" protocol; that will be followed because codes already require all those items. The formal hearing in town will be advertised and whoever speaks at first hearing will have right to speak at second hearing before the BoCC. The Lee County Planner assigned to this project, North Captiva Marina, is Chahram Badamtchian, 239-533-8372, and the Case Number is DC12011-00023. There is a site plan on the UCCA1.com website for information.

Community Panel - David Tompkins: There was an opinion poll sent out and results were that panel should become an individual entity, free from UCCA. The Panel would be increased from 5 to 7 members: representative from UCCA, from business community, from environmental concerns, and from SHC; 3 open positions to be elected, probably by online election. County Commissioner John Manning attended the last Panel meeting. Panel is working on codes. Lee Co. has advised that best way to effect procedures on the Island is to write specific codes for UC to be added to Lee Co. Code and it will reinforce what the Island wants. Elaborate process to accomplish, with review and approvals required. B.Pepper removal is on the agenda to be addressed, also "night sky", a unique quality we have with ability to see the Milky Way.

Brazilian Pepper removal was begun on Nov.30 with 17 volunteers who worked to poison Pepper trees on the State Land. There will be another work day scheduled for January 10.

There is an unofficial, unapproved sign on the FL Park's lot on Gulf Lane near the west end of Bartlett Pkwy. Motion from Karen, 2nd by Vicki, that we contract with someone to remove the sign. All approved for Danny Davenport to remove sign. Park officials do not object to parking on their lot for beach access on foot.

Results of election were reported: elected to the Board were Arthur Mason, Steve Muse, and Tom Palazzo. The opinion was expressed that online election is good idea for election of Board members in order to be more inclusive. Board agreed, but no action taken.

There was a written request from Ann Murphy for \$1,000 to buy materials for the construction of "Benches of North Captiva" that would be auctioned off at St. Patrick's Fund Raiser. The constructed benches would be decorated by Island artists. [Full explanation of project can be found on our website www.UCCA1.com.] Arthur made a motion, Karen 2nd, to give \$1,000 grant for seed money for construction material for Benches of North Captiva. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.
Sue Ann Cousar, Secretary