

MINUTES OF THE UOC MEETING
December 3, 2008
9:00am @ Pelican Landing Community Center

CALL TO ORDER – Stephanie Coburn – Bay Crest, Chairperson

Ms. Coburn called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Coburn called for the roll. The sign-in sheet, attached to the original minutes, evidences the roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objection, the November 5, 2008 UOC Meeting minutes were unanimously approved with one typographical correction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PLCA Board Meeting: December 17, 2008 9:00am– Pelican Landing Community Center
- Bayside & Bay Creek CDD Meeting: December 8, 2008 2pm – Pelican Landing Community Center
- UOC Meeting: January 7, 2009 9am – Pelican Landing Community Center
- Children’s Hospital Garage Sale: December 5, 2008 9:00am – 12:00pm – Pelican Landing Community Center
- Holiday Cards for Heroes – John Duder *Mr. Duder* explained that the Red Cross was the official organization for sending cards to servicemen or veterans and to be aware of false advertisement for this service. Information can be obtained on the Red Cross website.

SW FLORIDA CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL – Tracy Connelly

Mr. Connelly thanked Pelican Landing for selecting the children’s hospital as one of their charities and for all their past support. *Mr. Connelly* provided information and statistics on the hospital and showed a short video. *John Duder – Sorrento* gave a testimonial on his experience while touring the hospital. If anyone would like to take a tour, they should contact Marie Martel; she will set it up.

RESIDENT INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

CDD UPDATE – None

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – Judi Brown, acting chair

Ms. Brown was unable to attend, however her written report was distributed prior to the meeting and is part of the agenda package on file. *Gerald Meier – Addison Place* had a question on the 2007 Audit report. *Ms. Martel* will have *Ms. Brown* contact him with an answer.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

BOCCE – John Bracco, chair

Mr. Bracco reported that Bocce has become popular and the courts are regularly booked. The courts are in good shape; some minor wood replacement is scheduled for next year. The 1st event of the season was a success and league play is scheduled 4 days out of the week. *Mr. Bracco* listed several scheduled events and stated that Pelican Landing will be hosting the SWFL Bocce conference play in February.

TENNIS – Sumner Lipman, chair

There was no report; *Mr. Lipman* was not in attendance.

FITNESS – Jay McGiveran, chair

Mr. McGiveran stated that the fitness room was reopened after mold remediation and invited everyone to come see the new equipment.

Ms. Martel responded to questions concerning cost and insurance coverage on the remediation work.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Marie Martel

Ms. Martel's written report was distributed prior to the meeting and is part of the agenda package on file. There were no questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COCONUT POINT MARINA VACATION ISSUE – Stephanie Coburn – Bay Crest

Ms. Coburn apprised the committee that the Board had approved their recommendation to consult with a bankruptcy attorney concerning property rights at the marina and action had already been taken. A meeting is scheduled next week between PLCA and WCI for further negotiations.

PIC REPORT – Nelson Glueck - Southbridge

Mr. Glueck gave an update on the status of the Canoe/Kayak Park and ROLL Dock renovations. The Canoe/Kayak Park construction and landscaping should be complete around mid December and the PIC will then try to expedite the CO; the ROLL Docks should be done mid January. *Mr. Glueck* recapped the PIC projects:

- Cost: \$3 million PLCA; \$2 million CDD = \$5 million total;
- 11 projects completed;
- Mission: to improve property values and quality of life in Pelican Landing
- Cost out of pocket for residents: \$590.00

Mr. Glueck replied to questions concerning the planned Heron Marsh overlook.

BEACH EROSION – Tom Betts – PLCA BOD Secretary

Mr. Betts recapped Dr. Dean's November 24th presentation to the board and noted that the Beach Erosion Panel has received Dr. Dean's written report. *Mr. Betts* thanked Marvin Hancock for videotaping the presentation; copies are available at the front desk. *Mr. Betts* summarized the next steps to be taken and possible options going forward. The panel is pleased that Dr. Dean has agreed to stay on as advisor; he has given Pelican Landing some appreciated visibility. *Mr. Betts* replied to several questions and gave further details on what has been learned so far. It was confirmed that resident input will be sought before final action is taken.

UNITED WAY – Karen Denmark – Pinewater Place

Ms. Denmark reported that the Pelican Landing drive is 25% towards its goal, with \$16,000.00 donated so far. *Ms. Denmark* thanked the UOC representatives for sending the personalized letters to their neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTIONS BY PLCA BOARD NOVEMBER MEETING:

- REQUESTS FOR FUNDS - \$3,600 to repair beach parking lot tabled for 1 month until Mr. McCarthy speaks to engineer who originally worked with WCI on design. – *Charlotte McCarthy – Bay Cedar* gave a brief update on the status of this issue.
- Authorized Beach Committee to investigate temporary, alternate beach locations as back up destinations if Big Hickory Island cannot be used. – *Stephanie Coburn - Bay Crest* noted that the board had agreed, but had stipulated that this should not take any focus off the beach erosion study.
- Agreed to speak to a Bankruptcy Attorney to investigate filing a claim against WCI for use rights at Coconut Point Marina. - *Marie Martel* verified that the attorney the board has contacted is not with Tom Hart's firm. It was noted that February is the deadline for filing any claims with WCI.

Dave Clifford – Merano made a motion to recommend that the board investigate other permanent alternatives and options to beach renourishment, such as a joint venture with another community – West Bay Club for example – if not an outright purchase of another property.

Karen Denmark seconded.

Discussion:

Motion passed: 33 in favor, 1 opposed.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH EXPERTISE ON WEB CAMS – *John Duder - Sorrento*

Mr. Duder explained that research into this subject has proven that there are several different options and resident volunteers, with expertise in this area are being solicited in order to decide what would best work for the community. Anyone interested should contact *Mr. Duder* or *Marie Martel*. *Mr. Duder* emphasized this is still under research and once the best option was found, it would come to the UOC for a recommendation.

PELICAN LANDING NATURE PARK - *Bob Lerew*

Mr. Lerew presented a written report on possible establishment of a Butterfly/Nature Garden at Spring Creek Park, which is on file with the agenda package.

Karen Denmark made a motion to recommend establishment of an ad hoc committee to develop a planned design to create a Butterfly/Nature Garden including an initial \$500.00 grant.

Betty Mosheim – Palm Colony seconded.

Discussion: It was noted that the CDD maintains this area now; access rights past Pelican's Nest clubhouse were questioned and explained; it was suggested that a task force could look into other water-oriented uses for Spring Creek Park; the question was raised whether the task force should report to the UOC as a subcommittee or to the Board; background on the limitations of the site for many things was brought up noting that a park of this nature would be very flexible and could be maintained by volunteers. *Ms Coburn* stated that the UOC should not feel obligated to establish a task force or subcommittee at this time but could focus on whether to support the idea with a monetary grant. It was agreed that more information would be needed to make a decision on whether to establish a park of this kind and it was further noted that Pelican's Nest approval would be needed for anything planned at the Spring Creek property.

Karen Denmark restated her motion to recommend establishment of a task force, reporting to the UOC to explore the possibility of a Spring Creek Butterfly/Nature Park and that the PLCA Board approve a \$500.00 initial budget.

Betty Mosheim – Palm Colony seconded.

No Discussion:

Motion passed, 30 in favor, 4 opposed.

A brief explanation was given on the required approval from Pelican's Nest on any development of the Spring Creek property.

MEDICAL ALERT SERVICE – *Tom Betts*

Mr. Betts stated he had been asked by some residents to inquire whether there was any interest in establishing a community wide medical alert program that would be administered by staff. *Mr. Betts* provided flyers and explained the program, which other communities have set up. There were questions on the advantages of such a program, liability, cost in personnel, legalities, and criteria. *Mr. Betts* asked that reps come back next month with a recommendation from their neighborhoods.

Anne Cramer – Longlake made a motion to disapprove establishment of a community sponsored Medical Alert program.

Jim Murphy – Lakemont Cove seconded.

Discussion: It was brought up that it might deserve a second look for individuals and it was questioned why it should be voted against now.

Motion passed, 16 in favor, 8 opposed.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Betty Mosheim – Palm Colony made a motion to recommend approval of an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 from the Capital Account to purchase 2 new kayaks.

Louise Urick – Goldcrest seconded.

Discussion: it was verified that 2 bids were obtained and that there would be space for the new kayaks with the revisions to the canoe/kayak park. It was also noted that this is a budgeted expense for 2008.

Motion passed: 25 in favor, 1 opposed.

FLIGHT PATTERNS – *Stephanie Coburn*

Ms. Coburn stated this subject was brought up at the recent Community Forum and turned the floor over to *Louise Urick – Goldcrest* for details. *Ms. Urick* reported that the new FAA flight patterns are affecting the northern part of the community and presented the information obtained at the Community Forum.

There is a group of concerned residents and they are working with the Brooks Concerned Citizens group to identify some of the issues such as oil deposits, noise, affect on property values, etc.

Louise Urick – Goldcrest made a motion to revive the Community Affairs Committee as an interested citizens group to work with neighboring communities to keep residents aware and get their opinions out to government officials. Motion failed for lack of a second.

There was discussion on the fact that this issue does affect property values, however trying to make any changes now is a long, arduous project that should be a community wide issue. It was suggested that interested residents be recruited, especially those with FAA experience. The UOC does support efforts to get resident activists to volunteer and help enlighten people. It was noted that the Estero Council of Community Leaders is involved, so there is an organized group leading the charge. *Ms. Urick* had declined to chair the community affairs committee, but did agree to act as the contact person on this issue and provide regular updates.

OPEN FORUM

Jay McGiveran – Costa Del Sol requested that the issue on proper attire be revisited. *Stephanie Coburn* agreed to put it on the agenda for next month. There was brief discussion on why the motion had previously failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Jack Lienesch– Waterside, seconded by Nelson Glueck – Southbridge, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56am.