

Captiva Community Panel
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Aug. 11, 2015

Attending: Jack Cunningham, Jerry McClure, Jay Brown, Dave Jensen, David Rohn (phone), David Mintz (phone), Mike Boris (phone), Sandy Stilwell

Audience: 12

The meeting convened at 9 a.m. After introductions, approval of the July 14 minutes was waived until September since many of the panel members had not read them.

CEPD: *Administrator Kathy Rooker:* Next meeting tomorrow at Tween Waters Inn, will include a presentation by CB&I engineers about the one-year post-construction engineering and monitoring report. May also include an update on the start date for a Blind Pass Inlet Management Plan study, negotiations under way for contract with Lee County. Also working on Redfish Pass inlet study, the first time they're being studied at the same time. Looking in shoal inside pass as possible sand source for beach projects. *Brown:* Not aware of one inside pass. *Rooker:* Taking samples from a number of areas, is sand good enough and is there enough for a beach project? Keep sand in the littoral system. A cheaper source for sand, not a navigational issue. *Brown:* Huge bars on either side of the pass. *Rooker:* Used that area many years ago. *Mike Mullins:* Compatibility issue, Blind Pass sand looked good but was not used. Have they changed standards? *Rooker:* DEP and USACE very strict, need to prove compatibility. Discussion. Budget hearings in September, at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 10 in Ding Darling Room and 5:01 p.m. Sept. 21 in Wakefield Room.

CFD: *Chief Rich Dickerson:* ISO rating going to 3 from 4, homeowners need to call insurance company direct to let them know the rate has gone down, reduction will vary based on company. Every 7-10 years to evaluate fire depts. Communications, hydrants and personnel response. Grand opening went well, 150 attended. Thanks to all who helped out. Planning annual open house in March. Tri coming, Sept. 13 road closed.

LCSO: *Sgt. Mike Sawicki:* Three arrests for grand theft stealing golf carts around SSIR. Policeman recognized kids from Miromar as ones he had arrested numerous times. Explanation. *Cunningham:* Will Lee County jail them, since Dade did not? *Sawicki:* Two are juvenile, one adult, a long rap sheet. Sanibel has seen a couple of auto break-ins, so far noting here but monitoring parking lots. Fishing violations around Blind Pass Bridge, takes constant monitoring. Rules violations and no licenses. Discussion. *Jensen:* Customer asked about chances of getting caught with a deputy standing right there. *Sawicki:* derelict vessel in Roosevelt Channel. Being towed and went aground. Left it behind in the middle of the night. Tagged and going through process for removal, working on it. Tri traffic disruption. Turtles, working with SCCF and county to address violations, lighting and beach equipment/furniture violations. *Mullins:* Analysis of noise complaints, ever get completed? *Sawicki:* Completed, no complaints since then. Had meeting with problem stakeholders, they've worked out boundaries and lessened complaints. *Stilwell:* Ed is leaving? Can we encourage them to send us someone good for the island? *Sawicki:* Has to retire due to DROP, could leave sooner. Conducting interviews and four qualified people, one tentatively selected. We did seek someone who understands how things work in the island, community policing attitude. Discussion. *Stilwell:* Interim basis rather than full-time? *Sawicki:* Don't know what will happen in the future. Looking for a good fit for the island. A lot of issues need to align, relocating out here. *Ann Bradley:* Want to keep that kind of

position filled, perception that the role is needed. Discussion. *Sawicki*: All good candidates that applied. *Stilwell*: Thank Ed at panel's boat cruise in November? *Cunningham*: End of October or early November, date not set yet. *Sawicki*: Will also do something for him once we know when he's planning to leave, will keep you posted.

Hurricane Committee: *Ann Bradley*: Not reached peak season yet, quiet so far but a lot of rain. Distributed Guide for Elders for disaster preparedness, covers hurricanes and other incidents. Dept. has Facebook page and more, a lot of good information for everyone. No hurricane meeting this month.

Captiva Plan: *Max Forgey*: Draft amendments to Captiva Plan. Typo on second page: Jay Brown, not Jerry Brown. All the information gathered in the past 3-4 years of planning survey, workshops, meetings and amended language. Discussion of report contents. *Forgey*: Captivans did a really good job of explaining their vision of their community, will make a huge difference in planning process. Goes to staff for review, then Local Planning Agency and Board of County Commissioners. *Stilwell*: My name misspelled as well. *Mintz*: Question about 13.1.18, underground utilities: "and approved by the community." *Mullins*: Moot point, can bury wires on one parcel if they want. *Forgey*: Will review language.

Brown: If individual owner wanted to bury lines, not precluded by anything here? Are you suggesting I cannot bury lines? *Mintz*: Thinking about the converse, if it was detrimental to the community. Flooding risks, say, that could impact whole community. *Brown*: Not a typo, a big deal. You would have control over my property. *Mintz*: Covering all bases in case of problems. Not most important point. Come to panel for discussion if you want to bury your power lines. *Brown*: Assumed it was a wider concern, not individual properties. *Mintz*: Benefit to community and support of affected owners, a larger scale project. *Gooderham*: Would have to go for a vote to form taxing unit, so community support would be verifiable. *Brown*: All of us are clear this is not intended for individual property owners. *Gooderham*: Send us typos within a week so we can make final revisions and submit to staff. *Forgey*: New directions in planning, explained. *Brown*: Saw some areas where language was different.

Discussion of Policy 13.1.10. *Brown*: Process of review? *Gooderham*: Staff has to implement, often will ask clarifying questions. *Forgey*: Staff has been here for much of this. *Gooderham*: Any changes will come back to you for discussion and approval, unless the commissioners change something at the last hearing.

Planning: *Forgey*: Explanation of handouts from Florida Bar conference. First if agenda, most items have white papers I have access to. If you see something of interest, I will get it to you. Analysis of Reed ruling on signs. Unanimous but separate concurrences. Probably no effect on Captiva. Too many signs in the ROW, church moved around and used signs to tell members where they were holding services that Sunday. Did not take them down within the allotted time, got tagged by local government. Court said town did not give them enough time to remove. Vacation rentals PPT handout, authority of duration and density of vacation rentals. Seven-day minimum enshrined in statutes. *Mullins*: Dunbar property... two parcels sold, update? Discussion. Is Realtor disclosing problems? Discussion. *Forgey*: Sewer service discussion, called Kevin Grace with GSG in Orlando. Asked about cost of sewers, cost-benefit study. County has commissioned study on Captiva of cost to extend services from resort WWTP. *Brown*: Can we contact him? *Stilwell*: Quick study to see what's feasible. Raw numbers. Doug Meurer will likely come to a panel meeting in the fall. *Brown*: Good idea to look at this. *Mullins*: SSIR facility was not large enough when they looked at it in the 1990s. Interest from Sanibel to hook Captiva into their system. *Mintz*: Capacity study or effluent study of what island would produce. Get sewer

committee engaged to avoid conflicts or confusion. *Mullins*: Reach out to Doug Meurer. *Stilwell*: Investigating costs now, down and dirty. *Forgey*: Oct. 30 seminar on planning and land use in local governments, teaching morning and simulation in the afternoon. Estero 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Can reserve seat, will be held in Miromar Fashion Outlet.

Mangroves: *Gooderham*: Explanation of mangroves questions. Reached out to local Florida DEP office to see if someone would come out to explain state regulations and options. Offered to get them some questions from the community in advance to help them focus in on what you wanted to hear from them. In discussion, some of the questions were:

- What is scope of mitigation,
- What is limit of removal with mitigation?
- How do we protect Captiva and its mangroves...specific language and interface with DEP other regulators?
- Scope of net loss in regs... island, watershed, county?
- Notification for permits... time frame, responsiveness?
- Can we get a special designation to protect fringe?
- Describe permits, field permit process, what's allowed.

Committee updates: *Mintz*: Conference call with Jose Gonzalez and Ken Gooderham to discuss Captiva Drive in the Village. Consensus to do something quickly to improve safety for bike/ped, within existing ROW... four foot path both sides and “sharrow” signage. Need to confirm ROW width and road location in it, drainage issues. Overlay of ROW and road, determine whether private property is involved, drainage needs and options. Get info in format that can go to Jose to map out ROW and road. Get sense of what's possible and bring ideas back to panel for discussion. Then bring property owners together to discuss options and seek remedies. *Stilwell*: Approach Rauschenberg Foundation to donate property at S curve, trade or tax benefits? *Mintz*: Once we know where road is and what it needs to be safer, will reach out to foundation at that point. *Stilwell*: Trolley, not met but will meet.

Transit: *Debbie Almeida*: Met with Jeff Shuff, got vendors information for trolley/shuttle. Adventures in Paradise \$100/night for three months. Estimate from one to provide service during season. *Mintz*: Issues with past service, needs to be addressed at some point with service additions. Discussion of prior issues. *Cunningham*: Add Walter to committee.

Fund-raising: *Cunningham*: Funding... Review of budget needs, \$50,000 needed for general operating costs. Mailing went out in July with \$15,000 target, raised \$14,840 so far. 41 individuals and 5 businesses. \$17,500 each from two more events. Committee will meet today on October cruise. Final one will be in spring with SSIR support. Today's meeting will get us date and more specifics for cruise. Discussion of tax-exempt status, needs to be mentioned in solicitations.

Plan & Code education. *Rohn*: Looking at a homeowners guide... native plants, dark skies, island organizations. other background.

Garbage: *McClure*: Talked to garbage pickup to try to get garbage and recycling on the same day. Would require changing entire county schedules, not possible now. Recycle and horticulture picked up Wednesday, garbage on Thursday. Will stay the same. Got copy of county ordinance on can removal from streets. Put out no more than 24 hours before and 24 hours after pickup for cans. Send letter to all property owners reminding them of schedule and can removal? County has means to enforce this. Biggest issue is removing cans after collection. *Mullins*: Sometimes don't pick up horticulture, include

contact info for pickups in the letter. *Mintz*: In Village renters put cans out on the right day but don't bring them back in in a timely fashion. Rental agents need to be engaged in this process, to be effective. Reach out to them in the education process. Discussion of recycling pickup. *Almeida*: Solid Waste willing to do islandwide mailing for us. Lehigh pilot project would start next October, new containers and more automation.

Sewers: *Brown*: Handout from email last night. Long-term project, trying to collect information to see if it's worth pursuing a system over time. Three broad areas: Environmental impact of current systems; economic benefits to the island (pocketbook issues); impact on density/intensity. *Mullins*: Discussion of financing, paying interest only now with principal paid on sale of property. Putting information in public gets input from community that can be very valuable. *McClure*: Polled Ventura Captiva owners... might take a referendum requiring 50% plus 1 support. Found eight out of ten would not approve at this point. *Brown*: Education not on this list, will be needed if panel comes to the conclusion this is a good idea for the island. *Mullins*: Smart growth group, thought the long-term direction of state was to eliminate septic systems. Broader environmental viewpoint and direction of state. *Mintz*: Is there an inevitability aspect to this that behooves us to be ahead of the curve? Will we be required to do it? *Mullins*: Also did ad hoc study during visioning, there is was 50-50 support. *Brown*: Time to get input from the panel on this topic. Hearing about cost study report could be extraordinary for information on this issue. *Mullins*: Also consider aesthetics, removing drain field and odors. Add me to committee. *Cunningham*: Address media? *Brown*: Trying to collect information and data, no opinions right now. *Mintz*: Fact finding. *Mullins*: Post office issue, things taking a lot longer to be delivered. Discussion of issues. Local office very cooperative. *Gooderham*: Having issues nationally with other clients, may be systemic. *Mullins*: Takes longer to get thing to Captiva than in other locations. Communicate to our congressman as it's federal issue.

Financials: *Gooderham*: Usual update, note that donations are in to date.

New business: *McClure*: Mike Kelly called me to chair nominating committee. Denice Beggs and Elaine Smith will also serve. One new seat to fill, asking CCA and CPOA members when they will appoint, one seat each. *Stilwell*: Could Rohn be CCA appointee again? *Cunningham*: No, has termed out. *Jensen*: Who will run next meeting since Stilwell cannot attend and Kelly is not back? *Cunningham* will run meeting a treasurer. *Mintz*: Insurance? *Gooderham*: Paid for new policy July 18.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Ken Gooderham, administrator