

Captiva Community Panel

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April 10, 2018

Attending: David Mintz, Dave Jensen, Jay Brown, Mike Lanigan, Tom Rathbone, Mike Mullins, Bob Walter, Rene Miville, Mike Kelly, Antje Baumgarten

Audience: 18

Meeting convened at 9 a.m. *Mintz:* Thanks to South Seas for hospitality. Great job on MATM. Changes in agenda... Damon Grant for CEPD, no new retail presentation instead in May. HB 631 beach access bill instead. Introductions. Approval of the minutes from March 13 (Mullins/Walter) unanimous.

CFD: *Chief Jeff Pawul:* Thanks for the golf game, sponsored by Mullins. cleaning fire hydrants, try not to plant bushes around hydrants we need to access them to use. We use them to locate houses particularly at south end. A few that were pretty overgrown. Access to house also important, canopy can limit our trucks access. *Brown:* Minimum clearance? *Pawul:* Commercial only, guidelines for residential only. *Mintz:* Guidelines? *JP:* Will get them. New employee started Jose Lozado, from Lee EMS. *Mullins:* Joined E911 service? Discussion. *Pawul:* CAD system on truck, and anything you say is transmitted to us. Always call 911, do not call fire station first. There can be a delay in response if you call us. OK to call in a non-emergency.

LCSO: *Lt. Mike Sawicki:* Echo the need to maintain driveways. At a recent house fire on Upper Captiva, trucks were obstructed by stone wall on right of way, house was a total loss, also damage to the neighboring house. Good season so far, tail end of traffic I hope. Don't use the Q word, superstitious that way. Vice President Pence's visit, everything went smoothly. *Miville:* Walking by on the beach, how do you handle security. *Chris:* Description of interaction.

MyCaptiva: *Beth Oden:* Introductions, running mycaptiva page. Want to make everyone aware of hurricane prep. Did updates during Irma. Authorization letters from LCSO and CFD, need to have them signed on ln file. Also on website: mycaptiva.info. Evacuation kit planned, Sanibel accepting 2016 passes, double-check before June 1. If there is a storm, will try to be the source of information, evacuations, recovery post from CFD twitter, Lee EOC, weather, etc. *Mintz:* Not familiar, who are you associated with? *Oden:* Started after Charley, group formed a hurricane preparedness committee. Shifted around, mostly me as independent, good working relationship with CFD and LCSO. A lot of feedback from guests asking about plans, residents not on the island. All volunteer work, panel has helped pay some expenses. *Mintz:* Improving website, we have communications committee, they might work with you on coordination. Panel feels responsible for communication. *John Dale:* If old authorization letter is still correct still in force? *Oden:* Yes, make sure rental agency has it as well. *Sawicki:* Pare it down to reasonable number who might actually show up after the emergency. Short-term responders, so we know who is supposed to be here. There's a difference between pass and letter, letter lets us know they are supposed to be on your property.

CEPD: *Jensen:* Introduced Damon Grant. Tomorrow his first meeting. *Damon Grant:* April 27 meeting set for Blind Pass management report, results of study.

Library: *Colleen Barany:* Books can be downloaded electronically. National Library Week April 8-14. New self-check fast and easy to do. Description of meetings and attendance. April presentations described. Book bingo for kids, each branch and entire system has prizes.

Mosquito Control: Introductions of Eric Jackson, Dr. David Hoel, Rachel Morreale. *Hoel:* Sterile insect technique. Key West used GMO mosquitos, glow in the dark. Another area that uses bacteria in mosquito, sterilizes eggs. We're trying using X-rays as a radiation source, very safe. Irradiated males, they do not bite, let them go and let them mate with wild females. Eggs will not hatch. Described process and mechanics. *Aedes Aegypti* species tied to a number of fevers, they can breed around your home. Not found in rural areas, prevalent in denser areas and islands. Our plan will have 10 times the number of males released than wild females. This species will bite during the day, not like salt marsh mosquitos which come out at night. Day biter who live close to humans, can set up in your house. Release males when population is at a low ebb, before rainy season starts, now. *Dale:* Does female only mate once? *Hoel:* Mostly, first male she mates with matters the most. If sperm is sterile, eggs will not be viable. *Baumgarten:* High risk, very risky. Inform people how to keep water from pooling. What else can people do besides vaccinations? *Hoel:* I kill my patients, while MDs save theirs. Vaccines, only have one for yellow fever. Not for dengue, chickugunya, zika viruses. Next best step is protection, via knowledge, have information on website. *Morreale:* Described options... long sleeves, insecticides, etc. Mosquitos who target people. Repellant and cover yourself. Showed trap they're using to collect. *Hoel:* First irradiation effort occurred on this island in 1951. *Mullins:* What's effective? *Hoel:* Look at bromeliads, salt shaker insecticide works on them. *Morreale:* Found a lot of numbers out of a storm drain. Call us with problems. *Ann Brady:* How will you know success? *Hoel:* Described traps. Monitor control area vs. trap area. Count and identify eggs. Know mosquito density on island now. Will have to go for a year before we act. *Mullins:* Any beneficial effect to mosquitos? *Hoel:* Salt marsh yes, not so with these guys. No natural predators. *Miville:* Catches all mosquitos? *Morreale:* Very targeted trap, only gets this one species. *Lisa Riordan:* Storm drains, should they be cleaned out on a regular basis? *Morreale:* Issue if there is no flow, maintenance can help. *Hoel:* Very rare, mostly roadside ditches. No impact. *Baumgarten:* Used to insects on islands, what is risk and have you set a goal to reduce risk? *Hoel:* Moving target, described yellow fever risk. Trying to eliminate threat as much as possible using the mosquitos that spread it. Keep them before the threshold for transmission. Hope to start releasing in February 2019. Have to build facility and get X-ray machine, figure right dose.

Beach law: *Mullins:* Bill now law, about access to private property. Almost no impact on Captiva since first project was in 1988, Erosion Control Line (ECL) was redone for that project and is much more landward. Mean High Water Line is not ECL, ownership stops at the ECL. CEPD can tell you where your ECL line. *Mintz:* MHWL plus customary use, plus ECL line makes virtually all beaches on Captiva publicly owned and accessible. Specific history of this island and CEPD, not an issue here. Discussion. Very manageable here on Captiva.

Captiva Code: *Mintz:* Four workshops completed, input from the community. Sent out survey, initial review today. Continue with code amendment process, analyze survey and workshops, do research, prioritize issues and look at what other communities have done. Depew contract... had asked for help with process, initial discussion of scope was too broad and expensive for what we need today. Presentation on land use and zoning, likelihood of increased density, review Captiva Plan to bulletproof it from changes that could increase density and be detrimental to vision for the island. Draft provisions for recommendations to

county. First request for \$33,000, we reduced scope and clarified concerns and tasks, came back with \$9,750 proposal, reflects our core requests. Motion to approve contract (Brown/Mullins), no discussion. Unanimous approval. *Mintz*: First task to present to panel analysis of land use regulations on Captiva, many different zonings and land uses, explain how they work together. Offered to do presentation before summer, have targeted April 24 tentative date special meeting. Open to public of course, questions at end. Still works for panel? General consensus. *Mullins*: Broadcast meeting? *Mintz*: If we can do it.

- **ACTION:** *Confirm Depew briefing date and finalize contract.*

Community survey: *Gooderham*: Presented highlights and talked through handout. First page shows all issues ranked by a weighted average, where lower number means it was more important to respondents. Then each issue area broken down. Everything on panel website, including all the comments; where there were a lot of the same response, condensed and showed number of times mentioned. Will work on a breakdown of responses by geographic zone for May panel meeting. *Mintz*: High response from community, a lot of comments from open-ended responses. Wealth of information. Not drawing conclusions yet, but looking at what this all means for our island. Heat map idea explained, need to figure our priorities based on where they live. *Brown*: Amazed at level of response. *Miville*: Reality check on what's important to people, not just what's said here. *Mintz*: That's why it's important to break it down by area. Some replies had a sense of humor. Continue to analyze, have a game plan by May meeting to proceed over the summer. *Miville*: When does Depew come into play? *Mintz*: Have capacity in house to decipher survey and workshops. Panel's job to determine priorities for community, not Depew. What we creatively can do to bulletproof plan. Ask him to help us draft language that we need. *Miville*: If you have a creative person, you don't tell them what you want. Bring him in earlier. *Mullins*: Will be here in two weeks. *Mullins*: Tried not to get into solutions, once this is prioritized what is process to come to solutions? *Mintz*: Described process: 1) prioritize issues. 2) Research and define other laws, etc. that come into play. 3) Draft options and look at what other areas have done. 4) Bring back to panel and community to discuss actions and engage public. *Gooderham*: Identify who can solve the issue with panel input and information. *Mintz*: Dead fish, CEPD can do but needed to go to county first. Define the appropriate source to do the job, with the panel as facilitator.

- **ACTION:** *Do breakdown of responses by geographic zone, begin prep on summer plan and schedule.*

CCCL: *Mintz*: Done, 1978 line reinstated as a line of prohibition, no construction allowed seaward of it. *Mullins*: No more septic systems on the beach. *Mintz*: No construction seaward of new setback line without a variance, unless public benefit.

Development: *Mintz*: Monday After The Masters a great event. *Lanigan*: Professionally done, thanks to golfers and sponsors. Time and effort from Bob and his team. *Kelly*: Community Foundation of the Islands grant, approved \$5,000 to panel for Depew last year, this year applied for website redesign. *Lanigan*: Redevelopment of current site, about a month away from release. Hopefully a better resource for community. *Walter*: Thanks to Mike Mullins for buying out the foursomes. *Mintz*: Do it again next year, capacity for more foursomes? *Walter*: Updated regularly, a lot of notice. *Mullins*: Do it again, plan early and get community more involved. Promote it. *Lanigan*: Annual letter will go out in two weeks, grateful for support to panel. *Miville*: Sponsors on website? *Lanigan*: Decided not to do that.

- **ACTION:** Update mailing list with survey mailing address changes.

Communications: *Mullins:* Great start from TJ Walker on redesign. Will go live in the next month. Some tweaks left to pursue. Great to see more people coming to meeting, treasury doing well, broader participation is a good sign. *Mintz:* Very caring community, strong sense of community.

Wastewater: *Brown:* TKW completed revisions to preliminary draft suggested by county staff. Reviewed by county commissioners. Developing additional information on financial analysis of project. Best financial pursuit of wastewater solutions for Captiva. That draft will need to be reviewed by county again. Next few weeks, we will have access to study to review it with TKW. Expect additional work on study that would reflect our input before it goes public. Longer process than I had hoped, county commissioned and paid for study so they want to make sure they are well informed before we get our chance to review. Committee should have review study with TKW before next meeting. *Mintz:* Fine-tuning it so it's accurate and complete when released. Public presentation by TKW to discuss findings. May still need more study after that to fill out elements we need as a community to understand better. *Lanigan:* How will decision by made on course the community will take? *Brown:* Expect to see information on three broad alternatives... status quo; regulation regimen for septic systems plus ways to encourage upgrades; and look at central treatment for part or all of island. Discussion of scenarios... SSIR as is, Village and Tween Waters on central and Gold Coast still OSTDS. Could be expanded if Tween Waters and Gold Coast need to join system. *Lanigan:* Why does where you live matter? *Brown:* High density vs. low density, chances of failure more with former. Easier to do Village, greater cost benefit. Discussion. *Walter:* Long-term goals what best for Captiva and water quality? *Brown:* Recap and waiting to see their work and provide our input. *Mintz:* Panel will have responsibility to assess and analyze report, need for more information. make recommendation to community for its approval. *Brown:* No recommendation from TKW, but best options for all three choices. Then public and panel discusses path forward. Any major capital expenditure would have to be approved by a majority of the affected property owners via a Municipal Services Taxing Unit. *Miville:* Jason Maughn was at last workshop, what did he have to say? *Brown:* A little puzzled by his comments. Supportive of island's decision as Sanibel councilman. *Mintz:* Already had support from mayor and vice mayor, will eventually need council if Sanibel is involved. *Mullins:* Damon Grant's public works background with county and Fort Myers Beach, could be an advantage to community for having him on board.

Financial: *Rathbone:* Strong financial position, net income so far this year.

New business and comments: *Mintz:* Captiva Drive walkway, one more utility to meet with, finally got the right person, will get answers this week we hope. Call into county to discuss contact for easement issues. *Sandy:* Thanks for putting up with business relocation. almost done.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.

-- Ken Gooderham, administrator