

UCCA January 26, 2020, 11:30am  
Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Board members present: Pres. JoAnn Beiermeister, V-Pres. Richard Gross, Communication Sec. Sue Ann Cousar, Treasurer Helen Justice, Rick Noland, Maureen Diaz; David Bolme via phone. Also present: Chief Jason Martin, Mark Justice, Lienne Paez, Tema Goetzel, John Otis, Ed Condon, Bill & Deborah Bowman, Melissa Heberle, Kristi & Eric Riggle, Russ & Diane Shallcross, Steve Ward, Michael Filipczak, Bill & Jackie Byrnes.

Treasurer's report - Helen Justice: Began year 2019 with \$12,103 in checking. Deposit of membership dues of \$4,110. Island Fest made \$13,228. Expenses: Administration, Insurance \$2,073., postage & printing \$1,059; Island Fest \$1,900; misc. \$250. Checking at end of 2019 \$24,159. PayPal needs to be associated with the new UCCA business banking account. Island Access account report later.

Secretary's report - Sue Ann Cousar: Minutes for October 27, 2019 read and approved.

UCFRD Chief Martin: NC Island Club helped to upgrade communications and giving tech support. Fire District is updating large water storage truck to improve fire response, should finish end of Jan. Instead of 250 gal per min., they will have a 750 gal per min pump. Web page: [uppercaptivefire.org](http://uppercaptivefire.org). Welcome to bring kids to Fire station to visit and see trucks. Chief handed out caution warning re charging golf carts. Forestry will bring their bulldozer and cut a fire break and path down to South Banks. Duncan has finished Access Way trimming and will be happy to do any more pruning or Pepper removal.

SimpliSafe will monitor for fire using \$29 ionization fire alarm. No Contract, monitoring for \$15 mo., sends message to phones you choose, including 911. Multiple floors would need multiple fire alarms. There was discussion re fire at 4521 Panama Shell where nobody was home to hear smoke alarm. Good FD response. Helen Justice, who reported the fire, had difficulty getting through using 911 and had to call the Fire Station directly using 239-900-1818.

Thanks to Tom Jenkins and all volunteers, sponsors, participants of Fun Run that was held Dec. 31, 2019.

Access-Way Committee - A.J. LaVallie by phone: Paragraph in code: FD has power to provide for access to all houses. Access Way Committee was originally under Sunshine Law, but no longer. There currently is \$70,000 budgeted for roadway access: \$20,000 for cutting back vegetation and \$50,000 for access-way surface. There is 6 pg. report in Oct. Fire Commissioners meeting documents on website. Five major roads to be addressed first: Rum Rd, Harbor Bend, Spanish Gold, E. Seair Ln, North Airport Rd. They should be minimally maintained (but Lee Co. doesn't help). When two kinds of certain materials on Spanish Gold mix they almost become like concrete and seems to be holding. Other roads like Rum have different soil consistency so require different solution. Grader and two bobcats were brought out by MAJ dedicated for two days to work. October project was delayed to Jan. because of high tides and rain.

Kingfisher Dr. is challenging: narrow road constricted, very organic dirt. Small budget will not do a good job. Needs heavy aggregate material as base with pit shell on top, \$30,000 minimum, \$70,000 would be great to do Kingfisher. If residents would contribute to this project, the Fire Dept. plus UCCA's donation would match their contribution. Any donations paid to UCFRD first quarter of 2020 will be directed to Kingfisher and should be tax deductible. Thanks to all the work contributed by A.J. LaVallie and Mark Justice.

Recycling efforts: Lee County no longer accepts plastic water bottles for recycling. We should inform our renters or rental agents that the houses have under counter reverse osmosis filter systems at least on kitchen taps. Owners need to change out the filters in the system annually, semi-annually if heavily used. Urge renters

to bring their favorite water bottles instead of buying and bringing to island scores of bottled water. Contact Clark Evano if he installed your RO system; he will provide the filters for you to change yourself.

Dark Skies – Melissa Heberle: International Dark Sky Association ([www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)). If we can see Milky Way, we will probably qualify as a Dark Sky Destination. There are people who seek out Dark Sky Parks for their vacation, bringing their telescopes for star gazing. There is in our Code a requirement that by January 2021 all our exterior light fixture have a shielded bulb, and light aimed down at the ground, not outward, causing light trespass. Lee Co. website shows examples of approved and not approved exterior lighting [www.leegov.com/bocc/Ordinances/14-13.pdf](http://www.leegov.com/bocc/Ordinances/14-13.pdf). All our homes need to comply by January 2020.

Bill Byrnes: House numbers need to be visible. Also Brazilian Pepper should be removed from our properties by Jan. 2021; same website [www.leegov.com/bocc/Ordinances/14-13.pdf](http://www.leegov.com/bocc/Ordinances/14-13.pdf). Hurricane Dorian relief items for Bahamas can be delivered to Byrnes' house, 4551 Bartlett Pky: needed is canned food packed in plastic coolers, money donation.

Island Cleanup will be on Sat. Feb.15 at 9:00am, signing in and getting assignment at Fire Station.

Island Fest is scheduled for Wed. Mar. 18, 2020, 5-9:00 pm at NCIC; dinner, entertainment, live auction.  
[Cancelled because of Covid-19]

Island Access Fund – Helen Justice: Read some history of community's desire for UCCA to purchase a dock access for all Islanders. Vote will be taken at next meeting April 19, 2020, to liberate funds from the current designation of "Island Access" to available for any significant Island project. Meeting will be at SHC, 11:30am.

Community Building - Steve Ward: They hope to have non-profit established and the property rezoned commercial for Community Building. It will have an appointed Board from various Island entities.

Meeting Adjourned

Next General Membership UCCA meeting will be April 19, 2020, at Safety Harbor Clubhouse at 11:30am

Minutes submitted by Sue Ann Cousar  
Communications Secretary