

Captiva Community Panel

MINUTES

Oct. 9, 2012

Attendees: Rick Hayduk, Paul McCarthy, Jay Brown, Jack Cunningham, Mike Mullins, Susan Stuart, Jerry McClure, Mike Kelly.

Audience: 9

The meeting convened at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes: The Sept. 7 minutes were approved without correction.

CEPD: Kathy Rooker reported that the November Board meeting will not be the 2nd but rather the 3rd week on November 14 in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters at noon.

The district's request for emergency funding following Tropical Storm Debbie has been submitted to FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers. It is currently working its way through the channels and we hope for approval.

Jay Brown asked what funds will be available to Captiva for the renourishment project. She answered that we have been assured from the Florida DEP that we will be receiving \$4.4 million for that project. The project is expected to cost nearly \$20 million in total.

Hurricane Committee: Doris Holzheimer gave a brief report about the effects of TS Debbie. She mentioned that the Hurricane Committee was meeting the following week on Oct. 16, and also showed a map from the National Weather Service with the tracks of named storms through September which showed the total this season was 50% higher than the average from 2000-2010. She reminded us that hurricane season is not officially over until December but we are glad that 2012 has been reasonably calm so far.

Land Development Code: Max Forgey reported that our Code was presented to Lee County Commissioners on Sept. 11, 2012, and was approved unanimously without discussion. He commented that it was all of a three-minute meeting due to the diligence of the volunteers who have worked for four years and spent a great deal of time preparing the final draft. He presented the memo from the county attorney that was sent to county officials to verify that Ordinance 12-19 was filed on Sept. 17, 2012, and is now in effect.

Forgey also reported that Rick Hayduk and Mike Mullins joined him at a planning meeting that was held in Naples. They were bussed to sites such as the new Diversified Yacht facility and others. Mike Mullins commented that he learned a lot about what is happening in that area and its development.

Mike Kelly spoke to the unique nature of barrier islands like Captiva and why it is important that language that reflects that be included in the Code. Rene Miville explained that he understood that coastal barrier language is now in effect in the document.

Miville suggested that the Panel might wish to consider finding or employing a "rainmaker" to act as a liaison between the Panel and county government. Mike Mullins agreed that this might be a good way to enhance our relationship with commissioners in the future.

Kathy Ebaugh from Lee County Planning was there to remind us that our Vision Statement with goals, objectives, and policies is now seven years old. Every five years a group can apply to receive funding to do an update. There is \$150,000.00 set aside for groups in 2013 for Visioning Planning. She then reviewed the different community groups that exist in the county and explained the differences among them with regard to how they are organized and funded. She agreed to put the report in writing and has done so (attached) for use by Panel members.

Communications: Susan Stuart said that local Realtors have prepared welcome packets for new owners to introduce them to the area. She suggested that perhaps the Panel might want to consider doing something like that. She said we could perhaps use one of theirs as a guide.

Fundraising: Rick Hayduk led a discussion on this topic of funding for 2013. The "Monday After The Masters" golf event was successful and Rick suggested that the panel consider raising the team entry price since it was so popular in 2012.

Jay Brown asked about anticipated funding for 2013 and Rick reviewed our spending in 2012.

Mike Mullins said that he vaguely remembered a discussion regarding MSTU (Municipal Services Taxing Units) from a former meeting and would like to re-visit that topic. It is another possible income source.

Code Enforcement Workshop: Rick Roberts and Bob Stewart were on hand from the Lee County Code Enforcement office. Rick (who serves as head of the department) gave an overview of the most common enforcement issues such as nuisance cars, music and noise violations throughout the County. He also named some parts of the County and the violations that are most reported there.

Rick explained that there is a Code Enforcement officer assigned to an area that includes Captiva. The panel agreed that it might be helpful if he could come to one of our meetings, and Rick Roberts said they would be happy to arrange that.

Nathalie Pyle asked about when Captiva residents should call to report a violation. Rick explained that we should try to speak to someone who is involved in a potential code violation first and if they become belligerent then report the problem to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Panel Priorities and Public Involvement: Rick Hayduk reminded everyone that this is on the agenda for the next meeting and that we need to all make an aggressive effort to attract more people so that the planning reflects resident opinions.

Susan Stuart suggested that we use additional written communication to inform people that the November meeting will be used for input and discussion and we are hoping for a good audience. She reminded everyone to personally invite neighbors and those that they know and see.

Panel Bylaws: Rick suggested that we form a committee to review the Bylaws. Denise Beggs said that she served on the last committee and would serve again but with work commitments would not be able to chair.

Mike Mullins and Jerry McClure also agreed to be on the committee and it will meet Nov. 5, 2012, at Mike's home.

Panel Nominations: Rick Hayduk began by saying that he will be going off the panel as he becomes more involved in the Horizon Council. He noted that Jim Boyle (who now chairs the CEPD) had recently gone off the Panel and that the CPOA will need to decide who they choose to fill that seat.

Denise Beggs suggested Mike Boris as a possible candidate. Rene Miville expressed concern that we give more consideration to those who are actively involved in the panel.

Other business: We are reminded that the Holiday Village group has many great plans and they will begin in November.

Rick Hayduk also asked that those who are available volunteer for the Buddy Walk for Muscular Dystrophy which will be held at South Seas again. He said it is very heart-warming to be a part of the event.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

-- Diana Szambecki

Lee County Community Plans and Panels—October 2012

Community	Panel in Place/ Frequency of meetings	Community Plan/ Land Development Code	County participation	Contact persons¹/ Other comments
Captiva	Yes/monthly	Yes. Ord. 03-01; amended 11-19 re building height/ LDC amended 9/11/2012	Yes, \$50K for LDRs; match raised by Panel	Ken Gooderham (239) 489-2616 Max Forgey (239) 560-5864
Estero	Yes/monthly	Yes	\$50K with \$50K match raised by Panel for update to Plan and LDC	Jack Lienesch, pres. Dan DeLisi—DeLisi Fitzgerald (239) 418-0691
Lehigh²	Yes (not a Sunshine body)/monthly ³	Yes/yes	See footnote 2.	Edd Weiner Etwra@aol.com Ms. Shellie Johnson EnSite (239)226- 0024
Alva	Yes/monthly	Yes/WIP	Yes, \$50K for LDC	Ruby Daniels, pres. Jerry Murphy (239) 322-8510
North Olga	Yes/monthly	Yes/Just started	Yes, \$50K for LDC, recently awarded	Denis Van Roekel (239) 691-9394 Alexis Crespo (239) 850-8525
College Parkway	Steering committee in place	No/no	Yes, \$50K for Community Plan, recently awarded; contractor not selected.	Chris Ressler or Ken Gooderham
Upper Captiva	Yes/~6-8 per year	Yes/WIP	Yes; \$35K for LDC	Margaret Banyan, FGCU (239) 590-7850
Buckingham	No	Yes/no	None	None
Boca Grande	No	Yes/no	None	None

¹ Unless indicated otherwise, Kathie Ebaugh is County liaison. The term ‘pres’ means ‘presiding officer; actual titles may vary.

² County contributed \$500K for community plan prepared by Wallace Roberts and Todd and by County staff. County is project manager—Staff prepared GOPs and general LDC standards and hired EnSite to work in LDCs for mixed-use centers. . Received ~\$568K to do planning and design study for neighborhood and downtown to implement Mixed Use Center Plan. Plus \$1.5 for engineering plans for redevelopment of Homestead Road through Downtown Center.

³ The group that County staff works with to develop the plan and LDC with is not the Lehigh Acres Panel, but a larger community group that is organized through the county’s Lehigh Acres planning effort.

(Gasparilla Island)				
Pine Island (incl Little Pine and Matlacha)	Community group in place/ monthly in season—County staff does not attend	Yes/yes	None	None
North Fort Myers	Yes/monthly	Yes/yes	\$50K for Town Center Mixed Use Plan	Richard Thomas, pres. Tony Palermo County liaison (239) 533-8325
Bayshore	Yes—not a Sunshine body/monthly	Yes/no	None; staff is working directly with community on this project	Steve Brodtkin, pres. Matt Noble County liaison (239) 533-8548
Caloosahatchee Shores (with Olga subset)	Yes/monthly in season	Yes/yes	None	Ed Kimball, pres. Matt Noble County liaison (239) 533-8548
Palm Beach Boulevard	Yes/monthly	Yes/WIP	\$50K for LDC— County is project manager—hired DeLisi to perform work	Dan DeLisi (239) 418-0691
DR/GR (East Lee County)	No	Yes/yes?	None	
San Carlos ISLAND	No	Yes/no	None	