

Minutes of UCCA Meeting Oct. 26, 2014
11:15am at SHC

The meeting was called to order by president Jackie Byrnes. Board members present: Pres. Jackie Byrnes, V-Pres. Jo Ann Beiermeister, recording sec. Ann Murphy, Treas. Fran DeTure, communications sec. Sue Ann Cousar, Bill Fry, and Helen Justice; Andrew Anderson by phone. Also present: Chief Richard Pepper, Andrea Pepper, Phil Kinsey, Gene Murphy, Zeke McDonald, Karen Sirabian, Tom Levin, Linda DeTure, Don Beiermeister, Mark Justice, Mark Muller, Judy Swircenski, Hart & June Kelley, Mike & Dawn Farinacci, Charlie & Carolyn Creagh, Homer & Janet Cooksey, Randy & Stephanie Lord, Dan Hrycyk, Linda McPherson, Charlie & Deb Skinner.

Treasurer's report - Fran DeTure: checking acct. \$26,741; Landing site acct. \$65,281.

UCFRD - Chief Pepper: Fire Department has made necessary changes to meet ISO requirements. They have interviewed and hired 33 part time staff, 26 of whom are paramedics and are in the process of being approved by Dr. Lemmons, Lee County medical officer responsible for Advanced Life Support. All improvements have been reported to ISO; FD should receive a Public Protection class 4. When the ISO makes it official, information will be sent to all Islanders. The fire Station has been reconfigured to accommodate additional personnel comfortably. ALS Coordinator, Phil Kinsey, Jr. is working with new fire fighters and getting all certified under Dr. Lemmons.

Friends of the Fire Department - Gene Murphy: We cannot begin ALS service until we have purchased the necessary equipment at a cost of about \$60K. The Friends will be mailing more information about this effort. Pledges of \$20K have been received and Gene asked the UCCA Board to contribute what they can. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to have an emergency meeting to discuss the amount of funding - set for Friday, Oct. 31 at 10am at Safety Harbor Clubhouse.

LifeShield Alliance - Sue Ann: On our website, www.ucca1.com/uccahome/lifeshieldalliance.html, is information and the insurance application to cover \$10K cost of emergency air transport. The good news for medicare patients is that Air Methods, the Lee County medical air-transport service, accepts medicare assignment.

Salty Approach airstrip - Zeke: Salty Approach is concerned about the operation of drones on the Island. UC Code 112-95 Sec. 34 Sub section C5 prohibits unmanned radio controlled aircraft within 5 miles of an airstrip. Hart: Two categories of radio controlled aircraft: recreational and commercial. Commercial or for profit is banned. Nobody can use a radio controlled aircraft within 5 mi. without permission and they need to be in touch with landing radio contact. They want awareness raised on the Island of this safety issue and the law governing the use of drones especially within 5 mi. of airstrip. John Mejia asked by phone if he may use his drone recreationally on the Island? Only with permission of Salty Approach and radio contact with other aircraft in the area on frequency 122.75.

Tom Jenkins is chairman of 5K Fun-Run for benefit of Fire Dept. - ALS equipment. UCCA voted \$250 to be one of the sponsors. The Fun-Run will be held on New Year's Eve morning, Dec. 31, 2014, at 9am. Tom will see about having cyclists begin a race at 8:30am.

Phonebook is late but hopefully delivered by the end of 2014. Allison has done a good job on ads, and Bill and Sue Ann on Directory.

Bill Fry and Helen Justice are Nominating Committee for UCCA. Board has three seats up for election. Jo Ann and Andrew are running for re-election. Candidates can be self-nominated or by another person. Nominees must be a member of UCCA and property owner or resident. Nominations will be open until Dec. 1. Sue Ann will open an online election on ElectionBuddy if there are more than three nominees for the three positions on the Board. If fewer, the three will be elected by acclamation.

Ann nominated Zeke McDonald as UCCA representative to U.C. Community Panel, second by Helen.

Voice vote in favor.

Zeke spoke about Community Panel: UCCP created in 2006 through many meetings and assigned four code subjects: night sky, Brazilian pepper, variance hearing on Island before hearing in town, and limit weight, size, & speed of golf carts on Island. County agreed on first three but would not approve golf cart code as Panel wrote it. Only Zeke & Rick Fox, appointed by SHC, are currently legal members of Panel and they can appoint the other members until an election can be held. But first a survey to Island to ask if the community wants it to continue or sunset. Margaret Banyan has been helping the Panel but if continues, she recommends that one of her students be used. There is no funding at this time. What would the Panel's agenda be? Zeke said that would be determined by survey of the island. Who would be able to vote: property owners. What issues would be addressed? How can he know whether or not he wants the Panel to continue? The Panel does not have any plan going forward. Another option is just not to fund it but not sunset it. What does the Panel wants to accomplish? Originally the Panel was to deal with Land Use only. Fran read the Mission of UCCA: thinks the UCCA mission answers the needs of the community. Suggestion for an option to allow the Panel to exist but not be active.

House numbers - Bill Byrnes: About 50 houses are still without house numbers. Another survey will be done of all streets. If Code enforcement is called they will demand that all houses have their street numbers displayed where they can be seen from the street by emergency responders.

U.C. Road Company: Hart said they have done tests on three streets: On Seair Ln. regrind from asphalt was used but discontinued. Oro Peso Ln. and Hodgepodge Ln. were done with Island material. Bryan has committed money and dredging material to the roads. Peter Aldrian dissolved the Road Commission and it is now a private Road Company. Much discussion.

New Business: Hart would like UCCA to consult the County and ask if private homes can be rented for less than one week. Building codes for single family homes are different from commercial property. Bill Fry reported that a rental of less than seven days could cause a cancellation of homeowners insurance.

Meeting adjourned.
Sue Ann Cousar