

Captiva Community Panel
MINUTES
Dec. 10, 2013

Attending: David Rohn, Jack Cunningham, Jay Brown, Susan Stuart, Mike Mullins, Paul McCarthy, Jerry McClure, Robert Baugh, Mike Kelly

Audience: 8

Meeting convened 9 a.m. Introductions and roll. Minutes of the Nov. 12 meeting unanimously approve (Cunningham/Stuart).

Captiva Fire District: Chief Rich Dickerson: Mark Wells was named volunteer of the year. Employee of year was T.C. Klein, who was in Afghanistan on his second tour there. Building: working on development order, permit filed yesterday, goes out to bid tomorrow in this room. Six weeks to respond due to holidays, Jan. 24 deadline. Early February we start demolition, and then start construction after that. 10-12 months from groundbreaking, in there by January 2015.

CEPD: Kathy Rooker: Meeting tomorrow 1 p.m. in Wakefield Room. Project getting near finish, another estimate last night, to factor delays and equipment problems. Finish by Friday morning on Captiva, then breakdown pipe and till entire island. Move submerged pipeline over to Sanibel. Should take 7 days. Start pumping on Sanibel, 8-10 days to do, then surveys and tilling afterwards. Need to move equipment to work on beach, not much beach there now so it's not big enough for us to get equipment on the beach. Will have to take down guardrail to allow equipment access to the beach. Will interrupt traffic briefly to allow equipment to move. Doing Sanibel work due to interlocal agreement signed in 2000, to mitigate impact of groin. Giving them less than before... 25M CY per year between projects, could have been 2000M CY. Blind Pass sand went on Sanibel, we got credit for that. Giving them 75M CY this time. Agreement expires 2014.

MULLINS: Had sand been placed on northern Sanibel as we requested, erosion would not have been as bad as it is now; it went on Bowmans Beach instead. Worst erosion that I've ever seen now. **ROOKER:** Putting fill just south of the pass south to Bowmans Beach. **CUNNINGHAM:** Agreement ceases in 2014? What happens? **ROOKER:** Don't know, not perpetual agreement. We'll have to see what happens. **BROWN:** State of Blind Pass? **ROOKER:** Sandbar by Mad Hatter is filling in, looks like pass is trying to get back to its natural state, heading south along Sanibel. Need to watch dredging for its impact on hydraulics, how wide and how deep. Blind Pass not a CEPD project, a county project, so they're in charge of monitoring. Found a lot of pipe left over from Blind pass project. Extending 500 feet out from the groin, floating just off the bottom. Talked to county staff, they mentioned Florida Dock & Dredge had lost pipe during last project, abandoned search. Cold front uncovered pipe, FDD came to get their pipe back.

MULLINS: Learned we were not bringing in subaqueous pipe as in the past, took much longer on the south end to get pipe off the beach. Dredgers tried to work with us to allow access, but not best method to pipe the island. Very difficult if you own property on the beach. **SZAMBECKI:** Pipe on beach since late October. SSRI also hurt by this, had recalibrate weddings and events to accommodate pipes. **ROOKER:** Long time on south end due to equipment, booster pump down three weeks which added to the schedule. Sandy took a lot of equipment out of the inventory, so dredgers had to adapt to get project done on our timetable. Apologies for any inconveniences, got a lot of support from property owners. If

someone asked for a pipe bridge, we got one there usually within 24 hours. Contract let to vegetate dunes, a little heavier than last time. Will start in January, they're growing our plants now. KELLY: People use golf carts on beach. ROOKER: That's illegal, only people allowed are CFD, LSCO, turtle patrol, surveyors with dredgers.

LCSO: Deputy Mike Sawicki: Beach golf carts, call us if you see them. Island mostly quiet, only one break-in at South Seas, conference center vandalism and Doc Fords. Caught them after long chase on Sanibel, all had long records. Minor incidents otherwise. Looking at some common elements with Sanibel incidents. Some boat-related incidents around Pine Island Sound. Often former employees of business or people who had done work at residence. PYLE: Thanks for being on top of speeding along TW stretch. SAWICKI: Often shift changes issues people rushing to work. CUNNINGHAM: Coyotes working their way out here, who do we go to? SAWICKI: Uphill fight, Fish & Wildlife Commission, ordinances against hunting and trapping out here on the island. Some incidences out here, as they get comfortable they can get more bold. Confirmed on Sanibel, some sightings on Captiva. McCARTHY: Good job on golf cart parade.

Hurricane Committee: Doris Holzheimer: Hurricane season is over. Very fortunate this year, but we did get to M in storm names so there were storms. Storm Ready renewal done, will get a new sticker. Come to SkyWarn training on March 11 and hurricane program on March 6; SkyWarn at Tween Waters, educational program at South Seas.

Fund-raising: McCARTHY: Mailing with brochure, go out with January mailing. Brochure ready to go, invitation to cruise, ability to contribute. On Dec. 19 South Seas is opening the gates to allow boats in, tied to Captiva Holiday Village, donation to go to Golisano Hospital. Created a Holiday Stroll area along the marina. Boats in from other yacht clubs with lights, trolley will bring people to north end. Open as of this Thursday, Dec. 12, for both weekends. Doing cruise from Tween Waters on the Lady Chadwick on Dec. 19. PYLE: \$20 per person? McCARTHY: Yes, suggested donation, have had some pushback. Discussion of event.

Communications: STUART: Denice Beggs does monthly newsletter to clients, will include panel agenda for upcoming meetings. Would like to get head shots for panel members.

Planning: Max Forgey: Planner Tony Palermo is here from the county. Suggesting four workshops for community input for plan update... Feb. 11, March 11 and April 8 after panel meetings. Leaves one extra date, not held in conjunction with panel ... March 5-6 possible, perhaps at Community Center. First meeting as an introduction to the process, other three will focus on topics. Put something out after it's decided. Discussion of meetings.

Budget: 2014 budget approved unanimously (Kelly/Stuart). MULLINS: Baugh is leaving South Seas, so this is his last meeting. Panel seat to appoint. CUNNINGHAM: If bylaws change, Nominating Committee should handle. It's a panel seat, so Nominating Committee will come into play. GOODERHAM: As to 2014 officers, had contacted current officers to see if they wanted to continue, no clear plan. MULLINS: Willing to continue but no more than a year. Motion (Cunningham/Rohn) to keep officers as is. Unanimous approval.

Survey: GOODERHAM: Presentation of survey summary, extensive discussion followed on specifics points and follow-up. Consensus of panel to have Gooderham/Forgey do an action-focused analysis for discussion at the January meeting. Proposed schedule for community workshops OK, target January

meeting for structure and topics. CBROWN: Lots of good input, people want to be informed. BAUGH: A strong sense of “We don't know what you do, leave us alone.” Would encourage panel to swing for low-hanging fruits and get some wins, target things that can be achieved quickly. FORGEY: No sense of a galvanizing issue that will be very contentious in this group of issues. MULLINS: Make this the main topic for January meeting. CUNNINGHAM: Asked each panel member to review survey summary and results, compare with Executive Summary and note changes to Gooderham and panel in time for discussion at January meeting.

Bylaws: CUNNINGHAM: Read statement made at last panel meeting. McCarthy wanted to know position of committee members, get a consensus of opinions. Interest of committee was how to deal with this issue. McCARTHY: Wanted input from committee as to what occurred at meetings.

JBROWN: Support proposal. Have been a member of many boards, developed feelings about what's proper governance. Nobody knows better who should become members of a board than those who are current members of a board. Most boards have Nominating Committees to determine process to select new board members. This proposal is closer to the ideal model, current board in control of future members. Eliminates perception of outside groups being in control of the board and its governance.

CUNNINGHAM: Reviewed proposal, good way to get proper representation on the panel.

KELLY: Existing method was a reasonable approach, proportionate representation was needed at that time. Doing important things, updating Captiva Plan and maintaining relationship with the county. CPOA has been the county choice to move things forward for community, times have passed and there may be the need for a new approach. Hesitant to support this proposal, see relationship with county unchanged as we move forward with this important change. Change should happen, but maybe not right now. CPOA took on legal obligation with the county. I'd like to see some things happen to make this a more open and egalitarian organization. Through major portion of county of work, have support for our budget. Funding mechanism for the panel at a broader base, need proof of that to proceed. County process and broader financial support from community needed first to make this kind of change. McCARTHY: Do we need to form a new legal entity?

BAUGH: What happened to require change? Why fix something if it is not broke? What the issue? Don't you want CPOA and CCA involved? What was the reason to do this? If it's broke, then get the right thing in its place. McCARTHY: I've been here from the beginning, which is a good and bad thing. A lot of acrimony at the beginning. Mission of one group to kill the panel. Things that happened that need to be remembered. The county was not responsive, so there were two answers – incorporation or community planning. Reiteration of history. Things have changed, but is there now full-fledged community support? CPOA has funded everything for years. Better representation, but still some perception that panel is CPOA-centric. McClure: In favor of proposal, only because of work on Nominating Committee before. Were we looking at best people for panel, or just taking what the two groups gave us? Committee was not being allowed to function. Could not address need for bylaws changes until we addressed the nominating process. Discussion of committee discussion about Nominating Committee makeup. McClure: Have a committee that exists in some continuous fashion to look over the possible choices for the best available for the open positions. This change allows us to look at the other bylaws changes to make panel more representative of what Captiva is.

STUART: You all have offered heartfelt remarks. I was also here for the contentious years. We've come a long way. Hope the CCA will focus on what it does best – support library and history and social issues – and not have a committee in direct conflict with what we do. I would support this change, it's time to move on from the past. ROHN: I have mixed feelings. We do have a perception problem, it is

broken and we need to fix it. Part of me recognized factions on the island, and that can be recognized in the apportionment of seats. This proposal could be perceived negatively since it eliminates any guarantee for any organization to be represented; we will need to work hard to ensure that all sides are represented. HOLZHEIMER: Support most of the recommendation, except for 10 people on the panel since it's an even number. There is a perception issue, time to come to a point of balance. CBROWN: Agree with most comments, Nominating Committee can develop governance structure and needs. Panel can do a better job of communicating to its Nominating Committee what it needs.

MULLINS: Discussion of history. Governance issues with CCA, Hoped the two groups could come together. Wanted to have influence and communicate with the county. CPOA had stopped picking some of the seats and throwing the open seats to the panel to choose. Mixed emotions, committee invested a lot of time putting this together. Survey shows the multiple perceptions on the island. Always going to be a perception problem with some people who won't let the past go. Painful to accomplish something, but it's been beneficial to go through this process and the end result has been worth the effort. Wish all groups operated in the sunshine.

Motion to accept changes as proposed (Brown/Cunningham).

- JBROWN-yes.
- KELLY-no.
- CUNNINGHAM-yes. See minimal overlap with CCA on land use at this point.
- BAUGH-no.
- McCARTHY-no. Would like to get to yes, still a little more to go. Will eventually need to get CPOA out of this organization entirely, form a new organization.
- McCLURE-yes.
- STUART-yes.
- ROHN-yes.
- MULLINS-no. Would like to get through this plan process first. Would like not to have drag up the past. If at the end of this process people participate and speak for themselves, then I'm encouraged that we've put this behind us and would consider supporting a bylaws change to make this an entity unto itself.

With a supermajority required for bylaws changes, the motion does not pass with a 5-4 vote.

McCLURE: Need Nominating Committee to address Baugh opening. Put something in newspaper and email list to solicit candidates. McCARTHY: Should someone from South Seas be on panel?

JBROWN: Not set in stone, but sense of the panel as to what is needed. MULLINS: Look as broadly as possible. ROHN: Does the Bylaws Committee continue its work? MULLINS: Yes, but hold in abeyance since there's a lot of other work to be done. Let's get some things done.

Other business: Jan. 14 meeting date OK. HOLZHEIMER: Thanks to Robert Baugh for participation and service. Daniel Smock will take lead on Monday After The Master. BAUGH: South Seas would like representation, formal or informal.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. **NOTE:** Due to electrical issues, there was no recording made of this meeting.

— *Ken Gooderham, administrator*