

UCCA Meeting April 27, 2019  
10:00am at Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Directors Present: Bryan Brilhart, Deb Skinner, Richard Gross, President JoAnn Beiermeister, Treasurer Helen Justice, David Bolme, Secretary Sue Ann Cousar.

Others: John Otis, Robert & Sue Hipkens, Linda DeTure, Rick Noland & Lucy Honnold, Travis Parker, Chief Martin.

JoAnn Beiermeister called meeting to order.

Access-way Committee – Travis Parker: There will be work done in mid-May on the roads. N. Airport Rd. is doing better because fill was brought in. Travis will be using small grader on roads to maintain. They hope to take down airport fence to dig swale on side of N. Airport Rd. David: needs to be collaborative effort between businesses that use heavy vehicles and homeowners and Access-way Committee. Bryan suggested using Island Access Fund for roads. We would need a vote from UCCA membership as first step to free up funds from Island Access account.

Linda asked have we given up on dock for Island access? No. The purpose is a public dock so folks can unload on a dock. General consensus of Board is there is not a great need for expense of Island Access dock. How many people actually need this dock? It would take a vote of membership to liberate Island Access funds. Not yet voting on how the funds would be spent.

Sue Ann read Minutes of UCCA meeting Jan. 27, 2019; approved.

Helen is our new Treasurer. We thank Fran DeTure for his many years of service. Helen: balance in cking \$12,103.52; PayPal \$7,013; Memberships \$1,355; Island Fest \$8,065; Island Access Fund (money mkt.) \$99,841.10; expenses of Island Fest have not been turned in yet.

Is Island Girl old dock space still available for use at Barnacles (Island Girl is still using it)? Private charters have permission to use the dock also. Barnacles has sold but not closed yet for renovation.

Chief Jason Martin: Update on Island. New program: Sears Fire Protection will come out and inspect sprinkler system and service it. Or he can forward information to contractor of your choice. (Sprinkler systems can leak/fail and cause water damage.) Email Chief Jason if interested in using Mr. Sears and he will contact.

Emergency vehicle needs to be replaced (failed twice recently). Looking at full-size second hand ambulance from California for \$20,000. Question about maneuvering around stone walls on Point House Trail. Paul Smith from Lee County Code Enforcement came out, cited owner for non-conformities and stone wall can be removed. (Owner Trapanese is letting property go back to bank.) Mike Verona is willing to help remove wall. Mr. Smith has ordered incomplete stairwell structure on N. end to be demolished. JoAnn is compiling a list of brush piles on Island. Mr. Smith says it does not matter that it is absentee owner vacant lot, that owner will receive a summons about brush pile, and can be fined and a lien put on property. Property owner is responsible for

anything that occurs with your property: pool, golf cart, house. Sheriff cannot enforce anything re. golf carts. Bryan makes renters sign a waiver and agreement to follow golf cart rules (like under age drivers). 911 operations say VOIP problems of GPS location of caller have been resolved. Lucy Honnold said that she is not able to make WiFi calls to 911. 911 should always be used rather than call station number. If there is a failure (dropped call, etc.), let chief know.

Chief has electric vehicle in mind for station to use for non-work tasks. Goal is lower ISO to a 3 without extra expense!

Website – David Bolme: David has details about use of website. Old site directs people to new. In last 30 days fewer people are using. 472 people have subscribed to our website. Once there they have option of joining UCCA. Half of users are using computer, 10% laptops, 40% are using phones. There are currently 65 household memberships. There are 333 on Island Directory. Still working on improvements to website. [www.uppercaptivacivicassociation.org](http://www.uppercaptivacivicassociation.org). [www.leegov.com/bocc/Ordinances/14-13.pdf](http://www.leegov.com/bocc/Ordinances/14-13.pdf) (pg. 14-22, Article X Upper Captiva) can be accessed to understand Island codes better.

Sue Hipkens asked for anyone interested in submitting article for publication in UCCA Newsletter to do so. ([suehipkens@yahoo.com](mailto:suehipkens@yahoo.com))

Recycling is still being pursued. Lee County has not been cooperative or helpful so far. Bill Byrnes will keep tabs on BoCC meetings in town over the summer. Waste Pro has a contract with Lee Co. and no other recycling company may compete and Lee Co. Waste Management doesn't want to pay Waste Pro to add a recycle dumpster to be brought out here.

Bob Hipkens on birds: Migrating species love the seagrape flowers: Orioles, Indigo Buntings, Grosbeaks. Hummingbirds – some migrate others stay here. Some years lots of migratory birds stop, other years not so much. Storms can delay birds here on Island.

Helen: Turtle season is May 1 – Oct. 30. [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com) can inform. Lights off, fill holes, remove chairs and tents every night.

JoAnn: Gary Walker of Islander Realty called JoAnn about canoe launch lot that UCCA owns and the neighbors want to buy it from us. Helen said she sees people using the launch for canoes, and too, it is a draft point for Fire Department. Board not interested in selling at this time.

Rick Noland asked about all the privately owned internal combustion engine vehicles running around. What can be done? David read our land Use Code about it: exceptions for emergency vehicles and workers.

JoAnn moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, that we adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Sue Ann Cousar, communications secretary