

Minutes UCCA Meeting April 19, 2009, 11:00a.m. Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Call to order. Board members present: Fran DeTure, Sam Horsley, Sue Ann Cousar, Gary Fisher, Marian Fuller, Arthur Mason, Karen Sirabian, Joel Halberstadt, Ann Murphy. Also present who signed in were John Fuller, Bill & Jackie Byrnes, Bob Pritt, Chuck Brazik, JoAnn Beiermeister, Roy & Karen Wildeman, Louis Silverstein, Joanna Drummond, Gene Murphy, Dave Tompkins, Marcia Andrews, Beverly Horsley, Dick Lewis, Kristie Anders, Leslie & Ray Morreale, Richard Pepper, Linda Deture, Bob Cousar.

In the future minutes should be more concise, sent out by email and posted on the website.

Membership: 135 members to date.

Treasurer's report - Gary Fisher: checking account \$6,210; Money market account \$80,695. Membership brought in \$6,350; St. Pat's net profit was \$8,528.

Richard Pepper spoke about fire sprinkler system that can be charged by the fire department when they have to turn off power to home in case of fire. A licensed contractor should install the valve (\$75 an hour) and the valve costs \$135. More complete information may be obtained from fire chief.

Chief Pepper led discussion of the burn on the State Park to which UCCA was asked to contribute. The following was moved, seconded and voted affirmatively: "Out of respect for the Fire Department and Chief Pepper and the fact that we are here to serve the interests of the whole Island, [I move] that we contribute \$3,000 and that Chief Pepper make it clear that we are doing this voluntarily and we get credit for it."

Community Planning Committee - Dave Tompkins: Margaret Banyan says that the new survey and mailing list are ready, but Lindsey Sampson, Lee County Solid Waste manager, will not give firm figures for garbage collection on the Island. There is possibility of a second \$50,000 grant from the County for code writing that would give the Sheriff something to enforce.

Road Commission - John Fuller: Burt Trapanese is new president of the Road Commission. "Opt-out" policy has been repealed and now only main roads will be graded rather than side roads. Red Anders will experiment with less invasive equipment. Next RC meeting will be in May. RC volunteered to split in thirds the renewal fee of website with Fire Department and UCCA.

Canoe Launch - Marcia Andrews: Two waivers from neighbors of dock site for canoe launch in hand; two remaining: Marion Dobbs to the north has declined to sign, and Safety Harbor will sign only if she does. Next step is attorneys.

Road Signs: Thanks to Burt Trapanese, Peter Aldrian, and Sam Horsley for their work preparing and installing road signs.

Island Access - Arthur Mason: Purpose of an agreement between UCCA and the Kinsey family is to establish a permanent easement for loading and unloading boat passengers on the Island. An annual fee would be calculated as % of property taxes and liability insurance of unimproved property; \$2,500 would be current assessment. Kinseys may continue to collect landing fees from persons who are not UCCA members, their guests or families. Gary moved that we pursue Kinsey easement; vote postponed till all three options of money expenditure be presented.

Sheriff's deputy presence - Bill Byrnes: Lee County Sheriff is willing to assign deputy out here if we provide housing. The question discussed at great length was should we request a deputy's presence full-time, on weekends only, at peak spring break weeks, or randomly year round. No decision.

Vote taken as to priorities of UCCA funds: Island access by easement agreement - 17; law enforcement on Island - 7; financial involvement in Pine Island access - 1. Agreement that UCCA will pursue more information on law enforcement and Island access.

Kristy Anders was applauded for being named Citizen of the Year on Sanibel and also received the Golden Leaf Award for environmental education.

Marian Fuller thanked everyone who helped in the St. Pat's fund raiser and reminded group that they are looking for volunteers to chair the event next year.