

Captiva Community Panel

MINUTES

Aug. 8, 2017

Attending: Dave Jensen, Mike Boris, Andreas Bieri, Mike Mullins, Tom Rathbone (phone), Peter Koury (phone), David Mintz (phone), Mike Lanigan, Rene Miville (phone)

Audience: 14

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. with Boris serving as chair. *Boris:* Thanks to Bob Walter and South Seas for their hospitality. The July 11 minutes were approved as submitted (Mullins/Boris) unanimously.

CEPD: Rooker: Board meeting tomorrow, 1 p.m. in Wakefield Room. Four years since last project, done in October 2013. Engineers will discuss survey from spring, volume of sand remaining, width of beaches, beach elevation, hot spots. First look for board tomorrow. In 2018 board will plan to begin preliminary design of next project. *Boris:* On the north end of the island, there's significant erosion south of Sunset Beach. *Rooker:* Chronic hot spot, not as much improvement as we'd like, design may change based on monitoring.

CFD: Chief Rich Dickerson: Hurricane June 1, real season starts now. Peak season, 15-16 named storms projected by Colorado State University, with 3-4 major storms. Bunch in July was unusual, North Africa conditions could begin to get more active. Be prepared. After Blind Pass dredging, have made 6 water rescues in the last month, people ignoring signs and some close calls. Waves after Emily were big, one group got caught in the pass current and it pulled them out 1/4 mile. Captiva Tri is Sept. 9-10, road closed 6:45-8:45 a.m. on Sunday.

Captiva Plan: Mintz: Handouts are revised language for Plan and LDC, plus revised analysis. Plan and LDC almost same, four changes based on discussion with county. South Seas language added on how to handle units in resort. Explanation. 13.4.1, changed to amendment. Next to go before Local Planning Agency (LPA), not sure if it will be late August or Sept., Then to Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for transmittal to state, then back for adoption. LDC: One change based on LDCAC review, 33-1622 (a)... Language changed to native and indigenous basis. Discussion. Analysis: Justification and road map to support plan requests. County's document, supports amendment and provision in county plan. Gives the reason we have each provision in plan. Working with county to schedule LPA hearing. *Jack Cunningham:* We usually refine county documents such as this analysis. No qualms about content? *Mintz:* Drafted by us, reviewed by Mintz and Gooderham. Discussion. *Mintz:* County has yet to approve document. *Mullins:* Next steps? *Mintz:* County accepts analysis, schedule LPA hearing. Then to BoCC to transmit to state, back to BoCC to adopt. *Mullins:* Why not wait until season so more people can attend? *Mintz:* Language was vetted on Captiva, it's a Captiva product. Result of advocacy by Captiva, negotiation with county to accept community desires. *Mullins:* I'd argue we're so close to season, why not wait. Discussion. *Jensen:* People know about what we're doing, they can choose to participate. Waiting till November won't bring in new comments. *Mullins:* People who prefer to speak to authorities than to speak to us might engage. *Jensen:* They will do that anyway. *Cunningham:* There's a reputation that the panel passes things without notice. But this has been going on for four years, no reason to delay now. *Gooderham:* County has yet to accept analysis. If they delay or want significant revisions, you may get your wish anyway.

- **ACTION:** Follow up with county on analysis, publicize hearing schedule once it is set.

Wastewater: *Jay Brown:* County study close to retaining TKW Consulting Engineers as engineer to handle wastewater alternatives. Meetings, just finishing process. Look at TKW website for background on company. Committee has worked on interaction with public during study. There's already discussion in the community, it behooves panel to get in front of future discussion. Spread facts rather than rumors. Be transparent about study and objectives. Expect public meeting to present study design, ask questions about study, late October-early November. I'm also willing to address other groups on study. We will circulate summary of work done to date by committee, led up to study. Emphasis on fact-finding study on alternative paths forward we might have. Discussion of Municipal Services Taxing/Benefit Unit (MSTBU) needs. Draft of committee summary will be done before September meeting. Release to panel prior to October meeting. After review, released to public after that. Release to papers, email list. *Boris:* Sea level rise is a growing issue, Naples is one of the state hot spots. *Nathalie Pyle:* How long is study? *Brown:* 120 working days, presentation to community as a final step. *Pyle:* Will it include runoff? *Brown:* Not main focus. Discussion. *Mullins:* Wording on unit language... people affected vs. people establishing unit. *Brown:* Committee will get another shot at wordsmithing before release.

- **ACTION:** Make sure study scope is on website.

Captiva Drive: *Mintz:* Lee DOT has finished survey, digital version sent to us, picking up paper survey this week. Will review survey to see what we need to do next. See what we need for property to allow six-foot-wide path to be planned. Will meet with LCEC and other utilities to discuss equipment placement, then meet with property owners along drive. *Boris:* Comments by next meeting? *Jensen:* Put survey online. Send to panel members and discuss how to *Mullins:* Publicize things, reach to community. *Boris:* Mention to CCA members at meetings? *Mullins:* Reach out in writing.

- **ACTION:** Post survey on website.

Overbooking: *Jensen:* Will follow up with agents on letter. Post letter online. *Brown:* Have we said anything to residents about what to do if they are being bothered by renters? *Jensen:* Assume people know what they can do, but we can discuss. *Pyle:* Different levels of bother. More cars, not going to call LCSO every time that happens. Discussion. *Jensen:* Know what the law is, know what action can be taken. *Mullins:* If someone is bothered, they will take action. We don't have enforcement arm and should not be in that business, but people will act if something bothers them. Discussion. *Mintz:* Don't want residents have to figure out how to make Captiva more livable or become informal police of their own block. Look at LDC as place to put rules we believe are important to maintain livability. Don't have enforcement, but we can look through code at enforcement options. Next challenge we have as panel. *Mullins:* That's what we have deputies for, neighbor doesn't have to handle in their own. *Boris:* Most people see this as a next step. *Cunningham:* Responsibility lies with renters and agents. Use LCSO as a last resort. We've talked about this before, are agents not doing their jobs? *Mullins:* Concerned citizen came to us to complain, we choose to react. Should not be proactive, guiding people in certain directions. *Jensen:* Contact me with problem agents. *Mullins:* Discussion about rental signs and response.

- **ACTION:** Post rental letter from panel on website.

Invasive species: *Jensen:* Contact county on how to help with removal. Could set up a taxing unit to hire

trappers to deal with it. *Boris*: Anecdotal information... people seeing more iguanas on resort. Also have seen monitor lizards on resort. *Jensen*: Directions on websites, to report sightings. *Mullins*: Sanibel has department that focuses on invasive species. *Jensen*: We had trapper who work on Sanibel at a prior meeting. Some 2,000 a year trapped, permission to enter property is a problem. *Mullins*: Difficult to form MSTU, not solution in the near term. Meanwhile, what is major problem? Bunnies? *Jensen*: Lizards. Population could explode and become a problem. Individuals could hire trapper as a donation, or discuss further with county. Discussion.

Development: *Jensen*: for the November cruise... As panel members, could we locate five newcomers to invite as guests to introduce them to community? *Boris*: Letter more successful than in the past. Donations still coming in even now. Reminder of events: *Rathbone*: Cruise mid-November, Monday after the Masters after Easter, Rauschenberg tour and reception in late Feb.? Collaboration between Residency and South Seas, will discussion with Ann Brady next week. *Miville*: Meeting with Ann, would love to participate in that. Driving down to Florida now. *Rathbone*: Ann's been very positive about it. Discussion. *Boris*: Nov. 21 cruise, Rauschenberg tour late February to early march, Masters April 9. Also hoping to update website, have gotten proposals but need to discuss. Plus \$5K donation for Depew project, could it be used for website design? Would be covered by foundation. *Brown*: Send me an email about that. Discussion. *Mintz*: Depew project is still alive, could be undertaken once this iteration of plan is complete. *Mullins*: Plan gets approved, give it to Depew to bulletproof, go through process again? *Mintz*: Everyone assumed once plan is in place, gives us framework to look at code. May get some idea from Depew at that point on interaction between plan and code. *Mullins*: Have him look at the plan and start there? Discussion. *Mintz*: Depew did not want to deal with this iteration of the plan, as it was so far along there was not time for him to engage.

- **ACTION:** Look at options to fund website renovation. Update Depew on plan status.

Financial: *Boris*: Already done. *Miville*: Who is spearheading website renovation. Bob Walter? *Boris*: Undetermined, Lanigan and Walter have raised issue, no one is driving it. *Mullins*: Paul McCarthy had published document about where funds are coming from. Should we be doing it annually? Once published on website. Identify who is donating. Panel has historically lived hand to mouth, great news to hear committee is being more successful but we should not bite off more than we can chew. Discussion.

New business: *Mintz*: Be aware of the amount of time Gooderham has put in on behalf of the panel for the plan revisions and analysis over the summer. Do we need to look at compensation?

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

-- *Ken Gooderham, administrator*