

2018 Captiva Community Survey – zone analysis

Observations

Beach-related issues:

- Beach cleanup overall -- Higher in Village, which has more intensive use than Gold Coast and Tween Waters without the cleanup provided by South Seas
- Beach paraphernalia not removed from beach at night – Highest in Village (denser population) lowest in Tween Waters (most visible beach?)
- Proper disposal of fishing line – Again higher in South Seas and lower at Tween Waters
- Dune vegetation protection – Top beach item for all zones
- Plastic straws on beach – Lower for Gold Coast and Tween Waters, less of a problem there without restaurants
- Open fires on beach without permit – Highest in South Seas, lowest in Gold Coast... would have expected the opposite
- Unauthorized vendors on beach – consistent across the zones
- Amplified or loud music on beach – Highest at South Seas (most likely to happen there?), lowest at Tween Waters
- Large tents and extended canopies on beach – This was more important for South Seas and Gold Coast (greater occurrence?) less so for the Village and Tween Waters
- Alcoholic beverages on beach – Oddly, highest concern in Gold Coast, where lack of restaurants make it less likely to occur
- Peddlers & buskers on the beach – Less concern in Village, where it is more likely to occur

Top issues:

1. Dune vegetation across the board
2. Beach cleanup second
3. Disposal of fishing line

Bottom issue:

- Alcoholic beverages across all zones

Water quality & shoreline protection:

- Maintaining the 1978 CCCL – Highest at South Seas (where it's less likely to be an issue), lowest at Tween Waters
- Mangrove setbacks and variances – Highest at South Seas, surprisingly lower at Gold Coast and Tween Waters (probably where greatest loss is occurring)
- Mangrove mitigation on Captiva – Higher in the more densely populated areas
- Protection of bayfront vegetation buffers – lowest at Gold Coast, perhaps because it has a pretty decent buffer now?
- Fertilizer use and nutrient runoff – Much higher concern in densely populated areas, likely where more runoff is generated
- Dog feces pick-up – Reasonably uniform, a little higher at South Seas
- Regulating existing septic systems – Highest concern is at South Seas, where septic systems are not an issue; lowest on Gold Coast, where land mass may make septic systems less of a concern
- Overcrowded rental houses beyond septic capacity – Very uniform ranking, slightly higher at South Seas (where septic systems are not an issue)

- Enclosing non-living space without permit – Somewhat uniform rankings, Gold Coast a little lower (less concern) and higher at South Seas (where it should not be an issue)
- Jet skis in Roosevelt Channel – Uniform ranking, a little higher at Gold Coast (as would be expected)

Top issues:

- Overall: CCCL, runoff, regulating septics and overcrowded rentals
- Gold Coast: CCCL and overcrowded rentals tied for #1, then runoff and dog feces
- Tween Waters: Regulating septics and overcrowded rentals tied for #1, then CCCL and runoff tied for #2
- Village: Runoff, CCCL, regulating septics, overcrowded rentals
- South Seas: CCCL, regulating septics, runoff and overcrowded rentals

Bottom issue:

- Jet skis overall and at South Seas and Village, mangrove mitigation at Gold Coast and Tween Waters (just ahead of jet skis)

Traffic, road & parking issues:

- Speeding on Captiva Drive – Of higher concern at Gold Coast and Tween Waters (where speeding can actually happen), lowest at South Seas.
- Children driving golf carts – Higher concern in Village and South Seas (where it is most likely to happen), lowest on Gold Coast (where golf carts aren't allowed)
- Blind Pass Bridge problems – Much higher concern at Tween Waters than at Gold Coast (where the bridge issues are more present for residents)
- Illegal parking in season – Pretty uniform, slightly higher in Village where it probably more of a problem
- Gas-powered carts operating after 10 pm -- Highest in Village (most incidences, I'd guess), lower at Tween Waters and Gold Coast (where carts either aren't out late as much or not allowed at all)
- Transition to electric golf carts – Highest in Village (most practical and would have the most benefit there), lowest at Tween Waters (where they are less useful and less impactful)
- Loud music on rental golf carts – Highest in Village (expected) and lowest at Gold Coast (also expected)
- Unauthorized vehicles driving/parking – Highest at Tween Waters (beach parking?) and Village (restaurants and deliveries?), lowest at South Seas (perhaps because traffic is limited and people can use the trolleys, carts or bikes)
- Garbage & recycling containers left on street – Highest at South Seas (maybe from driving through Village?) and Village (expected), lowest at Tween Waters (also expected)
- Road kill – Only seems to be an issue in Village

Top issues:

1. Speeding on Captiva Drive overall and at Gold Coast and Tween Waters; children driving golf carts tops at Village and South Seas
2. Children driving golf carts overall and at Tween Waters; illegal parking at Gold Coast; speeding on Captiva Drive at South seas
3. Illegal parking overall, Tween Waters and South Seas; unauthorized vehicles at Gold Coast and Village

Bottom issue:

- Blind Pass Bridge overall, Village and South Seas, gas-powered carts at Gold Coast; transition to electric carts at Tween Waters

Development pattern & ambiance:

- Drones operated over private property – Higher concern on Gold Coast and South Seas (more use?), Lowest at Tween Waters
- "For Rent" and "Vacation Rental" signs – Uniform ranking, higher concern at Tween Waters and Gold Coast (fewer visual distracts to make them blend in?)
- Prohibited sandwich signs – Driven by Village, where most of the signs can be found
- Outside speakers/televisions – Higher concern for South Seas (expected) and Gold Coast (???) than in Village
- Loud music after 10 pm – Reasonably uniform, highest in Village (where violation is more likely)
- Unauthorized fireworks – Higher concern in Village, less in Tween Waters (quieter beach?)
- Transition from gas-powered leaf blowers – Noticeably higher issue in Village, where impact is more dramatic; lowest in Tween Waters
- Violations of 7-day rental minimum – Uniform ranking, higher concern in Tween Waters (???) and Village (expected), lowest in South Seas (where rentals for less than seven days are more common... and allowed)
- Preserving the historic dark sky – Very uniform ranking, higher in South Seas (more light pollution likely), less on Gold Coast (darker overall)
- Virtually flat gable roofs – Higher concern in South Seas (with little redevelopment right now) and Village (expected), lower on Gold Coast More land/vegetation as visual buffer)

Top issues:

1. Dark skies top across all zones (except tied with loud music in Village)
2. Loud music overall and at Gold Coast and South Seas; 7-day rental violations in Tween Waters
3. Fireworks overall and in Village and South Seas, drones on Gold Coast; "For Rent" signs on Tween Waters;

Bottom issue:

- Sandwich signs across all zones

Native vegetation & invasive species:

- Monitor lizards & iguanas – Very uniform rankings throughout
- Rabbits – Somewhat uniform, higher in Village (more incidences) lower in South Seas (more control steps being taken?)
- Other invasive animal species – Gold Coast slightly more concerned (coyotes?), Tween Waters less (Gold Coast coyotes at work?)
- Excessive removal of trees – Again, very uniform... more concern in South Seas (where there's probably less removal), much lower on Tween Waters
- Clear-cutting of lots – Again, very uniform... lowest concern on Tween waters

Awareness of panel:

- Much lower from south Seas respondents, often a harder audience to reach
- In general, a positive perception from those who are aware of the group.
- "No opinion" highest percentage in Tween Waters (due to sample size), highest number at South Seas (expected)

Top 20 issues – unique by zone

If you compare the top 20 issues (based on weighted average) for the entire vs. each zone, the following issues are unique to each zone and do not make the island top 20:

Gold Coast:

- Unauthorized vendors on the beach
- Drones operated over private property
- Monitor lizards and iguanas
- Rabbits

Tween Waters:

- Maintaining the 1978 CCCL
- Unauthorized vehicle driving/parking
- Violations of the 7-day rental minimum
- Unauthorized vendors on beach
- Monitor lizards & iguanas
- Illegal parking in season

Village:

- Rabbits
- Unauthorized vehicles driving/parking
- Illegal parking in season
- Unauthorized fireworks

South Seas

- Excessive removal of trees
- Unauthorized vendors on beach

This is not to suggest these issues need to be elevated in the overall list, but that they may have more importance in one of the island zones than they have islandwide. In the case of Tween Waters, since the sample is such a small percentage of the overall islandwide survey response (6.25%), more disparities would be expected.

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