

## CAPTIVA COMMUNIT PANEL MINUTES

*Sept. 13, 2016*

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

**Audience:** 7

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. when a quorum was reached. Introductions. *Brown:* Want to start meeting by remembering Paul McCarthy, who passed away. Tremendous enthusiasm and energy level this man had, his concern for people. Still not a reality to me that it happened. Service last Saturday in Boston, incredibly well attended. *Cunningham:* Short moment of silence in his memory. The Aug. 9 minutes were unanimously approved (Cunningham/Brown).

**CEPD:** *Kathy Rooker:* Board met Sept. 8 for its first budget hearing, chose taxing rate of .2808 mills, lower than last year. Kept the budget flat. Final budget hearing is 5:01 p.m. Sept. 22 in Wakefield Room. Board meeting 3 p.m. same day. Blind Pass Technical Advisory Committee met several weeks ago. Next public hearing closer to late autumn or winter rather than late summer.

**CFD:** *Chief Rich Dickerson:* Took a beach ride last week, north end took a beating. South end better. Last weekend's tri went very well, no injuries or problems. End of rainy season, which means vegetation growing overnight so please trim overhead vegetation on your long driveways. Delays getting to the scene can let fires get out of hand. *Brown:* Rely on homeowner cooperation only? *Dickerson:* Yes. *Brown:* Put out email blast to remind people?

**Hurricane Committee:** *Dickerson:* On the down side of season. Still can have storms in October... Sandy and Wilma as examples. Gave brief tropical update.

**Planning update:** *Max Forgey:* Peter Koury asked what other plans have protective language, shared handout I provided: Buckingham, Bayshore, Caloosahatchee Shores and Alva. No hearing scheduled on River Hall, will let you know. We attended two conference in the last month -- CLE (land use lawyers) and FAPA, both in Tampa. Scanning white papers and presentations from them for possible interest to this group, sent to Ken summarizing info I've learned. Signs, noise and outdoor activities. *Gooderham:* Update on Captiva Plan update. Sent response to county staff questions at the end of August, quite detailed and lengthy, will provide you with copies next month. Mostly questions on details -- maps, lists, etc. -- the county hadn't asked for lately, along with questions on the surveys and workshops, who attended, how they were advertised, media coverage, etc. *Mintz:* Summary of AirBnB controversy and Key West efforts to regulate Air BnB. Forgey will develop for next meeting. *Koury:* Language from other communities. We ought to do it in our plan as well. Too late to do it this time? *Forgey:* Yes. *Koury:* Why majority vs. supermajority, need discussion on what's best for us. Move as soon as possible. *Jensen:* Educate ourselves on supermajority. *Brown:* Pros and cons, agreed to look at this in the fall, look at options to protect ourselves -- density, strengthening land use protection. Protect ourselves from unwanted county decision-making. *Walter:* Agreed. *Mintz:* Forgey to provide information, use the best minds/best experience/best language to be incorporated into our plan. *Forgey:* Supermajority is still three as used in county. Weak majority, current commissioners not inclined to impose that on themselves.

- **ACTION:** Forgey will review presentations and forward ones of interest to panel members. Forgey will develop summary of Air BnB regulatory efforts. Gooderham will share copies of the response to county staff on the Captiva Plan update, follow up on status.

**SLR workshop:** *Julia Davis:* Handouts sent to panel. Attended conferences looking for possible speakers, Developed "Save The Date" flyers, sent to a number of lists. Sponsors: CCP, South Seas, FAPA agreed to \$500. "Save the Date" announcement on Facebook. Got responses from similar conferences at the same time, but from different perspectives. Coordinating with them to get the speakers we need for our event. Working with resort staff on event. *Miville:* Question about other conferences. Discussion. Going to have all those different perspectives. *Cunningham:* Looking at outsiders to come in to present. Primary attendees will focus on residents of the islands? *Davis:* Yes. Harbor area residents and planners. *Cunningham:* Fund-raising events afterwards, what will be impact on attendance? Will people there be inclined to support CCP? *Davis:* Good point, will look at program with that in mind. *Brown:* Thought it was Captiva oriented. *Davis:* We all learn from each other. Discussion. *Cunningham:* Making reception open to everyone vs. not extending an invite to conference attendees.

- **ACTION:** Davis, Forgey and Gooderham will work on Call for Papers and developing program ideas.

**Sewer:** *Brown:* Not much to report. Had communicated with county utilities director Pam Keyes, who had some concerns about the level of publicity it had received while commissioners knew nothing about it. Broadening scope beyond county intentions. Went on vacation, thought she'd want a meeting, then decided meeting wasn't really necessary, she'd move forward with Doug Meurer contacting commissioners. *Miville:* Great opportunity to meet with the commissioners to talk about this. Tell your story and let them know you personally, rather than letting staff agendas get in the way. Put a face on the situation. Bring Kevin Ruane with you, show them this is serious. *Gooderham:* Always our intention to do that once staff had language in place. *Miville:* Don't let tail wag dog, good chance to meet with commissioners. *Mullins:* No down side, bring them out to our events as well. *Mintz:* Invite them to SLR conference as well? *Davis:* Can do that once election is over and we know who is in office. *Brown:* Invite to cruise? *Miville:* Good idea. *Cunningham:* Invite Manning only for cruise? *Miville:* They all vote on these issues. *Cunningham:* Asking for reservations, should we wait until we have a sense of turnout? *Brown:* In favor of inviting them to cruise. *Miville:* Mean a lot for Jay to meet with them. *Brown:* Meet and discuss this later. *Mintz:* If we think of Captiva as the jewel of Lee County, need to think about how to involve elected officials in the life and events of Captiva, create those relationships for the future effectiveness. Have a more strategic approach. *Brown:* If no response from Keyes, we need to take action. *Walter:* Ask for another meeting with Keyes. *Miville:* I know Meurer, can reach out to him. *Jensen:* Ask Keyes first. *Walter:* Time commitments she has not met. *Jensen:* Talk to her first and then go to Meurer. *Brown:* Gooderham should keep following up with her.

- **ACTION:** Gooderham will follow up with Keyes, report to committee. Panel will consider inviting Manning (at least) to Nov. 7 cruise. Brown will continue discussion on setting commissioner appointments to discuss study and island issues.

**Captiva Drive:** *Mintz:* Next step is to set up meeting with property owners. Will work on that when I get back to the island.

**Tax project:** *Mullins:* No report.

*Forgey:* River Hall hearing Oct. 4 in Tallahassee, not certain. Governor and Cabinet ruling can be appealed to district court in Tallahassee. Discussion about River Hall votes and chronology. Commission has shown level of surprise that neighbors protested and have appealed on this issue. *Mintz:* Issue is overriding public necessity language? *Forgey:* They've tried to avoid making that finding, like it did not exist. Discussion. Appeal was based on overriding public necessity. *Koury:* People must have filed to protect the appeal. Could we get access to that? *Forgey:* I can look into that. *Mintz:* If issue is that commissioners would never allow that language to appear again in other plans, we need to know that so we're not spinning our wheels. *Forgey:* Never heard a commissioner say that, nor eliminate it in places where it exists. To protect the conversion of Ag land to more intense uses, don't have an analogous situation here in Captiva. May not be the answer for what we need. *Koury:* Not Ag land but environmentally valuable, so there is an analogy that could be made.

- **ACTION:** Forgey will look at accessing River Hall court documents for panel summary

**Fund-raising:** *Cunningham:* Current balance, loss of \$15,569 so far this year. Objective was to raise \$25,000 through mailing sent out in the middle of August. \$9,095 collected as of today. Takes some time to see the full response. Hopeful number will grow, skeptical it will hit \$25,000. Discussion. Send thanks and follow up to remind people. *Cunningham:* Goodwill effort cruise, McCarthy agreed to support right away. New flyer in development. Date set for Monday, Nov. 7. McCarthy asked to move the time back slightly to allow for dolphin watch cruise. Moved cruise 6:30-8 p.m. Do not show up before 6 p.m. or you will not be able to park. Daylight Savings Time hits the Sunday before this, so sunset will be earlier. Food support from Key Lime, will ask Mucky Duck and Tween Waters, held off on planning until I could confirm with McCarthy's Marina staff. South Seas will also pitch as necessary. Simple posters to recognize donors for dock and boat. \$100 per person, recommend we stay with that amount. Third effort would be the cocktail reception after SLR conference. More of a fund-raising event and fun event mid-season. Discussion. *Gooderham:* One more reimbursement from county can be expected, will work on that now that response is back in their hands. Discussion. *Gooderham:* Comparison with last year, will develop that for October meeting, also what else comes in by then. *Miville:* Show supporters on website? *Cunningham:* Need to be careful here. Don't want to promote cruise solely as a fund-raiser, more a welcome back. Need a press release on cruise in local papers. Send invite after October meeting so we know status. *Mullins:* Do we ask for RSVP? *Cunningham:* Yes, for cruise. Request donation for cruise, which benefits CCP since all items are donated to us. *Mullins:* Unable to attend but want to donate? *Brown:* Makes sense. Last year schedule? *Cunningham:* About three weeks prior to event, same as this. *Brown:* Cruise not a plea for money, a lot of value in cruise for \$100 apiece. Discussion.

- **ACTION:** Cunningham will work on lining up vendors-donors, Gooderham will develop promotional materials.

*Cunningham:* Emails about trash pickup issues. Jensen knows hauler representative, businesses want earlier pickup while condos want later pickup. Contract is coming up in October or November, good opportunity to discuss this now. Ask businesses to attend meeting with him. *Jensen:* Contract may be done before next meeting, but he's still willing to show up to put a face on the business. Still willing to discuss with businesses. *Jensen:* Asked him to let me know if he could attend, have not heard back yet. Discussion. *Jensen:* I have opposite perspective on pickup times, don't know what consensus is in general. *Mullins:* At

my end of the island they come early. Not a panel issue really, always going to be some unhappy people whatever the decision. *Cunningham*: Residential and commercial use the same truck? *Jensen*: Separate trucks, no impact. *Mintz*: Garbled. *Cunningham*: Providing a forum for businesses to be heard. Decision for them and the hauler. *Jensen*: Let it ride and pass on contact info if someone has a problem. Consensus to take that action. Discussion of issue genesis.

Triathlon discussion.

Reminder that panel appointments are due for October meeting. *Mintz*: Nom Committee reports, CCA has one seat to appoint, CPOA has two seats, expect names with resumes at that meeting. Discussion of Walter renomination. *Brown*: Panel has to come up with one nominee, CCA and CPOA need to appoint their nominees. *Mullins*: People who can be given another term have to submit a resume? *Mintz*: Yes. Recap. *Mullins*: Boris mentioned two names who were interested. *Boris*: Did that without knowing situation in October. No, those two are members of nominating committee in case we need to act. If Bob wants another term, there may not be any need to act. *Mullins*: Would Debbie Almeida and John Dale be candidates for set? *Boris*: No, have interest in the panel and could be potential panel members. Discussion. Appropriate for Nominating Committee members to nominate themselves? *Mullins*: CPOA could consider them as possible candidates? *Boris*: Agreed.

- **ACTION**: Gooderham will follow up with CCA and CPOA on status of their appointments for October meeting.

*Mintz*: What happened to Dick Pyle? *Cunningham*: Hospitalized in Duluth after being brought in from the boundary waters; 12 ribs broken, collarbone and two vertebrae broken. Send best wishes to them. *Cunningham* will provide background for panel letter.

- **ACTION**: Cunningham will provide details for Gooderham to develop a panel letter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

-- *Ken Gooderham, administrator*