

Captiva Community Panel
MINUTES
Feb. 12, 2013

Attending: Baugh, Brown, Cunningham, Kelly, McCarthy, Mullins, Rohn, Stilwell, Stuart

Audience: 10

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. Introductions and roll call followed, and the Jan. 8 minutes were unanimously approved (Rohn/McCarthy).

Captiva Fire District: Chief Rich Dickerson followed up on a question from the last panel meeting, noting that the cost of EMS transport was \$500 while helicopter transport was expected to be \$8,500. He said the district had hired some new paramedics in last few years; they were losing one new paramedic to Army Reserve duty and they planned to hire a part-time EMT to replace him until he gets back. They were moving on construction for the new station, and had started the permit process. They had secured a permit for temporary quarters being leased from South Seas; landscape work was being done now and remodeling would start in 3-4 weeks. It was a small office right next to the LCSO substation; they planned to move in 4-5 months with one engine and a UTV for beach rescue and the other engine next door. The construction schedule looked like 6-9 months for permit and late summer or fall 2014 to break ground.

CEPD: Administrator Kathy Rooker said the TS Debbie project report to receive federal emergency funds was done and was working its way up the channel; the board was hoping for a positive outcome. Construction bidding for the next beach restoration project opened March 5, with an opening date for the bids received March 20. The board was meeting tomorrow at 1 p.m., with an update on federal funding expected.

Hurricane Committee: Doris Holzheimer reminded the audience that, on March 13, Daniel Noah will offer another SkyWarn training at Tween Waters Inn in the Ding Darling Room, starting at 10 a.m. with the advanced training at 11 a.m. On May 2, there will be an educational program with Gerald Campbell of Lee County EOC beginning at 3:30 p.m. at South Seas. We still need Structural Safety Inspectors, and there will be an in-season training date for all current and prospective inspectors on March 9 at 3 p.m. in the Auger Room. She also noted that the city of Sanibel will use 2012 hurricane passes for the 2013 season.

Ding Darling Wildlife Society: Executive Director Birgie Vertesch introduced herself to discuss the nonprofit arm of the refuge, whose goal is to augment federal funding for the main campus. They want to acquire the 6.5-acre Woodring property now on the market, but federal funding is limited especially for high-cost lands even though it's valuable land to acquire. The society is seeking right of first refusal, with the intent to protect area from five more additional homes and docks. They approached Conservation 2020 for acquisition funds, but maintenance is an issue on the islands. However, 2020 was very interested if the refuge would maintain the site. The Woodrings wanted a life estate on their home, which killed it for 2020. That agency is willing to buy the portion without the homestead, so the nonprofit society is raising funds to buy the homestead segment. Estimate is that \$1.4 million will be needed for the life estate site at the same time that the 2020 offer is made in September. The society has launched a \$1.8 million campaign, adding \$400,000 for an educational center update. Cindy Brown asked if SCCF would assist in this campaign. Vertesch said they approached SCCF first. Ralph

Woodring can't afford taxes on the property, so he sold a portion to Porter Goss previously. She said the campaign was at \$845,000, so we're making progress; the society will not take a loan without pledges in place. All told, 3.3 acres will be bought by 2020, and Society is buying the rest.

Lee DOT: Steve Jansen made a presentation on biking and walking, focusing on rules of the road and rules of common sense. *Pedestrians:* Be visible, be predictable. Walk against traffic. Don't text and walk. Be aware of your environment and what's going on around you. *Biking:* if you're on the road you're a vehicle; on sidewalk, you're a pedestrian. Wear a helmet, don't wear headphones (it's against the law). Watch out for car doors and parked cars. Take the whole lane if that is what it takes to be safe. Use lights at night. Obey the rules of the road. Expect the worst with cars and pedestrians. *Cars:* Share the road with cyclists, golf carts and Segways. Hang up and drive, your mind does not multitask. We sequentially task, not multitask.

Mike Frascati said we need a bike path on this island, you're taking your life in your hands to walk along the road here. It has no liability, and would be a benefit to the island. Cunningham said vegetation is overhanging the shoulders, can you encourage the county to come out to trim? Gordon Hullar asked is it was legal to ride in the safety shoulder. Jansen said it was not a designated bike lane, but nothing prohibits bike use. Discussion followed on bike paths and lanes. Rohn asked whether the lighting at the Rauschenberg curve could be improved. Jansen said the county does not have a program to provide corridor lighting. The island could form a Municipal Services Taxing/Benefit Unit to pay for lighting and other services. Mullins said the panel is providing a forum for input from the community, in hopes of getting it engaged in the appropriate action. Hullar asked who has responsibility for roadside vegetation? Jansen said the county would appreciate if you take care of it, but we will if you don't... it just won't look as good.

Land use: Planner Max Forgey gave a summary of his proposal for a new planning effort, which he is working with county planner Kathie Ebaugh on this. They are working on the scope of services which is more complicated, and he will bring to the panel next month. He said it needs a public input component to ask open-ended questions on the topics in the scope. Resource inventory and review. Report and recommended actions as outlined in scope. Lee Plan amendments, not LDC – although we may identify some code issues in this process. Jay Brown asked how this process could accomplish a bike path on the island. Forgey said it could result in a policy to encourage a bike path, if that is identified by the community and supported by public input. Ebaugh said a path could be included in the county bike/ped plan through the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mullins asked how 2010 Census data could be incorporated. Forgey said that data is a fresh, unique demographic look at the island. Here's data we know, now where do we go from there? Discussion of Census info followed.

Cunningham asked about the status of the application, and the period of accomplishment. Forgey said the county needs a commitment of funds this fiscal year. Ebaugh said the commission needed to vote to allocate funds by Aug. 30. Forgey said the proposed timeline is a guideline, since the public loses attention so you want to stay focused. Stilwell said they need to look at property to see what you could offer to improve safety and access, perhaps signs to educate pedestrians. Mullins said the issue is with bicyclists more than pedestrians. Discussion followed. Ebaugh said more staff review needed, if this is workable we can discuss among staff before it comes back to the panel. Discussion of changes. Mullins asked about a timeline? Forgey and Ebaugh said it could come to the panel no later than the April meeting. Cunningham made a motion (Kelly second) to encourage county staff review, which was unanimously approved.

Cunningham suggested that the proposal use "the Village" rather than "community center." Cindy

Brown said they need to define the community center and the county services that Captiva gets. Ebaugh said such definitions are part of the planning process. Holzheimer asked whether the proposal should include surveys. Discussion of process, which will include surveys and a review of Census data. Mullins asked what would be the next step. Gooderham said the proposal would be finalized, would undergo staff review and come back to the panel by the April meeting. Mullins said panel members could send comments to Forgey. McCarthy asked how does one do an historic inventory. Discussion of process. Forgey suggested he could invite county planner Gloria Sajgo (who handles historic preservation for the county) to present at an upcoming panel meeting. Cindy Brown asked how the Historical Society would dovetail into this. Forgey said as part of public input. Mullins asked when detailed info will be ready, and was told for the April meeting. Hullar thanked Tween Waters Inn for putting its power lines underground, and said he had a fondt hope that everyone else would consider doing the same. He asked if there were plans to enforce the signage rules. Ebaugh suggested that the panel could invite Mary Zittel to come to explain new sign rules at a community meeting. Gooderham noted that he had been contacted by a number of businesses seeking the new rule language in an effort to comply over time.

Financial: The monthly update was presented.

Fund-raising: Cunningham asked about the Monday After The Masters event. Baugh said the resort was still planning to hold it, but they needed to figure out how to proceed. The tentative date would be April 15. McCarthy said \$25,000 in fund-raising was not a high hurdle to clear. The Master tourney was a complicated event to raise not a lot of money. He preferred to call people up and ask them for the money. We should do the event because it's fun, not to raise money. Mullins said the Masters event has value beyond the money. He suggested they leave that event off McCarthy's plate. Rohn noted that last year's Masters tourney raised money from people off island. Mullins said is we raise \$15,000 from the Masters event and \$10,000 from the board, that hits our \$25,000 target. Baugh said other events can far exceed \$25,000 through a social event, which is good for the panel and the community. McCarthy said people are valuing panel efforts by giving their valuable money. Mullins said we need to do a mailing to explain what we do and ask for their assistance. Stilwell asked about CCA participation and support in its newsletter. Stuart suggested if we exceed fund-raising goal, we donate any excess to a foundation or other good causes. Kelly said that Census data shows we're becoming a seasonal island, which means a lot of people don't know what's going on in the community. The CEPD newsletter very good, I now have a clue of what CEPD is doing. Why can't we send something like that out? Say what the panel is, what we hope to do, this is the funding we need. Discussion of fund-raising followed. Kelly said it is good awareness, and a way to reach out to different businesses.

Panel structure: Discussion of setup. Mullins said Jerry McClure had contacted him at the last minute to say he had to go out of town and would be unavailable to present, so Mullins asked for the item to wait to the March meeting. He said it may be discussed in the bylaws meeting later.

Other business: Holzheimer asked what the panel voted on with plan. Mullins said it authorized Forgey and Gooderham to move forward to complete the planning outline for panel approval hopefully at the April meeting. Discussion of contract.

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CCP Bylaws Committee meeting

Feb. 12, 2013

Meeting convened 10:45 a.m.

Attending: Mike Mullins/Susan Stuart/Jay Brown/Cindy Brown/Doris Holzheimer/David Rohn/Jack Cunningham/ Mike Frascati/ Ken Gooderham

CB: Discussion of how this was reached. Nom Comm as representative of island... five orgs engaged. CPOA, CAC, CCP, SSIR, business representative. JB: How to get biz rep? JC: Informal outreach to biz comm. MM: Used to be commerce committee at CCA. Not much enthusiasm for panel commerce committee. MM: What does SanCap CC do for Captiva? They would appreciate time to present at panel meeting. Use chamber to designate Captiva members. DR: Biggest omission is not representative of SSIR owners. CB: Not part of CPOA? DR: Presidents group of owners. JB: % of doors on Captiva in SSIR? MM: 50%? 11 condo assn in SSIR, each has prez, each on prez group. MF: SSIR not rep of owners. MM: Would oppose separate rep for SSIR owners. Disinterest in island activities often in SSIR units. JB; Can't ignore highest % of owners. KG: Will they participate if given a chance? MF: Many are residents and interested in what goes on outside the gate.

SuS: Don't need nom comm as large as the panel itself. JC: Picked five nom comm to find five candidates. JC: Let's reach a position the committee feels is appropriate to present to the entire panel. DH: looking at nom comm for all panel positions? JC: Yes. JB: Still ends up back in front of the panel. MF: Represent interests of other orgs, not SSRI owners. MM: No, represents interests of island. Discussion of bylaws process. Need support of seven panel members to make any change to bylaws. JC: Vote to proceed or vote to adopt this? MM: Vote of confidence from the panel. Should require same two-thirds majority. Be more definitive on this. Considered opinion, not broad and vague. Something that can be agreed to effectively. JC: If panel says yes, we could come back with a specific recommendation at the following meeting. MM: Why not just do the work and come to the panel in April. JB: Want to see if panel will support this approach, then go to the specifics. MM: Wanted interim vote so we would not spend six months. Would have had that today, so let's use next month to make this our best effort. JC: Hold another committee meeting before 3/12. Try 3/5 10 a.m. in Cone Rooms.

DH: Provide panel with bylaws background. JB: What if current panel does not approve nominees? DH: All positions subject to nom comm. KG: How will orgs name nom com appointees, and how to make the transition? DH: Do they represent or vote their conscience? MM: Don't make the perfect the enemy of the good. MM: Stay focused on this issue only for the 3/5 meeting. Discussion about panel operations and representations. Perception has been promulgated about the panel. MF: SSIR adversarial to owners and outside the gates. MM: SSIR has not worked to advance its agenda through the panel. MF: Chris Van Der Baars and Rick Hayduk not part of the problem.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.