

Captiva Community Panel
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June 10, 2014

Attending: Jerry McClure, Paul McCarthy, Mike Mullins, Bob Walter, David Rohn (phone), Jay Brown (phone)

Audience: 8

The meeting convened 9:10 a.m. After introductions, the May 13 minutes were unanimously approved (McClure/Mullins).

CEPD: *Kathy Rooker:* Public hearing on June 5, board unanimously ratified assessment roll for beach project. Working with Florida DEP and USACE on joint coastal permit for the next 15 years. Will take time to work through the details, keeps us ready for any emergencies. Corps here inspecting beach to look at permitted area. FDEP next day had to see finished project, immensely impressed with it. Tough to do project, community being so supportive makes it easier. Next meeting is June 11 at 1 p.m., Tween Waters Inn in Wakefield Room, beginning budget process for FY 2015. *Harry Kaiser:* Beautiful beach on Captiva, want to keep it that way. I'm a fan of tourism, healthy for island. Need to get word out to travel and real estate people, when they rent need to inform people about beach protocols, no bonfires allowed. Explanation. Dog on leashes required, will scare kids and birds. Stay off the vegetation, sea oats and seagrasses, very dry right now so they're sensitive to abuse. Get the word out to people to take care of their beach. *Walter:* Can CEPD put together do's and don'ts? *Rooker:* Putting together an etiquette pamphlet to distribute to real estate offices and resorts. *Mullins:* Bonfires on beach always on New Year's Eve, not always tourists that do it. OK for fire on beach if in container, an open fire is illegal. Heard concern about boardwalk on the beach... there is no plan, just talking about people's ideas of what they might like to see in the future. Not a panel proposal, just ideas from citizens at our forums.

CFD: *Rich Dickerson:* Beach fire rules still apply, container OK but no open fires. Building: construction moving along, floor and walls under way. Website has weekly updates on progress. Hurricane: Daily or hourly updates possible. Have had several meetings with county/Sanibel officials, geographic zone meeting. Emergency Operations Center up to full staffing, new staff described. *Mullins:* Discussion. *Dickerson:* New helicopter program in place, paramedic on board. Fees can be high. Out island checked into additional insurance, Life Shield policy mentioned. Will pay for flight, up to \$10K. Costs \$49 per year per person. Will distribute information. *Mimi Schwartzel:* Can generator companies get on island before people post-storm to maintain generators? *Dickerson:* County decision as to access. *Mullins:* Gas companies make it earlier, but vehicle access to island is necessary first. *Walter:* We disconnect the automatic kick-on before we evacuate. *Dickerson:* That's a better idea.

Hurricane Committee: *Doris Holzheimer:* Have hurricane pass to get here, gas companies as well. *Dickerson:* Maintenance personnel get on first. *Holzheimer:* Do you have anyone checking house? *Mullins:* Develop a relationship with a realtor or maintenance company. Then send letter to authorize their access to your property. Discussion. *Holzheimer:* Hurricane season started June 1. Be sure to file your letter. Partnership with CFD to post information online. *Kaiser:* Will there be an off island HQ if a storm hits? *Holzheimer:* There's a hotel we recommend, not rooms reserved. Crown Plaza, also Sanibel and CFD HQ.

Fund-raising: *McCarthy:* Islandwide appeal to generate broader base of contributions. Letter drafted.

Email to all for tweaks, work to get it out this summer. Help us out while we work to protect your interests. Discussion. Properties vs. panel budget. *Walter*: Will be starting quarterly newsletter soon, section for panel included. *McCarthy*: Community Housing Resources on Sanibel, below-market-rate housing for employees. Charter said Sanibel and Captiva, just became Sanibel as they progressed. Is there interest to be eligible for CHR housing? Meetings to expand to Captiva if interest is there. What organization on Captiva would be the contact? I suggested panel as best choice. Read CHR letter, needs assessment study proposed. Does panel believe Captiva should be included in assessment study? No available land on Captiva to build anything, so this will fall on Sanibel. Motion to send letter to CHR (McCarthy/Mullins) that there is a need for assessment on Captiva for island employees, be included in assessment study. *McClure*: Will they want money? *McCarthy*: County could be involved if Captiva is included. *Mullins*: Tradition of island working together for those in need. Cut deal with county to keep deputies out here. *Holzheimer*: Assessment should talk to all business, not just big ones. *Ann Brady*: Don't forget about nonprofit businesses. *Rohn*: SSIR employee housing vacancies, could be income producer? *Walter*: Limited availability. Unanimous approval.

Financial: *Gooderham*: Status in handout, awaiting county reimbursement for Q1 2014, will submit Q2 after July 1. *Mullins*: Grants discussion. Great return on investment.

Planning: *Max Forgey*: Great symposium on May 16, glad Holzheimer could attend.

Plan update: *Gooderham*: Explanation of status and memo with suggested language as a starting point. Pulled language from other community plans to show what's done elsewhere and as a model, since if it's in the Lee Plan already it's harder for commissioners to turn you down if you want the same thing for Captiva. A lot of choices, not expecting decisions today but wanted to get ideas out so this group could ask questions and larger groups in attendance in July could give Forgey and I some solid direction to work on draft language for you all to review in August and September in hopes of being ready to present it to the public at workshops once season is back late this year. *Forgey*: Introduced Sharon Jenkins-Owen as new county liaison, contact info is 533-8535 or sjenkins-owen@leegov.com.

Brown: Pretty good ideas, liked building consistency and mega-mansions language. *Mullins*: RSC-2 discussion. *Walter*: Educating public? Panel as resource. *Mullins*: How panel operates. *Gooderham*: Note Boca Grande's options on language supporting specific agencies and policies – library, fire, police, etc. Something panel could consider if desired. Discussion. *Schwartzel*: Discussion of interaction. Undergrounding discussion. *McCarthy*: Ask Tween Waters how much it cost recently, not using figures from years ago.

River Hall: *Forgey*: June 23 Local Planning Agency hearing on plan amendment. Background explanation on history and issues. Depending on board action, community plans will be seriously compromised and will have an impact on Captiva.

Other business: *Holzheimer*: Hurricane Committee needs backup IT person to Beth Oden to post to website. *Gooderham*: What skills are needed? Will want specify.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

-- *Ken Gooderham, administrator*