

**Captiva Community Panel**  
**MINUTES**  
**Aug. 10, 2010**

**Attending:** Jim Boyle, Rick Hayduk, Dave Jensen, Mike Mullins, Sandy Stilwell

**Audience:** 6

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. Following introductions, the July 13 minutes were approved unanimously (motion Boyle, second Mullins).

**CEPD:** Administrator Kathy Rooker provided the update. At the last meeting the district engineering consultant, Coastal Planning & Engineering, reviewed design of the next beach renourishment project. The next nourishment is scheduled in 2013, depending on erosion patterns. While the beach is eroding, it never has gone seaward of the Erosion Control Line set in 1988. A resolution was on the agenda for the district meeting tomorrow to approve the next project; the meeting will be held Aug. 11 at noon in this room. The CEPD board has approved a referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot to seek funding for the next project.

**LDC SURVEY:** Gooderham offered an explanation of the work done to bring the survey to this draft by the survey committee, as well as the process being proposed to solicit community input. Based on input from the committee and county planner Kathie Ebaugh, the survey's questions had been cut back to cover only those issues addressed in specific workshops during the winter/spring LDC drafting process, or eight questions total. An introductory screen would set up the discussion, a second screen would ask some security questions (voter registration or STRAP numbers) and some demographic questions. The questions would include hyperlinks with more information for people to reference, as well as places to include comments specific to that questions. General comments would be accepted at the end.

A postcard would be developed to be mailed to all voters and property owners, with information on how to access the survey online; there would also be a link from the panel website. The survey would go live around Aug. 20 (depending on when the cards dropped in the mail), and responses would be collected until Sept. 30. Responses would be summarized and sent to panel members the first week in October, for public review at the October panel meeting. Aside from feedback on this information, Gooderham also asked if the panel wanted to discuss how it would deal with community input in terms of finalizing the LDC draft, as this had been a question raised at the planning discussion with the community on July 14.

Boyle asked if they would be able to sort answers by other questions, such as where people lived. Gooderham said as long as those questions were asked during the overall survey (as was being planned), it would be possible to sort

responses by those qualifying questions. Both Jensen and Boyle did not think it was necessary for the panel to decide how it would approach the community input at this point, but rather that the community respond and the panel look at what was said once the results were in. Hayduk said they should let the process flow, determine things as they come in front of us. Kathie Ebaugh said it was a good idea to solicit community input, but not suggest that people were voting with their survey responses.

Mullins made a motion that the panel should consider the survey information as input to be taken under advisement, based on that and comments the board will ascertain the right direction to take on each of these issues (Hayduk second). Approval was unanimous. It was agreed that the survey deadline would be Sept. 30. Gooderham said that due a schedule conflict he would not be able to attend the panel meeting on Oct. 12; he suggested that the panel could either move the meeting to Oct. 19 or he could call in to the Oct. 12 meeting to answer questions. Consensus was to survey the panel members whether the meeting could be shifted as a first choice, which would also allow panel members more time to review the responses beforehand and seek any clarifications. It was suggested to send voters and property owners more than one postcard to enhance response. It was also suggested to put something in the Current as well. Mullins suggested that the panel let people who register late participate, to show some flexibility. Votes for timeshares, the rules are explicit in the panel bylaws; it was the panel's determination as to how to collect owners' input. Consensus was to leave that to the management companies' discretion. Hayduk volunteered to contact Hilton Grand Vacations Co. to give them a head's up. Mullins said it was critical to get their input.

**EVALUATION APPRAISAL REPORT UPDATE:** Ebaugh provided a brief update on the process, noting that the issues identified in the countywide workshops had been boiled it down to four issues. Currently, county staff was evaluating the Lee Plan for where these issues had impact. Staff hoped to make a presentation to the panel next month on the strategies they're working toward. Matt Noble would likely attend to present it in September. She also offered an explanation of what her role is in coordinating all the community panels throughout the county, and that she hoped to attend panel meetings on a regular basis.

**PLAN/CODE TERMS:** Gooderham offered a brief explanation of the terms handout, which was prompted by some confusion expressed at the July 14 discussion as to how the plan and code interacted. This would be posted on the website, to provide the public some context for the issues being discussed. He also explained that the contract with Morris-Depew Associates was essentially fulfilled with the completion of the LDC draft, but that there would still be public hearings and staff interaction to address during the process of achieving LDC approval. While Gooderham could handle these, there may be times the panel would feel more comfortable with a planner's input on these issues, and Max Forgey had the best background on the panel's intent and effort in drafting the

code to this point. Forgey had discussed the issue with David Depew and Gooderham, and it was determined that Forgey (who was now on his own) was available to consult for the panel as needed with no objection from MDA.

Mullins supported anything we can do to ensure the success of this effort. Hayduk suggested Forgey provide the panel with a proposal they could review. Forgey agreed to do so, and said he and Ebaugh had already discussed the staff comments on the LDC working draft, most of which were a codification issue. Ebaugh said the next step from the county will be to reconcile drafts based on your surveys. This would come back to staff, who hopefully could get it done very quickly. Then the language is sent on to three advisory committees --- the LDC Advisory Committee, the Executive Regulatory Oversight Committee and the Local Planning Agency. From there, usually another draft is done before it goes to the county commission. The end is in sight but there are many detail steps between here and there. Ebaugh also said she has put in a placeholder for the potential Lee Plan amendment based on the proposed code change in the height restrictions language.

**HURRICANE COMMITTEE:** Ann Bradley offered an update, noting there was a July 15 meeting with a discussion of Structural Safety Inspection committee, for which more volunteers will be recruited. The Captiva Fire District and the Lee County Sheriff's Office are heading up the SSI process. People can contact the fire district if they're interested in volunteering. The recent mailing to property owners about the authorization letters added 600 more representatives to the database. Mullins asked what was the total number now on file? Bradley thought it was 1,500 mailed, about 700 in the database. Hayduk asked how many of those were on file for hurricane passes? Bradley said that was done through the city of Sanibel, so it was not an easily accessible figure. Mullins said that getting the CFD involved has helped with responses. Bradley said there was still some confusion as to what people need to get back here. LCSO Lt. Joe Poppolardo also updated the committee on the oil spill response at that meeting as well. Poppolardo and Rooker are working on a volunteer plan for Captiva for a long-term response to spill effects.

**REVEGETATION PROJECT:** Gooderham offered an update, that in order to allow time to notify owners the planting on Captiva Drive would wait until next spring. Mullins said he will work with SCCF to narrow down the tree list, suggesting royal palm, cabbage palm and cinnamon bark. Gooderham said he would follow up with Lee DOT on these sites and the Turner Beach project, which would be part of a planned retention area for bridge runoff. Boyle asked whether the grant money would still be available? Gooderham said it was good through roughly this time next year. Mullins said he hoped to think ahead of how to maintain safety shoulder. Be sure to be compatible with existing landscape on private property.

Mullins continued that the Island Water Association was replacing the water line under the Blind Pass bridge, and he was concerned about the short notice and lack of notification to the panel. The CEPD was notified about the retention needs as part of an old bridge permit, and he was concerned that an open pond would become a mosquito magnet. He felt they need to assert the role of the panel as a conduit of these projects where they should be presented for community knowledge and response. He suggested they draft a letter to county to encourage involvement. Gooderham offered to contact Lee DOT to get more information on the retention project. A discussion ensued about possible dredging in the pass as a continuation of the Blind Pass opening project.

**FINANCES:** Gooderham offered a brief summary based on the handout provided to panel members. He said he was looking at savings options to move some of the funds out of the checking account into something offering interest on those funds, possibly at another bank or an online account with ING.

**WATER QUALITY:** Jensen noted that an update report was included as a handout. He had talked to the SCCF Marine Lab about an in-person update, but as they are still collecting data they asked to wait a month or two before coming to the panel itself. The goal was to come up with a plan to present a wrap-up on this project to the panel and the public. Mullins said this is our project, we should require a report at least two months before big meeting on the island so our committee can review and comment before any meeting. He had been in the loop on a recent discussion about a Cape Coral canal lock which had sought input from local stakeholders, and that SCCF had produced a report commenting on the advisability of putting more Cape homes on a sewer system. He wanted to officially request that report from SCCF to disseminate to the panel. He'd like to be able to talk to them about that before we present the findings on this project. Jensen said that we're doing the same thing they did (a water quality study), just waiting for the results before drawing conclusions.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Stilwell said that Denice Beggs had agreed to chair the nominating committee, and will work on slate for presentation later in the year. Hayduk asked who is responsible for the right of way on Captiva Drive from South Seas to the beach park... the owner or the county? Boyle said owners historically have maintained it but that the county is ultimately responsible; also LCEC tree trimmers have been stopping at the resort front gate. Mullins suggested the panel take a broader role in communicating to people about what they are responsible for in the safety shoulder and the right of way. Stilwell added also at end of Andy Rosse... is it the county or Sunset Captiva? Hayduk said it's a bad image for the island, it's a visitors' route to get back in there. We should ask the county if they will credit people who maintain the roadways along the island, not unlike the Adopt-A-Road program. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m..

**-- Ken Gooderham, administrator**