

Upper Captiva Planning Panel
25 February 2015
Safety Harbor Clubhouse
10:00 am

Members Present: Peter Aldrian, Rick Fox, Hart Kelley, A.J. LaVallie, Zeke McDonald (by phone), Deb Skinner, Chair

Member Absent: Bert Trapanese

Present in the audience: Horst Eylert, Bill Fry, Arthur Mason

Deb Skinner called the meeting to order at 10:03.

Hart Kelley said that the amount of money determined to be necessary at the last meeting was not raised.

Rick Fox said that in accordance with the prior meeting, if the money wasn't raised, the money that was raised is to be returned, the State of Florida is to be notified and corporate dissolution with the State of Florida will occur. The panel status will revert to an unincorporated panel as it was in the beginning. The checking account balance of \$300 was paid to Dr. Banyan, against her outstanding bill, and then closed. The CPA is processing the final tax return for the corporation.

Hart made a motion to dissolve the UCCP. Peter Aldrian seconded the motion. Lively debate ensued about the pros and cons of dissolving the panel. A vote was called and the vote was 2 in favor of the motion (Aldrian, Kelley) and 4 opposed to the motion (Fox, LaVallie, McDonald, Skinner).

Rick Fox moved to put the panel into abeyance which would allow it to be activated if necessary for a natural disaster or other issue that required island wide awareness and action, as it is the recognized representative of the entire island by Lee County. The two appointed panel members would remain to reactivate the panel. (Because the by-laws were a function of the corporate registration), the motion included continuing the bylaws under the unincorporated panel. Zeke McDonald seconded the motion.

Lively discussion included the ability of the panel to pay for an election if the need arose. Bill Fry addressed the issue of UCCA's current Election Buddy system: costs and validity vs the system that the panel used which was expensive and required IP addresses to be validated. The UCCA pays under \$100 for their election.

There was discussion with Peter Aldrian and Hart Kelley about the politicization of the panel because the two appointed members are from island organizations. Comments that emerged included that the two organizations are only ones on the island with a proven track record for raising money. If there was a natural disaster, they may be very useful.

The vote was called and it was 4 in favor (Fox, LaVallie, McDonald, Skinner) and 2 opposed (Aldrian, Kelley). Peter Aldrian and Hart Kelley left the meeting.

There was a "sense of the panel" discussion, to be included in the minutes.

"The intent of the existing panel is that the 2 appointed members have as their primary responsibility to call an election if the need for the panel's reactivation occurs, unless it's in the face of a natural disaster and immediate action is essential."

Deb Skinner will send a letter to the islanders regarding the decision of a majority of the panel.

Rick Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. AJ LaVallie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.