

UCCA Meeting April 19, 2015 11:15am
Safety Harbor Clubhouse

Present: President Jackie Byrnes, Vice-President Jo Ann Beiermeister, Recording Secretary Ann Murphy, Communications Secretary Sue Ann Cousar, Helen Justice, Also present Sam Horsley, Arthur Mason, Gene Murphy, Chief Pepper, Karen Sirabian, Kay Steiger, Bill Byrnes, Joanna Drummond, Sue & Bob Hipkens, Linda DeTure, Terri & Joe Bryan, Erin & A.J. LaVallie, Mark Justice.
Minutes of January 18, 2015, approved.

Treasurer's report - Fran: 101 paid memberships; MMA/Island Access Fund - \$73,177.00; Checking - \$13,221.47

Total St. Pat's contribution to FD was \$802. Golfcart sold for \$4,050. We need to work earlier on St. Pat's.

Gene - Advanced Life Support: Started last Oct. with nothing towards ALS. Fun Run brought in much, UCCA worked hard for it, including giving half of St. Pat's profits. Approved.

UCFRD - Chief Pepper: Thank UCCA for all they've done. ALS: Gov. agencies take a long time to go through process. Still awaiting one more DEA form. 90% of equipment is here, including 2 defibs. Two refurbished units for \$18,000, + auto-compressions. Aiming to have it all done by May. Lee Co. donated a vessel (Contender) to us. For critical transport, Contender can travel in any weather. Currently at Pineland Marina being painted. Sheriff coming out to train staff on electronics (\$20,000) that came on the Contender. Priority I will still go by helicopter - cannot be used in cardiac arrest because not enough room - but heart attacks can go by air. May 1, letter on website for ISO rating down to 4.

Signs: solar light for sign would be \$18 each. An indicator sign could be put up at end of runway and Bartlett Pky. indicating direction to Fire Station.

House numbers: This is Bill's last report. Number of house down from 111 to 45-50.

Pine Island Plan - Fran: Their Community Plan amended around 2005. They wanted to maintain their quality of life, a rural/agricultural community. They did traffic counts through Matlacha to limit development. Great support for cap on development by majority of residents. Lee Co. allows 1 dwelling per acre, but PI Plan said 1 per 10 acres. A way around it was cluster homes that resulted in 1 dwelling per 2.5 acres. A new group of folks have come in after Plan in place and bought during depression of 2008. There are threats to file suit against Lee Co., so County wants to amend PI Plan rather than have law suits. GPICA asked to have representatives to sit in on meeting but were denied. Tampa Law firm and County staff are going to try and find way to amend plan. There are other Civic Associations (ex. St. James City) on PI but they all coordinate with each other. UCCA has written a letter of support and mailed to five county commissioners. 810-910 rule how many vehicles are crossing Matlacha bridge.

Pepper: people have bought around Flamingo Bay called King Ranch. (King Ranch driven out of Martin Co. so they came to PI.) Frank Mann only one in favor of keeping 810-910 rule. If that is changed then they could develop. There have been plans to connect PI to Sanibel with a causeway. Pendergrass, although joined with others to hire Tampa law firm, he is still interested in listening and can be reasoned with.

Karen asked that our letter be put on the website so others can access it.

Fran moved that we send out email to Island encouraging folks to contact FL Senate and or call Sen Lizbeth. Jo Ann seconded

Sue Ann shared that long-time resident Donald Tade passed away in February (the family is having a celebration of life on May 6th at Tarpon Lodge).

UCCA meeting dates Oct.25, 2015, Jan.17, 2016, Apr.17, 2016.