

## Captiva Community Panel

# MINUTES

Oct. 8, 2019

**Attending:** Mike Mullins, Rene Miville, Antje Baumgarten, Jay Brown, Michael Lanigan, Mike Kelly (phone)

**Audience:** ~10

Meeting convened 9 a.m., Mullins chair. Intros and roll. *Mullins:* Tom Rathbone memorial service will be held Nov. 14, asked for moment of silence. Approval of Sept. 10 minutes (Miville/Brown) was unanimous.

**CFD:** *Chief Jeff Pawul:* Fire prevention week/month. Remind everyone to change smoke detector batteries, have fire extinguishers tested, etc. Change batteries when you change your clocks. Fire on Upper Captiva we went up to assist. Tri last month, went successfully. Issues with road closure and opening. *Mullins:* Sanibel City Councilor Jason Maughn here, to discuss safety issues proposal and Sanibel. *Maughn:* Rip tides and pass incidents. City is looking at throwing devices, signs may not help. How to address so actin at pass does not put city liable for coverage of beaches. Tie it to pass rather than beach due to strong current. Throwing device on the Sanibel side. *Miville:* Example of his daughter getting swept out in pass current. How about a large board for emergency use only? Throwing device may not be enough to save someone. *Mullins:* Let experts look into this. *Pawul:* Throw before you go. If not trained in board use could create more danger than help. *Susy Henry:* Friend sitting there when person was lost, wonder why there was not a rip tide alert. *Maughn:* This can happen anywhere on these island. *Sawicki:* Issue is tidal current, not rip tides. *Mullins:* With red tide warnings, people still going in the water despite signs. Need to think about options. Discussion. City looking at what can be done before what will be done. *Brown:* What can we do to help? *Maughn:* Will share attorney's opinion on this once issued. Beaches can always be dangerous. Discussion. Look after one rather the other. *Pawul:* Passes are issues, less of a concern at Redfish because it is not as inviting. Upper Captiva has Charley's Pass and Captiva Pass. Discussion of issues.

**LCISO:** *Lt. Mike Sawicki:* A few thefts of fishing equipment and golf gear. Left out in unlocked cars boats. Good to be alert, not leave items of value out. Bring them in or lock them up. Also put cameras on dock, good for Roosevelt channel. *Mullins:* Props stolen of boats in past, no issues now. *Sawicki:* Been a while since we've seen lower unit or engine thefts. Discussion. *Brown:* Willing to meet with property owners on placement of camera? *Sawicki:* Yes, crucial to be able to see. Important for us when we can't be there ourselves.

**CEPD:** *Carolyn Weaver:* Board meeting yesterday. Dave Jensen retired, looking for replacement. Working on that, will decide following month. Approved capital budget. General budget approved Sept. 24. Looking to possibility of emeritus commissioner position. People who have served board, great knowledge and experience but need to step off board, honorary position to keep access to their knowledge. Updating amenities at Hagerup Park, soon putting out new website. Hans Wilson & Associates provided administrative services to district, Resigned with 60 day's notice. Our contract will need to be figured out somehow. Staff is dedicated to board and district. *Mullins:* Three good candidates for open opposition. A few more may be coming up soon. Good to have that interest. *Ann Brady:*

Timeline for restoration. *Weaver*: 2020/2021... apportionment approved December or January, public meeting after that Still working on details of properties.

**Sanibel SLR:** *Mullins*: Explained background, call from James Evans, mentioned a Florida DEP grant request to model sea level rise on Sanibel. Asked if Captiva would be interested in participating. Needed answer to submit grant request, accepted on behalf of Captiva, also. Motion to affirm including Captiva in the Sanibel FDEP grant request (Brown/Miville), unanimous.

**Iguanas:** *Gooderham*: Recap of status. Alfredo has been coming back out starting Sept. 17, have connected him with county to complete paperwork necessary for payment. David Mintz will work on scope and petition language with county once he's back down here. Unit financing will include paying back the \$25,000 the county has committed to pay for trapping while the unit is being formed. If unit is not approved, county will have to absorb that cost since there won't be an entity to pay for it. Will require approval of 50%+1 of island property owners as defined in the unit, and no response is deemed a "no" vote. *Miville*: Election is insane, county involvement in unit will raise costs. *Mullins*: Research with Sanibel, trapping rates may be high for us. Discussion. *Mullins*: CEPD looked into participating, attorney recommended against it.

**Andy Rosse:** *Gooderham*: Recap of status, plan to improve appearance of Andy Rosse beach access. County right-of-way, so county has to sign off on plans and maintenance, then we apply for a permit for the work itself. Delayed waiting for contractor to provide information on plants and materials, received late last week and will file this week. Plan is to do work in January. *Mullins*: Project was outside scope of CEPD, might submit for Tourist Development Council funding.

**Wastewater:** *Brown*: Recap of status. David Tomasko water quality review and final draft of report under way, expected by Nov. 1. Will distribute then, discuss at Nov.12 panel meeting. Tomasko will be on phone to answer questions. Hold public meeting in January to present study to community. Recap of conclusions, issue is not groundwater by failure of systems due to SLR. Lack of adequate separation between drain fields and water table, on smaller lots than allowed by current code. Can he be more specific about failure timetable when it will be issue for Captiva? Given noncompliance, why aren't we experience more issues today. Present study at November meeting, public workshop in January, what will panel want to recommend to community based on what we know to date? Discussion of system partnering with Sanibel. Bulk of risk is in Village, what could be done to treat those properties alone? Collection system for Village area alone, waste treated by FGUA facility. Discussion. *Miville*: TKW estimates high based on my experience. Discussion of interest rates and constructions costs. *Brown*: FGUA management aware of this discussion, developing estimates for their costs to expand capacity for Village only. *Miville*: Dual system, village to FGUA, rest to Sanibel. *Brown*: Theoretically possible. If FHUA viable long-term? Regular inspection of septics also under discussion. *Mullins*: Stormwater runoff, thoughts? *Brown*: Not pursued yet. *Mullins*: Discussion of Cape Coral financing options. *Maughn*: Rate of turnover here would be paid off far faster than you'd imagine. Assessment checkoff on deed, moved more quickly than expected. Discussion. *Mullins*: Make it more attractive to encourage support, make it a more viable solution.

**Development:** *Gooderham*: Status of cruise planning, date selected, Mike Boris will start working on details when he gets back to island. Planning a year-end solicitation letter to go out with invitato/pm/*Baumgarten*: Ask for emails. *Miville*: Letter has impact, starts discussion of what panel is doing. Big

return.

**Communications:** *Baumgarten:* Designing newsletter for community outreach to more people, reach out to HOAs. Need help? Yes. *Mullins:* Share emails or distribute to your database. *Baumgarten:* Create a welcome folder for homeowners. Who has access to new buyers? *Miville:* Rental agents? *Baumgarten:* Talked with Royal Shell, it's easier for us to approach people directly. *John Jensen:* Literature at HOA meeting in January. *Maughn:* We hold a new residents meeting at city hall, always packed. Discussion. *Baumgarten:* Tie to Captiva Cruise to welcome new residents.

**Captiva Drive:** *Gooderham:* Recap of status. Plans under review by Mintz and Rauschenberg Foundation, expect to have update next month.

**Taxation:** *Mullins:* Discussion of process to assess island payments. Discussion of bed tax collections, rentals and public access credit for beach funding. Six units or more to count for public access, fighting to include individual rentals given the scope of those on island.

**Hurricane communications:** *Lanigan:* Info added to panel website, list of links. Difficult to get granular info post storm is difficult, people have tasks they must do first. *Mullins:* SLR Committee looking at impact on storms and weather incidents.

**Captiva Brand:** *Baumgarten:* Communicate better to visitors and renter on island. Particularly about community and life on island. Possible tie into Tween Waters, prop or game to spread information. *Mullins:* Who is our audience? Property owners and renters/visitors.

**Sea Level Rise:** *Brown:* Amassing a huge amount of information, to bring to panel to discuss impact of SLR on island over time. Committee will hold workshop Nov. 18, info found to date on SLR threat. Committee needs direction from panel on storminess as an issue to be reviewed. Committee feels its plate is full, need not to look at hurricane issues. *Miville:* Bayfront properties, is water higher than it used to be? Discussion. *Jensen:* We know how to protect properties now, but what do you do with a 10-foot storm surge? *Miville:* CEPD has right to put back the beach, permit lasts for a few more years. Will be looking into extending that permit beyond current term. *Mullins:* Have identified this to engineers. Discussion. *Mullins:* Warmer waters can bring stronger storms, also look at beach protections. Don't have a good plan for protecting the bayside of the island. CEPD devoted funding this year for bayside initiatives. Look to committee to make recommendations of projects that might make sense. More effective ways to protect the shoreline. *Miville:* Preventive measures are 10% of the cost of recovery costs from storm events. Both groups should be working on this. *Brown:* SLR committee is doing exploratory work and develop recommendations, then discuss options and implementation, primarily via CEPD. *Mullins:* A regional issue, regional compact is being organized. *Maughn:* Resilience study came out this week, will include Captiva. Systemic erosion on the bayside.

**Nominating Committee:** *Gooderham:* Summary of committee actions, discussions held electronically. Four names submitted: Tony Lapi, Ann Brady, John Jensen and Linda Laird. Decisions summarized in report in packet:

- The CPOA will reappoint Kelly and Lanigan to their seats.
- The CCA will appoint Ann Brady to the seat formerly held by Rathbone.
- The Nominating Committee is recommending Tony Lapi for the seat now held by Walter (who is

termed out).

- The panel must decide how to appoint to fill the seat vacated by Dave Jensen.

*Brown:* Asked Laird to submit without knowing that Jensen was interested. *Mullins:* Wait to November, reach out to community. *Mullins:* Summary. *M:* Terms could come into play. *Miville:* Trickle up policy for finding new panel members. Members need to contribute time, treasury and talent. Jensen a long term resident and financial supporter, Laird has shown time and talent with SLR work. *Mullins:* Two good candidates, don't look further, set vote for November.

**Financials:** *Gooderham:* Handout in packet, happy to explain anything.

**New business:** *Nathalie Pyle:* Compliment panel on handling of iguana issue. *Sherill Sims:* Who do we call about iguanas? *Mullins:* Contact Gooderham. *Sims:* Holiday golf cart parade, is South Seas sponsoring again this year? *Mullins:* Walter has been inundated, ask Rachele Noce since she coordinated last year. Discussion about iguanas and native species.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

***Ken Gooderham***