

Minutes of UCCA meeting 4/20/08, 11:00am at the Firehouse

President Fran Deture called the meeting to order. All Board members, except Ashlynn Simms, present.

First, Ed Foley of Pineland Marina spoke regarding relationship between Marina and Upper Captiva Island. For islanders, Pineland Marina [PM] will match any other marina rates. For homeowners only, rate includes parking, but one has to speak directly with Ed. Rate guaranteed for a year and a contract will protect both sides. \$10 to park a boat, or \$40 overnight. Or one may lease a finger slip for \$500 a month, including car parking. Rack- and dock-ominiums are also for sale (ask PM for figures). The Ship's Store, including bathrooms, is completed, and a members' club and restaurant are being planned. Twenty of 176 racks are already sold. Finger docks will be kept for rental, and racks can be leased for now until they are all sold. Parking a car at PM is available for \$200 mo. or \$10 a day for homeowners. Discounted fuel for rackominium owners. Cora Ogle asked about the mangrove-cutting issue after hurricane Charlie: the mangrove issue would not affect rack- dock-ominium owners; the developer is working with the State in replanting mangroves on the peninsula.

St. Patrick's Day report: [Applause for Carolyn Creagh and JoAnn Beiermeister and her team] 150 adult dinners and 20 kids dinner tickets were sold, but after expenses a profit of \$40. [for comparison, in 2006 180 dinner tickets were sold]. All cookbooks were sold with a profit of \$720. The silent art auction netted \$3,340 after expenses, and the golf cart raffle netted \$2,260. Marian Fuller and Jackie Byrnes will co-chair the event in 2009, with Ann Murphy being in charge of art work; date will be Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Treasurer's report: Fran Deture reported there is now \$74,038 in the money market account and \$2,572 in the checking account. President Deture's goal is to have \$100,000 in the treasury to be ready for possible purchase of land, or for Community Plan expenses, or canoe launch.

Membership report: there are 61 paid memberships to date - number is down. Membership by-laws say \$50 per individual membership = 1 vote. At meetings often both spouses vote, so there is a question which one is the member for voting purposes or to serve as an officer on the Board. Proposed change to the by-laws: \$50 per couple and both may vote and are eligible to serve.

Phone books: Ads need to be in by May 1. 19 paid ads so far.

Change of voting precinct status: it was moved and seconded to drop the issue of requesting a change of precinct to Pine Island. Majority voted to not change voting place from Captiva.

Canoe Launch: Because of lack of response from dock builders, Marcia Andrews has resigned as head of the canoe launch project. Zeke McDonald is going to try and approach Lee County and dock builders.

Community Plan: Next meeting will be April 27, 2008, at 1:30 at Safety Harbor Club. Purpose is to discuss County's response to our plan.

Island clean-up: Ann Murphy has organized another Island Clean-up Day for Monday, April 21, from 8:00am to 11:00am. Show up at Firehouse to pick up trash bags and assignment.

Street signs: Sam Horsely reported that there are some street name posts missing, some streets have replaced with their own posts. Anne Murphy suggested some friendly signs at curve into Mango's like "keep right - blind corner". Gene Murphy said we need STOP sign for all streets entering Rum Rd. Response: people don't read the signs we already have. Jo Ann suggested renters need to be advised to stop at intersections. The following signs were approved by voice vote: "blind corner" at Mango's, STOP coming from Barnacle's, and street name signs.

Barge has been removed from Safety Harbor.

Zoning at Barnacle's: Board has approved \$1,000 for attorney to study the combining of Barnacle's and Grady's Lodge property. March 17 was the deadline for option of Trapanese and Gorton to purchase Barnacle's and it was not exercised. Barnacle Bay Club plan was approved by County in 2005. There are permits for Ryan who rents out golf carts, Amy's bookstore, and a license to sell beer and wine. In 2008 there was a pre-application by the Kinseys for a sewage treatment plant. There needs to be a dialogue between developers and residents. The results to the instant poll attached to the President's letter regarding our involvement in dialogue with developers: 64% agree, 16% agree somewhat with letter. Response from Barbara: it is a waste of time and money at this point - any development will be in the future when economy improves. UCCA wants to invite any future developer to begin a dialogue to inform islanders. Email Fran Deture or Anne Murphy with any questions we should be asking. Because of UCCA's 15 year history on the Island, Lee County will listen. Through the Community Plan we have a concept of where we want the Island to go.

Island Cleanup: Bill Byrnes and Mark Muller presented ideas on how to handle cleaning up the island. Island residents could adopt a road to be responsible for. A fee could be charged to every rental by rental agents to pay someone to pick up trash off the roads. If we had more island clean-up days, NCIC, SHC, Fuzzy could each agree to take a dumpster box off the Island each year. Maybe there could be three clean-up days a year, one each sponsored by rental agencies and realtors, another day sponsored by builders and developers, and a third by UCCA. It was reported that there is a house on Cutlass owned by the bank, which has not been responsive to phone calls regarding trash in the front, and code enforcement is not doing anything.

Road Commission: There have been numerous complaints about Road Commission actions. RC is apparently doing some survey work of roads around Bartlett Pky. and Coral Cir. Future meeting is planned between reps from Fire Dept, Road Commission and UCCA (Fran and Gary Fisher). RC may not pass bills on to UCCA for them to pay for work not authorized. RC not responsive to UCCA requests for accounting of funds received from islanders. RC has said it is not their responsibility to do trimming around roads but homeowners'. Fire Commissioners are seeing problem of large debris in the "shreddings" being placed on roads, so are aware of problem. RC was getting mulch from SHC who chips/shreds it. Bill Byrnes did a survey on Island of large piles of prunings and trimmings on some lots; a fire resulted from two boys playing with matches on such a lot. UCCA donated \$3,000 for these piles to be picked up, shredded, and put on roads. John Fuller is the newest director appointed to the board of the RC and says he is learning. History: Former Road Committee was taking up too much time at UCCA meetings, so the Road Commission was established. They are reviewing their by-laws and recognize the need for goodwill with the residents. Eight years ago there was created an "opt-out road" choice to prevent RC from working on a road.

After Cayo Costa fire, which our personnel, both professional and volunteer, helped fight, Park Service personnel are appreciative and now more willing to co-operate in a fire break between Park land and our residential area. Important: keep your property clean, remove dead palm fronds from trees. Someone asked a question about our fire fighters: there are always two trained, professional firemen on the Island.

Announcement of the play "Steel Magnolias" being presented by Book Club on Monday night, April 21, at Safety Harbor Clubhouse, wine served at 7:00pm, play begins at 7:30.

Meeting adjourned.