

Minutes of UCCA Meeting 10/26/08 at 11:00a.m. at Firehouse

Call to Order: Board members present: Fran DeTure, Sam Horsley, David Tompkins, Sue Ann Cousar, Marian Fuller, Gary Fisher, Anne Murphy, Carolyn Creagh. Absent was Ashlynn Sims. Attendees who signed in were Richard Pepper, Roy and Karen Wildeman, Charles Brazik, Dick and Vickie Lewis, Peter Aldrian, JoAnn Beiermeister, Linda DeTure, Kristie Anders, Glenn Kachel, Joel Halberstadt, Bert and Cheryl Trapanese, Arthur Mason, Marcia Andrews, Elizabeth Hooper, Bob Cousar.

The Minutes of the April 20, 2008, meeting, as disseminated by email, were approved.

Treasurer Report - Fran DeTure: Money Market account has \$80,469.80 and checking account has \$870.52.

Membership Report - Dave Tompkins: 148 plus two members already paid for 2009. Membership form will be mailed in December in the Fall issue of the Newsletter to be paid early in 2009. With new Bylaws change, each \$50 dues will be for two voting memberships at the same mailing address.

Nominating Committee - Fran DeTure: Three members are rotating off the Board: Carolyn, Dave, and Gary. Gary Fisher and Art Mason have agreed to put their names forward; new names were solicited. Any member is eligible.

Phone Directory: [applause for Dave Tompkins]. We received \$6,035 from ads, cost to print and mail was \$3,500 with a profit to UCCA of about \$2,500. Profit down a little but there were fewer advertisers.

Community Planning Committee - Dave Tompkins: Our Community Plan has passed. BOCC met, after small meeting with a few islanders and 4 of the 5 commissioners which gave an opportunity to explain what the Island wanted and to answer questions. One more formality in March of the Department of Community Affairs, the State watchdog over counties to make sure the County is not obligating the State for anything. Our small group met also with Lindsey Sampson in Buckingham where Solid Waste is. Future meeting with Mr. Sampson will be January 18 at 1:00p.m. at Safety Harbor Clubhouse on Island where he will talk about options for solid waste removal. Note: Community Plan is on website, www.ucca1.com. Arthur Mason reported that Rick Fox thinks Sampson will shut down Safety Harbor Club's incinerator. Also at this January meeting we will select or create an official organization to work with Lee County to implement the Plan's specifics.

Canoe Launch - Marcia Andrews reporting for Zeke McDonald: Butch Jones, who is known by the County, has been contacted. He says for \$1,000 an engineer should be able to come up with a design for a "multi-family dock", a handicap dock. It was moved and seconded to provide \$2,000 for preparation/fees for dock, rescinding any previous vote on money allocated for this project.

Development Oversight Committee - Anne Murphy: It was suggested that Sam Horsley join Anne's committee. County is supposed to email Upper Captiva about variance requests. Name of UCCA specifically will not appear in Plan to receive notices of

variance applications. The report prepared by Roetzel and Andress about Island zoning, maps, etc. will be left at the Fire Station for anyone to have access to. Another copy will be at the Safety Harbor office. Mention of this report should be made on website. Fire Chief Richard Pepper spoke up that he would be glad to assist this committee.

Bylaws Changes - Fran DeTure: Bylaws change ballots were mailed out and it was passed 44 of 47 votes to make dues payment valid for two voting members, and 46 of 47 voted to split the position of secretary-treasurer into two positions.

Road Commission - Peter Aldrian: John Fuller said there will be an annual Board meeting of the Road Commission on February 14, with five Board members, one of which is currently vacant. The Road Commission (RC) is a separate non-profit organization, independent of UCCA, accountable to its donors. Peter Aldrian reported on fund raising, which has been every two years, \$200 each property owner. RC has purchased some new equipment and needs a reserve to buy a new tractor someday. Current one was given to Fuzzy for use by RC. There is more fill dirt to be obtained but because of canal dredging, can't get to the road on the other side of canal. Fran expressed thanks for responsiveness to their earlier meeting. John: opt-out will be formalized and will pay for damage done; explanation will be put on website, www.ucca1.com. Gary Fisher asked about mud/water hole on the road at NCIC golf cart corral. Peter said water is from NCIC tennis court daily conditioning. John reminded all that property owners have the final responsibility to keep roadway clear adjacent to their property; it is not the responsibility of RC, UCCA, or Fire Board. Anyone who does not comply with Fire Board will receive a warning letter. Our pathways should be 13' wide, 20' height clearance (but will settle for 12' x 12'). If property owner does not comply with warning letter within 30 days, Lee County Code Enforcement will be contacted. Peter reported worst offenders are home owners, not vacant lots. We have not established a precedent by the fact that UCCA has paid to clear old debris piles in order to take advantage of "Community Burn". RC only has responsibility for road surface. The following Basic Principle was passed by voice vote:

BASIC PRINCIPLE REGARDING REMOVAL OF VEGETATION OR OTHER IMPEDIMENTS TO PATHWAYS ON NORTH CAPTIVA ISLAND

Property owners have the final responsibility and, therefore, should bear the corresponding expense of keeping adjacent established pathways clear of vegetation or other impediments. It is not the responsibility of the fire department, UCCA, or the Road Commission(UCRC) to pay for such clearing.

Road Signs: Need for "caution" sign at Mango's entrance, "stop" sign coming from Barnacle's. Road name signs - suggested metal, reflective and screwed to 4"x4" post.

D memberships for SHC/OTW restaurant privileges are available and need to be renewed in November. \$100 membership payment may be made at the SHC office.

Glenn Kachel spoke to tell about barging he can do for islanders with access to Island at Mango's. He has tried to offer recycling as an option to the Island, as he has experience.

Applause for John and Marian Fuller re. removal of old debris piles. UCCA paid \$5,200 to NCIC for their equipment and personnel to get the job done.

Community Burn/Vegetative Debris - Chief Pepper, John Fuller: Richard has pushed for fire break between Park and residential area and for the burning of the piles of debris that Florida park Service left after clearing the beach in May 2007. Actually he is pushing for one or two burns a year of vegetative debris. Burn pile has gotten out of control by unauthorized dumping at site, outside proscribed boundary. This burn is not for clearing of new lots for building.

2009 calendar: St. Pat's Party March 14, 2009; Island Clean Up Feb. 21. Next UCCA meeting Dec. 14, followed by refreshments. Need for contract with Barnacle's re. St. Pat's Party.

Iguanas- Marian Fuller: 7' long monitor lizard spotted on Sanibel. Cape Coral has proliferation of monitor lizards and iguanas. Boca Grande had large population of iguanas, between 10- and 20,000. Mr. Gutman trapped 11,000. We may be seeing beginning of problem here. If you see any iguanas, get rid of them immediately. Gasparilla has huge problem of both iguanas and monitor lizards. There are two kinds: spiny and green. Follow-up report in December.

Ron's Memorial Garden - Carolyn Creagh: There will be a dedication of the Garden on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 4:00p.m. with potluck dinner afterwards.

Ron Simmons Memorial Park - Fran DeTure: Gordon Biggar wanting to donate lot adjacent to Jarmoszuk's Caloosa Land Trust lot that was donated to create a Memorial Park.

Complaint Resolution: Hart Kelly wants to create a complaint resolution plan for alternative to calling Code Enforcement. Downside of calling them is retaliation. Hart could not be at this meeting so he will speak at the Dec. meeting.

Website Committee formed, consisting of John Fuller, Bob Kinniry, Sue Ann Cousar, and Kristie Anders to formulate how it is to be used.

Thanks to Kristy for organization of our island's participation in the Coastal Cleanup in September; twenty people participated in picking up trash on our island's coast/beach.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Dec. 14 at 11:00a.m. at Safety Harbor Clubhouse.