



FEDERATION  
OF  
MANATEE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

***JANUARY NEWSLETTER***

Next Meeting – January 19, 2016 at 6:45 P.M.

***LOCATION – SYNOVUS BANK***

2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida

Conference/Meeting Room – Enter through side door on 26<sup>th</sup> Street side

Please mark your calendar and attend with a friend to show support for your community and quality of life.

**AGENDA**

- Call to Order – Annual Business Meeting
- Election of Officers
  - a. Nominating Committee Report – Board Vacancy
  - b. Request for nominations from the floor
  - c. Vote or request motion for unanimous ballot
- Approval of Annual Minutes and Annual Treasurer’s Report
- Reading of November 2015 Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
- Reports and requests for assistance by homeowners and **items of interest**
- Progress Reports on Indigent Care and Comp Plan – Sandy Marshall

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016**

**“The Federation of Manatee County Community Associations exists to stimulate voter presentations before governmental agencies and personnel by assisting in researching problems; to protect civic and property rights through surveillance of government agency activities and by submission of the aims and wishes of the County’s community and civic organizations to government personnel.**

**In a wide sense, the Federation attempts to produce preventive actions rather than wait until a problem has been created and then spend wasteful time and effort trying to erase the problem and reverse the flow of events. To this purpose we call you also, for it is in your ranks that much skill and information reside which will enable us to achieve our common aims. But if we do not talk with one another, or exchange views, how shall we be successful?”**

Jim Kaiser  
President

Paul Valenz  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Ernest “Sandy” Marshall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/  
Ex-Officio President

Victor Coveduck  
Treasurer

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“Eternal Vigilance  
is the price of  
Liberty.”

Recently while looking through our archived records, a letter from our 1975 FMCCA President Jack Hendon was discovered. The introductory paragraphs (above) in this letter espouse precisely the same message we embrace as an organization today. Folks that is 41 years with the same cornerstone of a mission, virtually unchanged. Few organizations can lay claim to those credentials.

Since 1964 the FMCCA continues to review city, county and state proposals affecting change that would adversely alter the development of Manatee County. We believe that it is an important portion of our chartered responsibilities to continue with that effort.

At our recent board meeting we discussed the importance of better defining some resolutions for our organization for 2016. Here are our thoughts!

- Continue involvement in those political meetings that meet our criterion.
- Awareness of local State & National legislation that affects homeowner groups.
- Emphasize the use of our meetings open forum to facilitate homeowner's participation for problem identification and proposals of solutions.
- Establish a strategy for increasing our membership.
- Monitor development and growth and insure that funding is upfront and identifiable to assure infrastructure is on par with development.

Your concerns are important and the FMCCA will continue to represent these concerns to the appropriate organizational leadership for consideration.

We would encourage your attendance to our meetings in order that we both benefit in further definition of our 2016 resolutions, as well as share information.

See you there!!!

### **MR. MARSHALL APPOINTED TO ADVISORY BOARD**

Welcome to the New Year. 2016 will be a very important year, locally, nationally and internationally. Major local, state and federal elections will occur and many serious issues are facing all of us, young or old. The Federation expects to have a very busy year both locally and statewide.

I was recently appointed by our Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to serve on an eleven (11) member Manatee County Healthcare Advisory Board as a representative of the Federation and county residents. For the next several months the members of this advisory board will evaluate, monitor and discuss all of our healthcare system in the county and make recommendations to the BOCC. In addition, funding of services for healthcare for the medically needy in our community will be reviewed.

My appointment on behalf of the Federation to the Healthcare Advisory Board continues to show the importance of and why the Federation has continued to exist for the past 52 years, to maintain, protect and improve our quality of life in Manatee County.

If anyone in the Federation has any information or suggestions or wants to work with me on how to improve and fund our healthcare system, please submit this information to me as soon as possible.  
(ESM)

### **SECRETARY'S CORNER**

**Your Board believes there is benefit to provide members with a brief synopsis of our most recent guest speaker. This will serve as a courtesy to members unable to attend monthly meetings.**

Sage Kamiya is the Deputy Director of Traffic Management for Manatee Public Works and was our featured speaker at the November 17, 2015 Federation meeting. We were provided with an overview and slide show of operations, decision-making, laws governing road transportation, traffic management, road/traffic studies and policies; road infrastructure and new development in Manatee County.

New laws in 2010 changed requirements for developers dictating they only have to provide their "share" for infrastructure of new developments. The quality and level of service for auto, bicycles, bus and pedestrians; prioritization of projects and possible sources of funding were discussed. The budget allocation for roads is never sufficient, gas tax pays for some projects, and alternative funding sources are always pursued. Sarasota/Manatee Traffic Management Center shares information with Manatee municipalities that partner with the Center. New projects include "traffic signal adjustment" based on time of day or situations allowing traffic flow based on traffic conditions and being tested on University Parkway. There is a traveler information website and plans for expansion of traffic devices.

### **ATTENTION FEDERATION MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

A new Fiscal year has arrived. It is time to renew your FMCCA membership so that our organization can continue to serve, enlighten and be involved with City, County and State government representatives. There is a definite need to keep our individual associations and their membership informed concerning major development projects, school board business, public utilities activities, taxes, and the Manatee County budget process, programs available from local and state agencies, as well as their rules/regulations and involvement with important issues such as indigent care, county commission meetings/agendas.

Your DUES payment will enable us to keep the FMCCA website, [www.thefmcca.com](http://www.thefmcca.com), online for everyone's convenience, the printing and mailing of our monthly newsletter and to keep our Florida State annual non-profit report fee current and free from penalties. We also have expenditures for "Special Presentations," membership drives, costs incurred to send delegates to the annual "Neighborhoods Associations" seminar that is held in various locations around the State. We have always kept our budget in line with our operational expenses and revenues thanks to your assistance.  
(VIC)

Individual Membership Dues for 2016 are only \$10.00 per member. Please continue to support your organization of Homeowners' Associations and individual members, help us grow and improve our quality of life and government efficiency in Manatee County.

Please fill out the Application Form in this newsletter, discuss your re-application with your homeowners' association and bring a check to our next meeting, or mail it to our Treasurer, Victor I. Coveduck at 5203 Palmetto Point Drive, Palmetto, Florida, 34221. Your prompt action is appreciated. (VIC)

**YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATION NEED TO BE REPRESENTED**

Come to our meetings. Be part of the solution, not the problem. Join the FMCCA. Here is the list of our 2016 scheduled meetings.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

<b>February 16</b> – Home Health <i>Rob Coseco, Tidewell</i>	March 15 April 19 May 17	September 20 October 18 November 15
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**NOTICE** - IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. We cannot continue doing what we do for you unless we have your financial support. Your dues payment will enable us to continue printing, copying and sending our monthly newsletter. If you have any changes to your address, telephone number or email, please notify a board member. If you wish to be removed from our mailing or email list, please notify Carole Atkins, [atlaw20910@aol.com](mailto:atlaw20910@aol.com).

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**Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, Inc. – 2016 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**  
(Please Print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Application: (Check One) [ ] Individual [ ] Homeowners Association [ ] Neighborhood Organization

Name of Association or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Households in your organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Federation Annual Dues are \$.50 (fifty cents) for each household. (Number of Households X \$.50 = Annual Dues.) Not to exceed \$100.00. Cost for independent or single membership is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to FMCCA and mail with this form to Victor I. Coveduck, Treasurer, 5203 Palmetto Point Drive, Palmetto, FL 34221.

Federation of Manatee County Community Associations  
Minutes- January 20, 2015, 6:45 pm  
Synovus Bank, Manatee Avenue, Bradenton, FL

**Call to Order**

President Jim Kaiser called meeting to order, opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

**Roll Call**

Present: Jim Kaiser, Paul Valenz; Sandy Marshall, Kay Lynn Duncan, Victor Coveduck, Jim Garden, Carole Atkins and Glen Gibellina.

**Guest Speaker**

Debbie Deleon, Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Department of Manatee County Building accompanied by Simone Peterson and Ogden Clark were speakers. A slide presentation of Neighborhood Planning functions was shown. Agency's purpose is liaison between local government, county neighborhoods and residents. The various programs they administer were identified including the newest addition Ameri-Corp/.Vista that serves as an ambassador program to help bring people and communities out of poverty. Their newsletter "Neighborhood Connections" is available on website [ManateeNC.Com](http://ManateeNC.Com). Numerous questions, thoughts and ideas were fielded to our speakers with an exchange of information including requests made by our members asking them to take our comments and concerns back to County Commissioners. No ombudsman available to homeowner subdivisions, need sidewalks on both sides of Hwy 41 Tamiami Trail, Older subdivisions lack necessary street lighting, the list was lengthy.

**Officers Reports and Annual Meeting Business**

Sandy Marshall made a motion to retain Federation Officers in positions they served in 2014 and add Glen Gibellina as a new board Member, motion seconded by K.L. Duncan and membership confirmed by motion at the January 20, 2015 that the current officers slate of officers for 2015 approved at the November 2015 membership meeting will serve as FMCCA Officers and Board of Directors are as follows: Jim Kaiser, President; Paul Valenz, First Vice President; Sandy Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Kay Lynn Duncan, Secretary; Victor Coveduck, Treasurer; Jim Garden, Promotions Coordinator; Carole Atkins, Newsletter Editor and Website Coordinator and added a new Board Member Glen Gibellina.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Coveduck gave a financial report for year ending December 31, 2014, as \$746.31. Reported as follows: total funds available in 2014 \$\$2,579.95, expenditures of \$1,833.64 with \$1,129.53 expense for 50<sup>th</sup> party leaving a balance of \$746.31. Glen Gibellina made a motion to accept Treasurer's report, Sandy Marshall seconded, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from January 2014 Annual Meeting were read by Secretary Duncan, motion made by Vic Coveduck to accept annual minutes as read, motion carried. Secretary briefly reviewed November 18, 2014 minutes, S. Marshall made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Paul Valenz, motion carried.

P. Valenz notified members Federation's normally scheduled Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting has been changed and will be held on **MONDAY, March 16, 2015**, due to St. Patrick's Day on 3/16/15.

**Comments and Issues from the Membership:**

Larry Brown reported the West Florida Chapter's 2015 Community Associations Day, Trade Show & Educational Expo on is being held on WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2015, at the Bradenton Area Convention Center in Palmetto (formally the Manatee Convention Center).

Carole Atkins read letter sent to Julie Aranibar by the Federation expressing our appreciation for her dedication and work for the Manatee County School Board.

Sandy Marshall reported on Indigent Care, he made a phone call to the County Administrator to discuss matching funds and as of January 1, 2015, no one returned Sandy's call.

Dr. Conard was called upon to offer his insight into the indigent care situation in the County. He related that a citizens indigent care committee has been formed under the direction of Dr. Craig Triguero. Dr. Conard feels that as a community we need to look comprehensively at our health care challenges. The county spends \$87,000,000 + annually for healthcare and public health costs. Dr. T's committee is looking solely at indigent care and thus Dr. Conard who was on the committee has stepped aside. Dr. Conard feels there are many initiatives and solutions to the healthcare issue. He will be making a full presentation on healthcare at our February meeting.

Glen Gibellina outlined the procedures for making an official "Records Request" noting that anyone can make the request and name and identify is not required. Glen will provide detailed information on how to do this in the newsletter.

Sandy Marshall briefly discussed the recently approved Trevesta Development that has become very controversial to Parrish residents and the manner in which the Manatee Commissioners handled the public comment of this new development. The public comment period was highly criticized by their constituents and deemed as poorly handled by the Commissioners by not giving adequate speaking time to the public. Sandy told our members, people living in close proximity have a right to be notified when development approvals or changes are being made that affect the quality of life of its surrounding residents. And their voices have a right to be heard for a reasonable period of time at a public meeting. Glen Gibellina gave the members an update on what changes were made by the Commissioners as a result of this matter that will allow residents to speak at their meetings when they have concerns to present.

A solution made by Federation members is the need for Manatee County Residents to vote for a moratorium on new developments. Bill Wheeler is proposing and advocating taking a serious look at proposing a Charter Government for Manatee County and firmly believes the votes are there for it to pass if initiated and presented to residents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectively Submitted by:



Kay Lynn Duncan, Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer Vic Coveduck's Year-end Report