

Captiva Community Panel
MINUTES
May 13, 2014

Attending: David Rohn, Susan Stuart, Jack Cunningham, Jay Brown, Jerry McClure, Paul McCarthy, Bob Walter, Mike Mullins

Audience: 10

The meeting convened at 9 a.m. Following introductions, the April 8 minutes were unanimously approved (McCarthy/McClure).

CEPD: *Kathy Rooker:* Turtle nesting season started May 1. Regulations explained, county will be checking on status. Shield lights that can be seen from the beach. Thanks to panel for letter to BoCC on interlocal agreement amendment. Approved to give us more than double from the county. Board meeting at 10 a.m. For economist to attend. Looking an second version of apportionment roll. June 5 public hearing at 5:01 p.m. Will be sending letter to property owners once board approves apportionment, hopefully by May 21. Project costs look good, much different from 2010 version. Hearing is public's chance to appeal assessment and hear economist's process. Discussion of hearing process. Need to send written letter first if you intend to appeal assessment. *Brown:* Overall agreement with methodology vs. individual properties issues with assessment. *Walter:* At low end even without federal funding? Nice job. *Harry Kaiser:* Tomorrow is for board to approve methodology, June 5 hearing is time for public comment. *Mullins:* Flaw in methodology, using Dept. of Revenue (DOR) coding for multifamily. Discussion. CEPD uses homesteading status rather than or in addition to DOR codes. To impact methodology, need to go to 5/14 meeting. Discussion. *Rooker:* Methodology approved by board in 2006. *Kaiser:* Everyone happy with finished project, even the turtles. Discussion. DOR coding discussion by Gooderham to explain his research and discussion with Property Appraiser's Office. If you want to impact your DOR coding, you need to contact LCPA directly to complain since they feel their use of the coding is accurate for their purposes and can't be responsible for what other people do with it. Also, note that site zoning status for many properties in the LCPA database is very outdated.

CFD: *Chief Rich Dickerson:* Rash of boating accidents in last few weeks in ICW. Poor navigation at fault, pretty severe injuries. 911 call will send everyone to accidents, cancel as situation becomes clearer. New station: Building moving along, retaining wall in place, Septic going in this week. Eight months to finish, depends on rainy season.

LCSO: *Sgt. Mike Sawicki:* Staying on the island. Getting into hurricane preparedness. Inspecting vessels in Roosevelt Channel so they can leave channel if necessary. Complaints about bicyclists, some roadside education meetings with bike clubs. Common understanding about how far to the right they ride. Discussion. Pedestrian vs. vehicle... stay to the right, stop at signs, etc. Discussion. *Mullins:* Lower speed limit at Blind Pass bridge to keep bikers safer?

Hurricane: *Doris Holzheimer:* Almost at hurricane season. Make plan and get passes now. If you missed Captiva seminar, one on Sanibel May 30, 1-3 p.m., at BIG Arts. Gerald Campbell has left EOC, replaced by Lee Mayfield, former head of NHC. mycaptiva.info still active.

Fund-raising: *McCarthy:* Send brochures Draft letter. *Mullins:* Send through SSIR Pack n Ship? Send in summer, with a reason for sending then... have a nice summer, working for you over the summer. Ask for money specifically. Email vs. bulk mail. *Cunningham:* Objective, how much? *McCarthy:* \$25K total. *Cunningham:* Ask each for \$100 twice, \$8K gain. *McCarthy:* Get right to the point. Raise budget for year through this effort. *Mullins:* Look at MSTU option? Talk to BoCC about funding? What we're doing over the summer to keep your island safe. *Mullins:* Support MATM earlier than last minute. *Mullins:* Form a committee to look into MSTU funds. *McCarthy:* Make appeal on major improvement, not minimal operating budget. Cover panel from people on the island. *Ebaugh:* Discussion of Lehigh project and need. We fund specific projects, not panels. *Terry McClure:* How did cruise do? *McCarthy:* Not a fund-raiser per se. Need broader support to make panel valid.

Communications: *Stuart:* Introduced Craig Garrett, new Islander editor. Contact rental companies to let them know more about panel, not possible during season to participate. Suggest pre-season we have a panel meeting to host rental companies. To keep absentee owners informed, most of them are looking for income properties. *McCarthy:* Access their email lists and newsletters. Email blasts. *Mullins:* Make meeting agenda focused, issue-driven attention. *Cunningham:* In a rental community, real estate companies are key to the type of people who will be coming out here. *Walter:* We're an advantage to some other places they're competing with. *Stuart:* Update on Binder house status.

Financial: *Gooderham:* Explanation. County reimbursement request submitted, pending.

Planning: *Forgey:* Ebaugh is leaving county. Getting Sharon Jenkins-Owen. *Ebaugh:* Comments. *Forgey:* Symposium May 16, all day on planning and land use. *Ebaugh:* Why county does not fund panels... authority, staff, dependence, autonomy.

Topics: *Gooderham:* Explanation. Schedule... visioning, drafting, community review, submittal, adoption. Draft by April, adopted by fall 2015? *Cunningham:* Summary of summary. How things will be pursued. Plan vs. code vs. other. *Ebaugh:* Process and strata. Grant funding process, need a plan first, shovel ready projects. *McCarthy:* Island aesthetics, community character, water quality. Transportation safety. Revise existing plan as well as adding new policies. *Mullins:* WQ committee needed. Prop 1 on ballot next November. Sewer vs. septic... committee needed as well. *Cindy Brown:* Community character includes what? *Forgey:* Aesthetics and local economy. What community will look like 20-30 years from now. Mode of governance as well. *Gooderham:* Consider what you can influence legislatively. *Forgey:* MSTU, sense of identity. *McCarthy:* Aesthetics = character. *Gooderham:* Target specifics to shape broader policies. *Ebaugh:* Look, zoning, use... general feel of the community is character. Want, don't want, missing. *Mullins:* Water treatment and undergrounding as separate topics. *Cunningham:* Hot topics, what each of us likes, need to stay as other issues. Need umbrella in the summary. *Mullins:* Issue of utilities. *Rohn:* Bury utilities and add bike path. *Mullins:* Mandates confusion over language. Prioritize issues to Gooderham, get something specific to react to. *Brown:* Write it so we can do these things. *McCarthy:* Alt energy sources mentioned at any workshop?

River Hall: Explanation. *Forgey:* Explanation. "Overriding public necessity." Support community plans. Cunningham/Brown motion to prepare letter to state our position in a timely fashion. Unanimous. Forgey to draft.

Bylaws: *Cunningham:* Composition of panel and non-voting president. Leave things as they are. No change not vote. Recommend panel vote to make bylaws mission statement conform with Lee Plan language.

Other business: Quorum check for both months June and July to see whether July is viable. *Mullins:* Daughter delivered twins, at risk for pre-eclampsia. Schedule up in the air. Discussion.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Bylaws committee:

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Change numbers vs. non-voting president. *Cunningham:* Full panel rare, number may not matter. Discussion. *McClure:* Not much worthy of making change in bylaws otherwise. Don't like president not having a vote. Odd number no guarantee of no ties. Is it worth changing anything? *Rohn:* Fixing a problem that is not broken. *CBrown:* Agree. *Stuart:* Also. *JBrown:* Either way. *Holzheimer:* Don't like even number, but hear your points and support. Don't like president not voting. *JBrown/Rohn* motion to leave as is. Unanimous. Other changes?. Gooderham explanation. Discussion of status. Mission statement. *CBrown:* What is mission statement different? Make them consistent. *Cunningham:* Do we need to discuss that. *CBrown/Stuart* Make bylaws mission statement consistent with Lee Plan mission statement, present to panel for vote in July or August.