

Captiva Community Panel

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Aug. 9, 2016

Attending: Mike Boris, Jay Brown, Sandy Stilwell, Jack Cunningham, Dave Jensen, Mike Mullins, Peter Koury (phone), David Mintz (phone), Rene Miville, Bob Walter

Audience: 12

Meeting convened at 9 a.m. After roll call, the June 14 minutes were unanimously approved (Mullins/Boris).

CEPD: *Kathy Rooker:* Board received 2017 budget, no tax increases planned. First budget hearing is Sept. 8 at 5:01 pm at Tween Waters. District has not raised budget in 3-4 years. Next meeting tomorrow 1 p.m. at Wakefield Room. Final budget hearing Sept. 22 at 5:01 p.m., preceded by regular board meeting at 3 p.m. also at Tween Waters. *Mullins:* Heard a Diane Rehm show on worldwide sand shortage. Surprised to hear about this. Discussion about beach compatible sand. *Rooker:* CEPD has done study on sand sources. Discussion. *Brown:* Blind Pass modeling, any updates. *Rooker:* County is testing scenarios, late summer meeting planned to explain outcomes. *Miville:* When does current permit expire? *Rooker:* End of this year, not certain, can ask for extension. *Miville:* Discussion of schedule, permitting and meetings.

CFD: *Chief Rich Dickerson:* Training on home to be demolished on Binder Lane for past three weeks, excellent fire training. Smoke simulator very realistic. House that's been in foreclosure for a while.

Hurricane: Going into peak of season. Historically one storm every 12 years, so be prepared. Earlier notification for islands, up to five days now. *Brown:* How busy last month? *Dickerson:* Very busy, maybe down a littler from last year. We trade checking high hazards areas with Sanibel. *Boris:* Fire last month, thanks for help.

Planning issues: *Max Forgey:* Not much going on. Looking to bring Captiva Plan update to BoCC soon. *Nathalie Pyle:* River Hall status? *Forgey:* Moving quickly, will send a report to distribute on status. Recap of River Hall issues. *Brown:* Not consistent with existing zoning, pertinent to Captiva since we have similar protections in place that could be overridden as well. *Forgey:* Overriding public necessity finding to amend, could not be shown by BoCC but they approved amendment to density anyway. *Koury:* Which plans have that language? *Forgey:* Olga Alva, Buckingham, others in East Lee County. *Jensen:* Why did it go to Tallahassee? *Forgey:* Neighbors appealed to governor and Cabinet, then to state circuit court of appeals. *Koury:* Send email on those communities and exact language. *Walter:* If they can't do it there, they could still do it here. *Brown:* Protecting density is of utmost importance. *Mullins:* Add River Hall language to our plan?

- **ACTION:** Forgey will send River Hall update/explanation to panel.

LCISO: *Sgt. Mike Sawicki:* Road closure For triathlon morning of Sept. 11, 6:545-8:45 a.m. so plan ahead. Want to brag about my guys for a minute: A sinking vessel and four overboard by Cayo Costa. Deputies located vessel, four swam to shore, one collapsed from a heart attack, deputies responded to pull him from water and revive him. *Brown:* Activity? *Sawicki:* High, busy summer season. Traffic and parking heavy,

not much in criminal activity. LCSO busy on waterways and ATVs on beach as well as on land. High visibility helps stop other problems. We patrol from Sanibel Lighthouse to Boca Grande Pass on the water. Discussion. *Cunningham*: Joe Ciazza's son, really smart 15-year-old now a junior in Westminster College. CCA was approached about scholarship, will be giving one to him as will I. So I encourage others to support him as well. Discussion.

Sea Level Rise: *Julia Davis*: Workshop tentatively Friday Jan. 13 or Jan. 27, 80-100 people likely, focus on governmental and environmental stakeholders. Harold Wanless (University of Miami geologist) as keynote speaker. List of other possible speakers but need to confirm. Some marketing expenses, program day of. Looking for donated help. Questions for you to decide: Whole-day or half-day symposium? Structure of workshop, all in one room or breakout sessions? Thanks to Bob Walter for helping on details with staff. *Mullins*: Thanks for your work on this. Need comps for speakers? Half-day and reception afterwards preferred, as much as most people can follow. Speakers: Individual and then panel Q&A. *Boris*: Agree with that. (General consensus to do half day and all in one room.) *Brown*: Budget? *Davis*: Main cost is Wanless, mileage and lodging/food. Not anything from other speakers, won't know until we contact them. No budget yet. *Brown*: Will do this for free or expenses? *Davis*: Expenses or honorarium probably. Sponsors are likely, planning group and others. We discussed donating art as a fund-raiser? *Mullins*: Details. Will put up \$1,000 for this, very important. *Forgey*: If planners are invited, they will come for CEUs. *Dave Flanagan*: I have FGCU contacts, can follow up with professors. *Stilwell*: Will host one speaker. *Davis*: Jan. 13 or Jan. 27. Will reach out to other speakers now that we know date and format. *Cunningham*: Rauschenberg Residency just had SLR event for last, also Kristie Anders. *Mullins*: Make donation to panel.

- **ACTION:** Davis will contact speakers and flesh out seminar details, report back in September if progress is made. Sponsors and donations will be sought, can be made through panel

Trolley: *Davis*: John Riegert had discussed Island Shuttle Service at previous meeting. My background was grant distributions for Florida DOT. Explanation of handout on Anna Maria Island trolley structure and funding. Takes a few years and a lot of data to pursue grants. Private for-profit company steps in to fill need and collect data which allows community to pursue grant funding later. Local presents request to county to provide service via Lee Tran, expansion driven by data and BoCC approval. JetBlue bus service example. Then moves to MPO to request service based on needs. All of this is data dependent. Do you want us to pursue research on this to develop a white paper? *Cunningham*: Young entrepreneur is moving forward already, how does this fit into that? Work with John to collect data rather than going through county. *Mullins*: Beach access issues impact USACE funding for projects. *Boris*: Source of information you're looking for? Data? *Davis*: Nothing proposed that would interfere with private business, helps county to get funding that's already out there. *Walter*: Would they provide subsidies for private enterprise? *Davis*: Not directly since he's for profit. But there could be other ways. Lee Tran could contract with him to provide service at bid. *Stilwell*: Met with LeeTran years ago, no funding available then. I've collected data with my shuttle service, could be helpful. *Davis*: Also LCSO has data on traffic and crashes. *Mullins*: What is down side to working on paper? *Boris*: Would be interested in the data as a panel. Discussion. *Mullins*: Worthwhile to pursue. *Cunningham*: Grants dependent on citizens' income? *Davis*: Some are. *Cunningham*: Issue is tourists, not commuters. Discussion. *Cunningham*: Coordinate with John Riegert so we're all working in the same direction. Discussion. *Stilwell*: Collect data proactively in case we need it later, many factors in play. Also good for workers and employers. *Boris*: Park and rides, could work for us. *Miville*: Will panel voice an opinion about Sanibel roundabout? Discussion. *Davis*: Rotaries favored in

FDOT District 1 right now, Billy Hattaway favors them. *Walter*: Can be a disaster if they're not done properly. Clearwater Beach was a disaster, not big enough and dangerous. *Cunningham*: Invite Riegert back to update on status? When is a good time? Stilwell will pursue. Discussion. *Mullins*: Motion to approve white paper (Boris second), unanimous approval.

- **ACTION**: Davis will pursue drafting white paper on transportation funding and grants. Stilwell will contact Riegert to update panel on progress.

Sewer Committee: *Brown*: Recap of status. Study scope drafted for county to fund and implement. Committee reviewed and had recommendations. Broadening scope vs. intent, and concerned about publicity before BoCC was briefed. Explained that this is a public meeting in the sunshine, pursue public input. Brown and Mintz had long phone conversation with Pam Keyes, she said she would get back to us. *Gooderham*: Spoke with Keyes last Friday for an update. She stressed support for the study, but due to vacations she had not had a chance to discuss the revisions with her boss (Doug Meurer) and refine language. She is will be tracking a proposal mentioned by Gov. Scott in early July, who vowed to include funds for a state matching grant program for communities impacted by the Lake Okeechobee releases and cyanobacteria bloom who want to convert from septic to sewer. This is just a proposal without specifics and would need to survive the Legislature, but if it were enacted it could be a big deal for Captiva in pondering such a conversion. *Jensen*: What does SCCF think? *Rae Ann Wessel*: Keep going, work with county on scope. *Brown*: Concerned about losing momentum. *Cunningham*: Resolve scope issues? *Brown*: No specifics yet, need to explore that. Have a discussion with Keyes about issues and motivations. *Gooderham*: Was going to remind her about status at end of the month, reach out sooner? *Mullins*: Asked SCCF to weigh in yet? Discussion. *Brown*: Ask SCCF to review and give us comments, not public discussion. Discussion.

- **ACTION**: Gooderham will follow up with Keyes, set up committee meeting with her if necessary. Wessel will pursue SCCF review of revised scope and provide input to committee if necessary.

Captiva Drive: *Mintz*: Waiting on Jose Gonzalez to plot properties and possible changes/needs, that will trigger outreach to property owners.

Tax fairness: *Mullins*: No report.

Financial/fund-raising: *Cunningham*: Mailing is going out this week, hope to have update on returns in September. Need to decide on fall cruise, not just good for money but goodwill and information. Paul McCarthy tied up now, hope to see what we need to pursue. If you want to do this, I need to follow up with McCarthy. *Jensen*: Party instead of cruise? *Cunningham*: Had considered that last year, decided not to do to avoid donor overload. *Stilwell*: Have party in January, tied to SLR workshop. *Miville*: Do both, creates goodwill. *Boris*: Good feedback from cruise, introduced us to new people. *Cunningham*: Early November options. What about Kings Crown in January? *Mullins*: Good week all around, CCP, CEPD, CCA meetings. Jan. 13 best day all around. *Walter*: Will check Kings Crown reservation. Discussion.

- **ACTION**: Cunningham will contact McCarthy about cruise interest and options, Walter will check on Kings Crown status for Jan. 13 after SLR seminar. Gooderham will provide update on fund-raising letter and results.

Miville: Nominating status? Discussion. *Miville*: Consider people who have participated already. John Dale and Debi Almeida proposed, not certain if there will be any openings on panel. *Mullins*: Diana Szambecki

as well? CCA or CPOA could reach out to those candidates if they don't have anyone on hand.

Wessel: SCCF hosting Everglades Coalition Conference at Sanibel Harbour Jan. 5-8, a week before SLR seminar date. SLR will be a panel discussion at conference. Also update on water quality actions: Asking for water storage on state owned lands. Signatures on Now or Neverglades list. Reach out to candidates on water issues. Discussion. *Cunningham*: Should CCP weigh in? Unanimous approval to write a letter based on SCCF language online.

- **ACTION**: Gooderham will draft and send letter to Scott, circulate SCCF link.

Other business: *Gooderham*: Galloway Tri announcement on road closure, discussion of event. *Stilwell*: Handout about a Habitat for Humanity event. *Cunningham*: Marcel Ventura asked about panel help with trash haulers, ask them to pick up earlier. *Stilwell*: Real pain with tourists. *Jensen*: Earlier tough if you operate a resort, it's an alarm clock. *Walter*: We coordinate and centralized our pickups to avoid late pickups. *Jensen*: Support reaching out. *Cunningham*: Explanation. *Jensen*: Contact Solid Waste Division, also can address recycling, could provide a recycling dumpster. Invite Solid Waste to speak to panel. Reach out to trash hauler directly. Pickup only, recycling is a commercial issue. Jensen, Walter and Miville will provide contacts. *Jerry McClure*: Recycling is picked up on one day, trash another. Could not get them to do them on the same day. Discussion.

- **ACTION**: Jensen, Walter and Miville will provide contacts. Jensen will follow up informally and report on progress.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

-- *Ken Gooderham, administrator*