

Minutes of UCCA meeting Dec. 14, 2008, 11:00a.m. at Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Board members present: Fran DeTure, Sue Ann Cousar, David Tompkins, Marian Fuller, Gary Fisher; absent were Sam Horsley, Carolyn Creagh, Ashlynn Sims, Anne Murphy. Others present who signed in: Linda DeTure, Melinda Powell, Grant & Mary Finger, Vickie & Dick Lewis, Deane & Sandra Richardson, Joel Halberstadt, John & Maxine Otis, John & Linda Bickel, Marcia Andrews, John Fuller, Louis & Bonnie Silverstein, Peter Aldrian, Joanne & Darryl Damico, Karen Sirabian, Barry Bundrum, Bob Cousar.

Richard Pepper asked to report first on the status of the Community Burn: The State personnel are denying that they gave the Island permission to dump vegetative debris on State Park land. Originally the State agreed to burn the debris from the clearing of the Park beach in 2007 along with our vegetative debris at no cost to us, but with back-up support from our Fire Department. They were to add the debris from the clearing of the 30ft. fire break at the boundary between residential and Park land that was cut by the State Park fire team; however that has been left where it fell. Although it was a verbal agreement, all meetings have written minutes and witnesses present. There appear to be three options: 1. We can remove all debris and bring it back up to our residential land area. 2. State could allow our Fire District to apply as vendor to legally burn the debris pile at our expense. 3. State Park could hire a contractor to burn their part and we would pay any additional cost to have our debris burned by their vendor. State did not like our District's idea of using track hoe to break it down where it is. That way, if it should catch fire, it would just smolder, and it is close enough to the Gulf that we could pump plenty of water on it to drown out any fire. UCCA is supportive of the Fire District's efforts.

Call to order. Minutes of the Oct. 26, 2008, UCCA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report - Fran: Correction on Phone book: Ads brought in \$5,850 with cost of \$3,723.59 leaving a profit of \$2,126. The account of the Community Planning Panel: of the grant of \$46,000 we received \$45,164. We have a balance of \$819. Next step of the Community Plan is to choose or create an organization to enact the Plan. For example, if we want to ban gas powered vehicles we have to write an ordinance that the sheriff can then enforce. Lindsey Sampson will meet with us here on the island on Jan. 18, 2009, at 1:00pm at Safety Harbor Clubhouse as part of the meeting. Other part is discussion of organization to deal with Lee County regarding our Plan. We would like some guidance on what kind of organization the County would like us to create. Margaret Banyan is helping us investigate how other communities have approached this question. Gary Fisher spoke about the necessity of informing everyone about the Jan. 18 meeting - email, paper notices, website. Motion, second, voice vote approved these three methods of informing about meeting. Marian expressed need to spend all of \$46,000 grant before we ask for more - and we should compensate Margaret Banyan more for her work. \$3,975 has been paid to her so far, but she has donated much more time. Treasurer's report continued: Money Market account has \$70,520 and checking has balance of \$6,559.41 after deposits of \$60,356 and expenses of \$57,214. (Opening balance at beginning of 2008 was \$3,417.) Motion, second, voice vote approved 2009 Proposed Budget.

Membership: Fran reported that annual member solicitation has been mailed. In 2008 we had 165 members. Membership sheets with dues need to be returned for 2009.

Plaque to be given to Carolyn Creagh in appreciation for her service on the Board. Special plaque given to David Tompkins for nine years of service. The Board needs to replace Ashlynn who has resigned from the Board. Marian read bylaws of UCCA for who is qualified to serve on Board: Property owner or anyone who has legal address on Island. Gary Fisher, Karen Sirabian, and Art Mason have agreed to be on the slate. Motion, second, approved slate. Motion, second, and voice vote to elect the slate. Ashlynn's replacement on Board will be done at Jan. Board meeting.

St. Pat's Party - Marian reported, Jackie Byrnes is co-chair. Mindy of Barnacle's along with Mary and Grant Finger accepted to host party on March 14. Brother Love Band has agreed to play. Committee has talked to three entities to sell us a refurbished golf cart to raffle. David and Anne Murphy or co-chairs of the art committee.

Road Commission: Peter spoke of importance of crowning the roads and spreading mulch that turns to black dirt to maintain them. John spoke of mailing and website telling of RC fund raising drive. There is a new RC Board member, Kevin Melvin, and two seats coming available. There

are 90 paid members and John thanked those who have donated. Island Club is providing the location at Mango's for the RC meeting on Feb. 14 at 10:00a.m., as well as refreshments.

Road signs: seven street name signs are missing. Peter said that he can do routing of sign posts. It was suggested that they be painted.

Website Committee: consists of John Fuller, Bob Kinniry, Kristie Anders, and Sue Ann Cousar. The purpose of the Website, www.ucca1.com, is the same as UCCA: To provide a forum in which to address common concerns, publicize goals that enhance quality of Island life, and to communicate regularly with island owners; become a major and dependable source of useful information for all island owners, guests, businesses, and other organizations; promote positive interaction and feedback between users. Renewal is due in April for \$120. Useful links have been added: emergency information, tides, NBC, Safety Harbor Club, Salty Approach, Kennedy launch schedule, County offices.

Iguanas - Marian: We are just watching the situation at this point. If they become a problem we will take action. Scott Weiss, a trapper with US Dept. of Agriculture comes to the island regularly to set traps to see what pests he can catch, such as rats, raccoons, iguanas.

Karen Sirabian, who arrived late, was presented and welcomed as a new Board member. Dave announced that if anyone wants a phone book, we have them for \$10.

Canoe launch - Marcia Andrews: a dock engineer has designed a dock for \$400. Permissions from Lee County are coming in and County officials are supportive. Dock will be at the east extension of Hidden Lane.

Dave asked about our Community bulletin board at the corner of Rum Rd. and Bartlett Pky. - is it still all right to have it there? (The answer is yes.)

Next UCCA meeting will be Jan. 25, 2009, at 11:00a.m. and the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 10:00a.m. at Fran DeTure's house.

Announcements: Anyone interested in going caroling on Christmas Eve should meet at the Cousars' home on Hidden Lane at 4:30p.m. Anyone who wants caroling at his house should contact Sue Ann. On Christmas Day at 4:30p.m. Sue Ann Cousar is presenting a recital of J. S. Bach Preludes and Fugues on the organ as a Christmas present to the Island - also at the Cousar home on Hidden Lane - everyone invited. A big "thank you" to Linda Bickel who made all the cookies, to Marian for brownies, along with coffee for our refreshment after today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.