

## Captiva Community Panel

# MINUTES

Aug. 12, 2014

Attending: Jay Brown, Jack Cunningham, Jerry McClure, David Rohn (phone), Sandy Stilwell

Audience: 8

The meeting convened 9 a.m., with McClure serving as chair. After introductions, the July 8 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Cunningham/Brown.

**CEPD:** *Kathy Rooker:* The next board meeting would be tomorrow (Aug. 13) at 1 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters. She said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was processing the district's permit application for 15-year permission to put sand on the beach; the public notice would go out on the website a week from Wednesday. The district was collecting assessments on the project just finished, and more than half have paid in full already. Those funds will be used to pay down on the loan, which will save us in interest. *Cunningham:* What would be the highlights at the meeting tomorrow? *Rooker:* Budget for next year, possible millage rates. Resolution supporting Florida DEP funding request, monitoring costs. *McClure:* Chance of Corps involvement next time? *Rooker:* Board will be pursuing that, dialogues taking place. Government keeps changing its mind as to what it wants. *Brown:* How many projects has Corps supported? *Rooker:* Some of the last projects, last three at least. Federally authorized project doesn't always mean funding. Issue we had has affected other municipalities around the state, likely consequences of post-Sandy auditing. Some communities have opted out of Corps process due to interference.

**CFD:** *Rich Dickerson:* Busy this summer, like season. 42 responses in July, on track for August. A lot of people here. Hurricanes: Peak season starts next week. El Nino year so it could be quiet. New building is two weeks behind schedule, trusses expected tomorrow, dried in ASAP. Rainy season hasn't been too bad this year, helped us stay on track. Will pull barricades for triathlon road cleaning. Discussion of traffic impacts. *Brown:* Calls involving renters? *Dickerson:* Both renters and residents. Same kinds of calls summer and winter.

**LCSO:** *Mike Sawicki:* Busy summer for us as well. Traffic issues and arrests, higher than normal. North Captiva taking more time than usual. Quiet for thefts and burglary this summer. Elsewhere, resurgence in marine theft, mostly Pine Island.

**Hurricane:** *Terry McClure:* Still looking for volunteer to back up website. *Dickerson:* Will use CFD website as backup this summer. Also watch out for quick forming storms in late Sept. and October.

**Financial:** *Ken Gooderham:* Questions on update? Fund-raising letter is moving forward, expected to go out later this month.

**Planning:** *Max Forgey:* River Hall hearing set for Sept. 15 at 9:30 a.m. Discussion of issues and likely vote. *Cunningham:* What is status of update and schedule for review and discussion? *Forgey:* That's the next item.

**Plan Update:** *Forgey:* Have given you draft language options like last meeting, let me know which you

prefer. Vegetation policies... *Stilwell*: prefer 1 to 2. *Brown*: Same. *Cunningham*: On rentals, prefer 1. *McClure*: Will you update language reflecting discussion from last meeting? *Forgey*: Should hold rental workshop first. Rental discussion, set up workshop for 9/9? *Cindy Brown*: Recap of last meeting? *Forgey*: Generally favored KG language on transportation and lighting. Rentals, make it no less than seven days. *Brown*: Landscaping? *Forgey*: KG version. Include actively promote? *Cunningham*: On rentals... concerned about change in community and image. Role of rental agents in policing that change. Explain logic as to how we came to this discussion. *Stilwell*: Check with agents on date availability for workshop. send email to confirm. *Fred Newman*: Royal Shell already has seven-day rental minimum for single family homes outside South Seas. *Stilwell*: People playing well together. Develop instructions on how to be a good neighbor. *Newman*: Book in block during off season.

Trees... preferred MF version. Pests... OK, check incentives as to what they are. Heritage trees... OK, define what they are. Find location of definition send to panel. Land Development Projects... prefer MF version. Degradation... OK as is. Look at "unnecessary" to decide if needed. Building heights... original intent? OK as is. Blind Pass... Never designed to be navigable. *Rooker*: Mostly for water quality. Will you bring language before the CEPD board before there's is a commitment made? Discussion... possibly remove navigable? *CBrown*: Transportation... bike/ped safety? Lee DOT issue, allows community to ask for improvements. *Rooker*: A new DEP rule about parking spaces counting toward beach access level says if you have four places on bike racks with a quarter-mile of the beach you get credit for two parking spaces. Several new changes in beach funding... hotels within a quarter-mile of beach access count toward public access. Community character? Services? Check on possible wording from memo.

**Other business:** *Cunningham*: Tween Waters section of Captiva Drive, both the road and s-curves road is getting dips in it. Talk to Lee DOT about it. *Sawicki*: Vegetative offset from roadway, check language. Invite Lee DOT to meeting? Dept. has said it's reluctant to cut vegetation on private property. *Cunningham*: Draft letter to DOT on road and vegetation, and invite DOT to participate in an upcoming island meeting. McClure, Cunningham and Sawicki all interested in attending meeting. *Stilwell*: Schedule trimming and notify people it's coming. Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

-- *Ken Gooderham*