

Minutes UCCA Meeting Jan. 20, 2013, 11:00am

Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Present: Board members Ann Murphy, Sue Ann Cousar, Jackie Byrnes, Steve Muse, Vicki Kirsh; Katie Walsh via telephone. Absent: Fran DeTure, Arthur Mason, Tom Palazzo. Also present: Karen Sirabian, Dan Hrycyk, Linda McPherson, Homer & Janet Cooksey, Ron Glick, Maxine Otis, Deane & Sandra Richardson, Dave Tompkins, Marcia Andrews, Kristie Anders, Steve Hall, Hugh & Norma Phelps, Larry & Joan Diorio, Bill Byrnes, June Kelly, Jerry Vernon, Bert Trapanese, Michael Flinn, Richard Pepper, Daniel Davenport, Georgia Murphy, Gene Murphy, Sam Horsley, Karen Sirabian, Dave & Thomasin Shepp, A.J. & Erin LaVallie, Cindy Maynard, Russ & Diane Shallcross, Andrew Anderson.

Ann called meeting to order.

Emergency Insurance - Karen Sirabian: The premium is \$177 per year and good for both air and ground emergency transport. Jerry Vernon said the cost of helicopter on Dec. 30 was \$16,400 and the response time was great. Chief Pepper or other EMT is the first responder and approves the necessity of helicopter for emergency transport. The underwriter, Unified Life Insurance, is rated B++ by AM Best. The ApolloMT website gives the details of how to make a claim. If anyone has specific questions, phone ApolloMT at 888-457-1711. The insurance will not cover relatives, guests, or visitors to the Island - only those living with you.

The Board met and elected its officers for 2013: Ann Murphy president, Jackie Byrnes vice-president, Vicki Kirsh recording secretary, Sue Ann Cousar communications secretary, and Fran DeTure treasurer.

Minutes of Dec. 8, 2013, meeting approved with one correction: United changed to "Unified Life Insurance Co".

Treasurer's report prepared by Fran DeTure, read by Ann: checking acct. at end of year \$14,424.09; Debits \$45,807.96; Deposits \$60,232.05; Money Market Acct. end of year \$27,678.66.

2012 UCCA Budget attached

Proposed 2013 UCCA Budget attached

The UCCA board, on 1-18-13, moved (vote 6 for, 0 against) to present to the members for approval, or not, a proposal to formally set a goal of purchasing a property to be used for a community center and/or island landing site. The board proposes contributing 50% of each year's end budget surplus for 5 years (2013 through 2017) to a segregated account for the purchase of such a property. Use of these monies for this purpose is with the condition and understanding that: Upper Captiva Community Center remain a 501 3(c) tax entity: and that UCCA/Upper Captiva Community Center actively solicit contributions for

this purpose during the 5 year period. This proposal will be put to a vote of the 2013 membership and will require majority approval to be implemented.

The UCCA Board further moved (6 for, 0 against) to jump start the capital campaign for the purchase of a property for a community center and/or island landing site by placing \$50,000.00 of current UCCA funds into the segregated account upon membership approval of the above proposal.

The vote of the membership will be via ElectionBuddy.com.

Grant Requests: Board is not granting any requests. Board decided that trimming the roads should not be the responsibility of the minority, however the worst lots are unimproved and those owners are not contributing anything to the upkeep of the roads. Maybe the Road Commission could get together volunteers to trim back roads and several people have chippers. Long range, one item the Community Panel is dealing with is killing all the Brazilian Pepper on the Island. Suggestion to change the 5 year window to kill B. Pepper down to 2 years. Cayo Costa is getting their B. Pepper taken care of. ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN A SPRAY BOTTLE OF GARLON SHOULD RETURN THEM UNLESS ACTIVELY USING THEM. WHEN THE BOTTLES WERE BORROWED IT IMPLIED THAT THE USER WOULD ALSO WORK AT KILLING PEPPER ON THE STATE PARK LAND.

Explanation that the Board rejected UCCP grant request because it was not specific as to the need. They may re-submit their grant request.

Fire Department - Chief Pepper: Director of EMS is coming out to Island on Jan.21. EMS is clear that they are going to be sparing in use of EMS. NC Island Club wanted to inform county that NCIC was willing to put their boat captains on call; County likes the idea of involving locals. Lee Co. EMS dropped their certificate so they will never be offering that again. The last medical flight was \$16,000 and the one before was \$18,000. One County idea was to pay \$150 for insurance and the Co. would only charge what your insurance would pay; however privatization is their decision. Another idea is to send out an EMT to the Island - response time would be 30 min. It used to cost \$800 to meet an ambulance at Pineland Marina, but now that it will be privatized, it will cost more. FD cannot guarantee a response time of an hour as before. County Medical director has to sign off on any transport of patients. FD has to hand off a patient to another medical person of at least equal capability. Priority #1: long bone fracture, head, neck, back injury, heart or stroke. Our FD has semi-automatic defibrillator, but once there is cardiac arrest, the helicopter will not airlift them off because there is not room on helicopter to continue manual depressions. Paramedic can administer very basic pharmaceuticals, but cardiac arrest needs to be in a hospital immediately. Has to be an EMT minimum rating to give aid on a boat to Pineland. There is no public safety director (John Wilson is no longer with County) so hopefully next director will be a friend to the Island. Richard said there are three County Commissioners that would consider stationing a paramedic out here.

SEND AN EMAIL TO BOCC (EMAIL ADDRESSES BELOW), REQUESTING HELP FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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Here are some examples from Chief Pepper of points to make when writing County Commissioners:

1. The UCFR District is a Basic Life Support service (BLS), we have several EMT's on duty every day.
2. EMT-P (Paramedics) have advanced skills : drug intervention, advanced airways, and heart monitor .
3. Regardless of the professionals on scene, a patient needs to be in the ER within one hour of the onset of a medical or traumatic event.
4. The county must insist on landing zone training with the local emergency responders.
5. What is the backup plan if the new air service is out of district or out of service?
6. What is the acceptable response time to the Islands?
7. Because this is our "ambulance," what will be the fees for the outer islands?
8. Will the county be willing to work with the outer islands on some kind of a boat transport for backup and non-life threatening transports?

Road Commission - Bert Trapanese: using box rake to keep roads smoothed. Tractor is broken.

Island Clean-up: Sunday, 17th of Feb. Bill & Jackie Byrnes and Karen Sirabian will be in charge.

Marina report - Steve Hall: The NC Marina project involves excavating and dredging and maintenance dredging and widening the canal. Depew - Morris was hired to come up with other proposal. There have been changes to the original Marina rezoning proposal, but basically the same. There are two dredging proposals: One is to remove corner lot at Mangos and 2nd to dredge canal up to the proposed Marina access. Laura Bellflower is Hearing Examiner and she will submit a recommendation to BoCC to approve or deny the rezoning request. Additional funding is needed for legal fees; you can help by writing a check to lawyer Fowler-White or Morris-Depew. Army Corp. of Engineers could have a public or private hearing on the Marina; no date has been set. Everyone is encouraged to attend Board of County Commissioners' meeting when it is scheduled, but only those who spoke at the Hearings may speak at BoCC, but the number of people from the community can influence Commissioners' decision. Administrative review by Army Corp. If a prop scars eel grass, it takes 12 years for it to re-grow so queuing of boats in harbor will negatively affect the harbor. The majority of landowners along canal

were properly permitted to do the trimming of the mangroves last summer, but some were not. When boats come in too fast, the wash severely erodes the mangroves. Extreme spring/low tides once a month make it difficult for boats to get into the canal at all.

St. Pat's Party: Saturday, March 16. Ann Murphy will chair event, Gene Murphy will be in charge of 50/50. First organizational meeting will be at Jackie Byrnes' house, Monday, Jan.28 at 2:00pm. Attendance is still good at event, but we need help doing the work.

Kristie Anders: Joe Papalardo has been promoted to Captain (Sheriff's Dept.) and he is responsible for outer Islands. Call sheriff to report problem: 477-1000. Feb. 15 volunteers killing Brazilian Pepper starting from South Banks.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Sue Ann Cousar

PANEL FORUM: Panel wants comments from community about the proposed code language on four subjects: on-island meeting requirements for property development, vehicle operation on pathways, dark skies, and Brazilian Pepper removal.