

## Friends of the St Croix USVI National Parks

### Board meeting

15 March 2018 called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Julie San Martin

<b>Present</b>	
Julie San Martin	
Sara Dykstra	
Susan Wall	
George Pereira	

Agenda item: Second Thursday lectures (Susan)

- Zandy will be the presenter during our first lecture back
- lecture will let the public know the good things the Park is doing despite the hurricanes
- Susan met with Dr. Chen, notes as follows:
  - use of UVI approved for 3 months, April, May June, though a request has been submitted through the end of the year
  - 20 parking spaces in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> row reserved
  - granted permission to use portion of the Great Hall from 5 – 7 pm (we will direct guests to appropriate entrance)
- we will hold our Board meeting ahead of time so we will need to get permission for use starting at 4:30

Discussion:

- at each lecture: brief review of research going on during the previous month
- add Theresa Harper and Scott Fricks to email distribution list as the triathlon will be impacted by bulkhead work
  - bulkhead info at the 4/12 lecture
- March 3/31 is celebrated as the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of the USVI, name change from “Transfer Day”
  - Friends of Denmark and Botanical Garden members invited to event

Agenda item: volunteers (George)

- Park is working with Project Promise, Guinea Warehouse building is used for meetings then students are taken to Columbus Landing as alternate locations to Salt River Visitor Center
- currently have about 12 volunteers
- how to get volunteers more involved in Park projects? Volunteers want to help.
  - upcoming need: planting trees/removal of old geotech fabric
- volunteer opportunities can be promoted on website – need to know far enough in advance to promote the opportunities
- Susan: volunteer messages can be added at the end of each lecture to keep people informed
- artifacts from SARI could be set up in one of the rooms at the Fort
  - Starting June 1, volunteers will be available and can attend to the displays from 10 – 12 Tuesdays and Thursdays until new visitor center is open; waiting for Park approval

General discussion:

- “The Native Son” – does this historical exhibit have a place with the Park?
- we need to get positive things out to our membership to encourage more participation
- our audience needs enough lead time to plan on volunteering at events
- do we need to update our brochures at this time to reflect change to the Park?
  - still have one box of current brochure that will be brought to next lecture
- have Rick put “coming events” on the website to keep membership informed

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Sara Dykstra