

## Captiva Community Panel

# MINUTES

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**Attending:** Jay Brown, Tony Lapi, Linda Laird, Ann Brady, John Jensen, Mike Lanigan, Mike Mullins, Mike Kelly, Antje Baumgarten, Bob Walter, Rene Miville

**Audience:** 20

Meeting convened at 9 a.m. Roll call and introductions. The March 9, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved (Mullins/Jensen).

**Covid update:** *Brown:* We've traditionally began each meeting with a COVID update from David Mintz. David, have you been able to prepare an update for us this morning as you usually have done? *Mintz:* Good morning, everyone. I will do it quickly. I know you have a long agenda. Currently there are still 11 cases on Captiva. There are now 245 cases on Sanibel. Vaccines are now available in the state of Florida to any Florida resident over the age of 18. And you can get either a Moderna vaccine, a Pfizer vaccine, or a J&J vaccine, which as of yesterday, there was a diminished supply of J&J vaccines in Florida for some reason. And then this morning, the CDC and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration just recommended that the United States pause the use of the J&J vaccine because of six reported cases of rare and severe type of blood clotting -- six out of 6 million or something like that -- but there is a pause of J&J vaccines now being recommended for the United States. In Florida, or at least in Lee County, Millennium (the healthcare provider) is providing the vaccines to its patients. You can also get a vaccine at Walgreens, Publix, CVS, Winn Dixie, Walmart, the county, you can still get a vaccine by registering with the county. They are now providing the vaccines at the old Sears site on Tamiami Trail, as opposed to by the airport where they were doing in the past. If you're a Sanibel and Captiva resident, FISH is offering vaccines, but only for Captiva and Sanibel residents. In Florida, at least 34% of residents have gotten at least one vaccination shot, and 21% are fully vaccinated in the state of Florida. In the United States as a whole, 22% have been vaccinated. So Florida is right there at about the average in Florida this past week, there have been 362 new COVID deaths, as opposed to 12,166, which was the weekly high back in August. We have 41,000 new cases. In this past January, the new cases was at 111,000, so we're down about a third of that. With the positivity rate in Florida, that's the people who test positive, the number is at 9.81%, which is still too high, which means that it's still spreading. By comparison, here we have a 9.81% positivity rate; in Wisconsin it's 3.1%; in New York it's 3.3%. In Connecticut, it's 3.7%. In Illinois, it's 4.1%. In Minnesota, it's 5.9%. Georgia 7.5%, New Jersey is about 8%. Michigan's positivity rate now is 17.48%. It's an incredible surge, hard to explain it. The B.117 variant of the virus is now the dominant strain in the United States. It's more contagious, and has the highest numbers of cases of this new variant. So all I can say is that things have plateaued, they stabilize, the more vaccines, the better. You want to get to herd immunity, which is about 70% or 80% or 90% vaccination. We're at 22% or 21% in Florida, so we have a ways to go. People who are vaccinated have good reason to believe that it's very low risk in terms of getting sick and if you do get sick, your symptoms will be mild. But the virus is still spreading. In Lee County, the total number of ICU beds is 156, and the total ICU beds in use today is 125. That means they're available ICU beds of 31, which is about 20% availability, which is a good number. It's been even less than that in the past. So we don't have a lot of adult ICU beds for COVID being used. For some reason, the pediatric beds are filled at this point in the county, there are only two available pediatric beds out of 65. I don't know the explanation of that. But that's my report for today. *Brown:* Can you make a generalization now that people are able to sign up and get registered for a shot, has it become much easier now? *Mintz:* I can make that generalization. It's available at a lot more places. And I have not heard this week about people who are having trouble getting in; I'm sure there are people who are having trouble, but not to the extent there was in the past. Older people have now received the vaccines if they want them, and younger people are much more adept at getting into the system to get their shots if they want, they are more adept on computers.

**LCSO: Lt. Mike Sawicki:** It's been a pretty busy month, just all the way around, with things on Captiva and Upper Captiva. If you've been there lately, it's kind of ever expanding with their number of vacation rentals, I think they have something like 20 active construction projects going on up there. So that's been taking a bit of our time. But all in all, everything's pretty well in hand. One thing I did want to bring up is a class of products that's new to me. I don't want to be recommending a specific product or anything, but it might be helpful for some of the people here that manage or own rental properties. They'd say it will monitor inside of the residence, looks kind of like a smoke alarm. But it's a decibel counter, so you can figure out how loud things are getting inside of your property. And you can set that for a duration, so not every time somebody walks by the thing with a crying baby or slams a door or whatever the thing is going off. So you know, if you want to set it for, say 72 decibels for 10 minutes, once you achieve that threshold, it will send an alert to you, no matter where you are. A couple of the other interesting features of some of these products is they have occupancy monitoring. So it actually measures the number of mobile devices in the property. This is probably more useful with our summertime crowd where people tend to rent a house for six or eight people and all of a sudden, there's 75 people that are just visiting Friday at the property. So if you suddenly see a spike in the number of mobile devices, you have probably an indicator that they're assembling a party or having an off-book wedding or something like that on your property. It also will measure things like motion and temperature. So that'll let you know if somebody is in the in the house when they shouldn't be, let you know if guests are arriving on the property when they're getting there. But also, you know, if somebody left the AC on cranking it, to meat locker temperatures, and then also leaving the doors open and closed all day. So it's a good way to help protect your investment and also make sure that you're saving a little bit of money on that sort of thing. They also don't have any cameras or audio recording features to them, designed for a rental market, so it's not sitting there recording your guests or invading their privacy. And one of the other things some of these things are programmed to do is to recognize other alarms, so that if your smoke alarm or CO<sub>2</sub> alarm or septic alarm or something is going off on the property, then this device can recognize it and send an alert to your phone. The person who brought it to my attention has a product called MINUT, but I don't know if it's good or bad -- I don't want to be making a product recommendation. So I'll leave it up to anybody that's interested to research what products are out there. I just wasn't aware that there was a device on the market that would do all that. *Brown:* I wasn't either. Do the rental companies know about this? *Sawicki:* As soon as I found out about it, I sent the information to a couple of people at the rental companies here on Captiva, and on Upper Captiva. I think it might be a good idea if we have people that are managing their properties independently or through VRBO or Air BnB, it's a good way for them to know what's going on at their property, even if they're up in Ohio, or Michigan, or what have you. It might help to mitigate some of the problems that we've had with noise complaints. I know that's a perennial issue, particularly in the Village area. So that's just one more tool in the toolbox to help manage things down here. *Brown:* But it seems to me if you are a vacation rental home owner, who wants some assurances that his guests are not disturbing the community or acting outside the terms of their lease, this would be a good tool for him to have. *Sawicki:* Yes, that's exactly what it's designed for. It's to keep people from having unauthorized parties and events and things like that in a residential rental home. *Brown:* Do you have a website for any of these devices? *Sawicki:* Like I said, the one that the gentleman here on Captiva, who has it brought it to my attention. It's a company called MINUT and their website is just [www.minut.com](http://www.minut.com). *Discussion. Baumgarten:* I heard a few days ago that there was a crime reported next door, somebody's ripping out all kinds of light structures on the Gulf side of the property and doing some other nuisance. Have you been able to find the people who destroyed this beautiful garden? *Sawicki:* No, not at this time. Still under an active investigation, I believe. I have to check because the homeowner may have signed a complaint withdrawal on it. But I don't believe there's any suspects in it. There was no video footage, no useful video footage. *Baumgarten:* So cameras don't always work, obviously. *Sawicki:* They work pretty well. I mean, I'd recommend them for sure. But make sure that, when stuff like this happens kind of at the edges of properties and what have you, sometimes the resolution isn't so good. So when you're setting up your home security systems, it's good idea to think about which assets you're trying to protect, and what you're trying to accomplish. And if you have a system that alerts you that people are on or near your property, it pays to every now and then look at your phone when those alerts come in. Because we've had calls before where people have contacted us, to let us know that somebody was in or around their property, and we've been able to intercede in that before anything bad happens.

**CFD:** *Chief Jeff Pawul:* I'll give a little plug for South Seas if you guys are okay with that. Since David mentioned vaccinations, South Seas is holding a vaccination clinic tomorrow at the resort, it's open to all residents of Captiva 18 or older. That's tomorrow from one to five. I'm sure the panel was alerted to this and sent this out to the members, so I don't need to give all the contact information. *Walter:* We sent it to the CCA. Sorry. *Pawul:* I can forward it to you guys if you want. *Brown:* Yes, can you so we could put that out to our email list. *Pawul:* We're going to have a guy there tomorrow just assist and Heaven forbid something would happen, but just want to let you guys know make sure everybody was aware of that. *Walter:* We have 250 doses. *Pawul:* At last count we only had like 70 signed up. So there is plenty of openings. I know you are supposed to make an appointment, that's why I want to make that reminder today for you guys. *Jensen:* Who do we call to sign up? *Pawul:* It's on the flyer, but it looks like Kimberly Vasquez is the coordinator for that. *Lapi:* Which vaccine is it? *Pawul:* You know, this doesn't say, though I think it is a double dose one, because the first is tomorrow and the next one is May 5. So whether it's Moderna or Pfizer, I don't really know. Other than that, I can just echo what Mike Sawicki said, it's season and on the EMS and fire side we've been pretty busy. *Walter:* We've been told the vaccine is Pfizer, by the way.

**CEPD:** *John Riegert:* You guys would be happy to know that yesterday, we passed the \$10,000 in support for the sea level rise study requested by the community panel. *Brown:* I'm just thrilled that you guys did that; as I'll report later, that completes the funding. Most importantly, it means that everybody's pulling in the same direction now on sea level rise. I'm really grateful for CEPD's action yesterday on that. *Riegert:* The board passed two resolutions for our rules of procedure, maintaining our bathroom services that we've had. The parking lot made \$85,000 in revenue in the month of March, which is a record breaker. We haven't ever sold that much. I'll hand over to Daniel to complete. *Mullins:* When you're through, Jennifer asked me to pass on a couple of points if you were done. *Daniel Munt:* We'll be having a workshop on April 29 to discuss some of the apportionment models we've been working on. Also have a quick project update; Also on April 29, we'll be discussing some of the bids that have come in prior to next month's board meeting, where we will actually ratify a decision on the contractor we select for the project, and we'll know at the time we select the project the schedule for when the beach nourishment is going to happen and the direction in which it will happen. *Laird:* I think a lot of the public may be interested in your workshop meeting on models. I wondered if there was some way that you were going to advertise it such that you get more people there or more people listening? *Munt:* We would be glad to. I can pass it to Ken so he can get it out to all of you if that helps. *Laird:* I'd be interested to hear if anybody else feels. Putting it out on a panel blast might be a good way to inform the public. *Baumgarten:* Maybe we could also forward it to the Civic Association, maybe they could send out an email as well, or put it on their Facebook page. I think the more we share it, the more people get an opportunity to listen. *Munt:* Maybe we could put the link out on our social media accounts. *Brown:* The panel puts out an announcement in advance of every CEPD meeting, we could put something out for the workshop. Share that with CCA and they could put out an announcement to their membership. *Miville:* May I say something as chairman of the CEPD? Linda made a good point, that because it is apportionment it's good for people to know what's going on. I held witness two days ago to three people having a discussion about how the taxation worked, and combined ownership of these three people amounted to about 80 years of beachfront property. And what was absolutely remarkable is none of them had... I don't want to say any idea what they were talking about, but really did not understand how apportionment works. So I think it would be fantastic for people to get a direct feed as to how apportionment works, and what its elements are. So that it's not other people saying and not understanding, because it's a little confusing, but once you understand it, it's not so confusing. So I recommend that, you know, maybe the extra effort to say this is an important workshop, if you can possibly observe you'll really learn a lot about how apportionment works. And one minor more thing, just to not answer, but just think about. And the big question is, for those who actually also rent their property, I think there's a strong case to say that your cost for beach renourishment could be a deduction. So these are things that should be passed around so people understand that, because there's a lot of independent thinkers on Captiva that are entrepreneurial. So anyway, it is an important workshop, it is just an explanation and coming to grips on the best way to make it fair and equitable for the taxpayers. It is an important meeting, but it should be regarded in that nature. So yeah, promote it as much as you can. I think it's important, it would be helpful. We are set up where it can be as many participants watching.

*Riegert:* To answer Mr. Rosen's comment, the workshop meetings are every Thursday at 1 p.m. Agendas have not been set for the 29<sup>th</sup>, but as soon as that's done, it'll be out and distributed to everybody. *Laird:* My guess, Rene, is you're going to get a decent attendance. So in terms of how you run the workshop, you may want to think about it as a lot of public stuff as well as just for the commissioners. *Miville:* Well, we would like to also, having been through apportionment theory since 1988, I really feel it's best to have it via Zoom. Of course, people can attend publicly, but we would prefer to use the power of video so that people can really see from everywhere. And then of course, there'll be a public, you know, anyone who has questions at the end. But I will be brutally candid. We want to welcome ideas, but this is not something where the public suddenly because of ego knows what's best for us and start overwhelming the meeting. Because, there's such a science involved and it's not complex, but it's based on fairness. And pretty much 85% of it conceived the way it's been conceived prior. So some people like to reinvent the wheel, and we just don't want to go in circles, because at some point, we have to come to grips with it. So it would be the equivalent of going to a Lee County Commission meeting, and they're talking about something very important over five or six years, and in the audience trying to have the tail wag the dog. Of course theory and insight and creativity is welcomed with open arms. But I just want to be crystal clear that this is something that has been 30 years in the making, and had a big investment with the economist and all that. So it's more of an informative session, because we went through prior to my chairmanship, three individuals that really took up a lot of the CEPD's time and energy and money over what amounted to a few \$100. I know if I were chairman, I would have put a stop to it immediately and said, "Guys, why don't you help us in the big picture in bringing in more money, not that you're paying \$50 more for your portion that because you live here versus there."

*Mullins:* Let me just say earlier, you made a comment about tax benefits. I just want to remind everybody that we're not providing any tax advice, you should bring that issue up with your tax accountant. We can't say what's deductible and not deductible, that's not our role. The other thing is that relative to what Rene is saying, there's going to be more of these work sessions, we're still trying to get all the commissioners up to speed and understanding apportionment. So this is not going to be what Linda was describing as sort of an interactive public meeting – everybody can be there, and they can ask their questions at some point in the three minute scenario, but according to the enabling legislation we will send out eventually, and I'm gonna say I think it's scheduled for the fall, a letter to every property owner saying, here's what it looks like your tentative assessment will be. It's required to send that out, and then within two weeks of those going out we'll be having a public hearing, which will be we sometimes what call it a town hall, but it will be a more interactive session where lots of questions can be asked of economists and engineers and the staff and the commissioners of the CEPD, so that would be scheduled in the fall. And it's it seems to be it's been a long time coming, but a lot of issues have come up that had been resolved and some staff changes, and so on. So again, we'll have this work session, I'm almost certain that there'll be more of them, because none of this data is that easy to grasp. And when people have a chance to study it and look at their actual personal property details, it will invite more questions, I'm sure. And there'll be plenty of opportunity for that in the fall to ask them. Now, once the tentative is sent out in the fall, the project will probably be under way, if not finished. But the actual details and costs of the project could take as much as a year to two years after the project is completed, and then another set of actual assessment bills would go to be followed also by a public hearing. So there's a lot of time between now and then for people to have a chance to really dig down into the apportionment and understand how it affects them. And if they don't like it, they have opportunity to object. *Brown:* Mike, are you saying then that you're you would prefer that we not try to maximize attendance at this workshop and wait until later? *Mullins:* That's probably better because I think people are always invited to attend every public meeting. But I think this needs to be sorted out first so that everybody on the board, we have not yet voted to accept the tentative apportionment, so these are just speculative. It's a rough word. But these are basically best guesses at this point in time of what we think will work and people are invited to listen in, but to be more active and understand there's going to be something that's going to occur later on, probably in November. *Brown:* Okay, so I guess the nut of what you're saying is don't try to really build up attendance for this, wait for you all to get further down the road on it and then encourage people attending at a later time. *Miville:* No offense, but I would have a different opinion.

*Brown:* I'm not trying to advocate one way or the other. *Miville:* I'm just saying that Mike's opinion is not my opinion. I personally welcome all observation. I'm just telling people, warning them now, please don't tell us how to run things, because we went through something a year ago with people on very minute issues that really wasted a lot of time, and ended up with nothing. But they had to show they were very smart people and lobbyists from DC worried about \$100, and it was a real time waster and an energy drain. So what the purpose of apportionment is, is to come up with concepts to fairly distribute the cost of beach renourishment to the owners of property, and every time we try to make it fairer and more realistic. And this is where if people are watching, and you know, observing and listening at the end, they might have an excellent question and say, "Hey, I have an idea. Why don't you do this?" And it's, it's a great idea. So I encourage observation, but I just may be acting in a draconian manner, Ming the Merciless, to say, "Please don't tell us how to do this now that you've watched it for 15 minutes. We've been doing this for 30 years." *Brown:* I suggest after this meeting, you and I get together and you tell me what support you would like to have from the panel? And what you'd like to see go out and how we can help you the best. *Mullins:* I would like to just have to go on record, before we go off this subject, and to say that yes, Rene's opinion is not mine, and mine is not his. However, I totally disagree with him, that people who've raised issues and have asked questions and have caused intense evaluation of what we're doing is not a waste of time, it's the public's right to be involved and it's brought up serious light on the issues. He was not here for most of that, and it's just unfortunate that he sees it as a waste of time. The public is actively involved. It's just this coming session, I don't think of broad-based involvement. It's certainly available and everybody can come, it's public. I wouldn't encourage people to think that this is the be-all and end-all of such meetings. *Miville:* I didn't say it's a waste of time, it's a waste of energy. Because at the end of the day, there was no value added except a couple of points that were brought out that are welcome. But then when it came to saying, Okay, well, you know, are you here to help or are you here just to point out how better you can do it, which I got the vibe. *Mullins:* Let's just agree to disagree on that. And let's agree to disagree, and then you talk to Jay afterwards as to what you want.

*Baumgarten:* Maybe I can get something, Rene, because the thing is, I don't know how to how the wording is, but everything that CEPD does is based on a law which is called Chapter 2000 399 House Bill, and that actually explains what options the CEPD has for the apportionment. So if people come up with suggestions on how to finance it, it's only based on the four options which means if people come up with ideas, that's fine, but you guys have to stick to the law anyway. So I think the idea is more, Jay, that we make sure we have good communication and people understand what is going on and feel fairly treated. That's important, but at the end of the day, the CEPD has to stick to the law and the options are limited. *Brown:* Right. I'm for all that. But, folks, I want to go back to our panel business today and not be a public forum for this CEPD issue. I'm just saying we want to support CEPD in whatever manner they think we can be most helpful. And let's leave it at that for now. *Laird:* And I brought this up because the workshop word meant to me a public workshop. You're going to do something for the public and bring them in and try to help them walk along the path to apportionment. And that's what I thought you were talking about rather than the typical Thursday meetings. So that's where I was going with. *Brown:* Right. I understand Linda. *Mullins:* Jay before we leave CEPD, that was wise what you said, but I asked earlier to be able to convey some information. *Brown:* Yes, absolutely. Go ahead. *Mullins:* So basically, there were two points. One is because of her connection with Cape Coral, she said that she had reached out to the public works director and wanted to make available to the panel any and all information they can relative to sewer and water management and treatment and so on. And you know that, but she asked me to share that with the group and also to let everybody know that you and I and she and David Mintz had a meeting to talk about how the organizations work well together. And if you want to add anything on that fine, but she just wanted it to be known to the group. *Brown:* Yes. We had a very good lunch with Jennifer. Me and you and David Mintz. I thought it was very useful, we got to know each other a lot better. I think we've got good communication lines opened up now between, Jennifer, me and the panel to CEPD and so forth. I think the vote of support yesterday from CEPD for the Integral Consulting project is evidence of that. So I thought it was a great meeting that I had with Jennifer and I'm really looking forward to working with her. *Miville:* Jennifer was T-boned by a car. The only reason she's not here right now as she was in a bad car accident. She went to the doctor at eight o'clock, the ambulance came, this happened last night. She thought the car was gonna roll over. She got hit by a car going in the same lane. But she sounds good. I don't know if they're gonna do an MRI, but she is seeing her doctor. So I didn't want to ring an alarm,

but I thought people should know the reason she's not represented here is because she's at the doctor. *Brown:* That sounds like a valid excuse to me, Rene. *Miville:* And we all wish her well.

**Crow's Nest:** *Brown:* Okay. Let's move on. I think the next item on the agenda, we have a presentation on Crow's Nest renovations. Tony, is that you or do you have somebody here? *Lapi:* I think Rob Fowler is on the line. Rob, he was here earlier this morning. He's our general contractor to do the project. And so I'll turn it over to him and then you can ask him any questions about what's going on? Okay. *Brown:* Tony, is this just an informational review? Or are you going to request some action from the panel following this? *Lapi:* I think it's more informational than anything, because it's going to go through the county, the building department, but let him make the presentation and you can conclude what you want to do with that after that. *Rob Fowler:* Good morning, everybody. Yes, to answer your question, we came, believe it or not, it was just over a year ago when I last was with you guys. Matter of fact, I remember it says distinctly because the fire chief was just starting to talk about this COVID thing that might be coming out of China. So literally, a year later, and here we are again. The difference is that time that was purely informational. This as well is an informational session. But it has been advertised, it does fulfill part of our requirement for the LDO that we are in process of going for, so that is different from last time I was here. That's about all that's different from last time I was here. For the year in between the update is pretty easy – it's been mothballed. As Tony can tell you, Tween Waters had to reassess its position on what was going on. And now we are moving forward again in planning the project. We are looking at something that's really not in construction until 2022 is where the plans are at the moment. However, we wanted to bring it back before you refresh your memories on some of the things we talked about. I have a very short slide presentation to hit some of the highlights, and then just question and answer. I don't want to spend too much of your time, because we've been here before but I want to make sure you get whatever you want to hear from us. So very quickly, one of the biggest concerns, of course, is height. And I wanted to start with this slide, the green area is the Wakefield building as it exists. Now, as a matter of fact, all the buildings here are as they exist now. The yellow area is where this addition will be going. And you can see in the blue other parts of the existing Crow's Nest building and that complex there. So the red line is representing the height, and I wanted to show you that, because as I transfer to the next slide, again, you see the existing Wakefield height here to the left. This is the area of the expansion we're talking about for the Crow's Nest, the addition above the existing area. You'll notice that the height remains the same. It peaks a little bit above that, that's actually required by our development standards so that we can hide the rooftop equipment. I can get into the whole formula as to how the pitches work, etc., but they consider that the same height. That's an interesting one for another time. Again, for reference, you see the green, yellow area, the blues, and the purple areas are part of the existing facilities that are there. And we're not changing any height issues as far as that goes. You'll notice one of the things that we're trying to keep the architectural look consistent, we are taking elements from the rest of the building and bringing them up here. It's a good point to pause and say that, I think it was prior to the last time I was with you as well, we've gone through and received the approval of the historic commission. So that has been done, and that's one of the places we stand on there, that was important to them more of the facade look, that consistency of materials and the keeping with everything that's around it. I want to also mention that, remember from the street, you have cottages in front of this entire area here, so the whole first floor is obscured by the cottages that are along the street. Keeping with the colors, just so you can see what's going on in the building itself. Obviously, the yellow area is the ground floor below. From there, the yellow area is consistent from here, if you see the trends, hopefully you can follow that from one step to the other. Blue areas and the purple areas are the existing parts of both the Crow's Nest and the Captiva Room, the main entrance here where everybody's greeted. Just to give you some perspective to where it is, overall. This is the plan upstairs. We've got seating for others, we've got a bar up there, we've added bathrooms for that facility. I'm going very fast, I understand. Like I said, we've talked about it once. I don't want to spend too much time, but I'll certainly answer any questions you've got here. To give you a feel of the space, this is the volume of the space that's going upstairs there. We're just looking down on it. That's the bar area. This is the back bar. It's planned to have the ability... There's a place right before you come over the causeway, Bimini Bait Shack, it has an elevated stage behind the bar, and this concept at the moment is similar to that. And that's all that happens up here. Finally, to give you an idea of some of the finishes and things that are going on, they're being planned for it. These are just some of the working boards from the interior designer. Give you an idea of some of the

materials and some of the things she's looking to incorporate in there, as are these elements. So you get the feel of a fairly low-key place. It's got a nice aesthetic to it that they're going for. And that's the shortest I can make a kind of a long story. But again, I don't want to go into too much detail and take too much of your time since we've kind of been around this once before. So certainly, Tony if you've got any comments and any questions that anybody has, I'd be happy to work with you.

*Lapi:* Rob, I think maybe just in giving them a timeline? I know it's a little far out yet, but we're talking probably starting somewhere in April or May of 2022. Is that right? *Fowler:* Correct, and that's partly to do with the, actually, it's almost 95% due to the planning of the resort. We won't have this in time to do it in this coming offseason, as they've picked back up and geared up. So it's going to be scheduled for the next offseason, basically summer 2022. *Brown:* How much total construction time do you think you'll have to do this? *Fowler:* I'm looking at about four, four and a half months. It's not a big project, but it's a little touchy, obviously, if we're building over top of the existing building. So that's the trick to it. But it's not a large project. Oh, forgive me, we put Crow's Nest on here too. Part of this presentation, part of this LDO as well, we mentioned it last time, is that we have plans to rebuild the cook shack by the pool. I bring that up now, that's part of this LDO that we are in the process of. It is literally almost a one-to-one replacement of what's there that is in need of replacement. There's some rot going on and things. The footprint moves ever so slightly, but I'm talking, you know, a foot or two as it gets realigned with other things that are out there. And I think it nets about eight and a half additional square feet because of the layout. But I bring that up if anybody has any questions on that as well. Essentially, the building that's there just has issues and it's time to replace it. *Brown:* Does anybody have questions? *Mintz:* Rob, is Tween Waters seeking any variances for this project? *Fowler:* No, we have gone for all the conformity that we can find in the process. Where we stand at the moment, we have picked up and responded to the comments from the county. They had been sitting for a long, long time. As matter of fact, we turned them in the day before everything expired to start this again. We were waiting for the state to positively respond on our coastal construction line issues. But again, we're not asking for any oddity, there isn't anything there, we just have to explain actually two completely new reviewers who basically had to start over on that one what we're doing and how it fits and that we've been through the historic commission. *Brown:* Anything else? We thank you very much for the update. Crow's Nest is a Captiva tradition. I'm happy to see it being modernized and improved, and I'm assuming this will not interfere in any way with the crab races. *Fowler:* I'll let Tony speak to that. I'm sure they will not let me do that. *Lapi:* I have to wait until Timmy feels ready to go again. You know, we're all getting a little older so I have to find a new prodigy to come in after he somewhat retires. But I did talk to Timmy and he's willing to come back and do some shows. So it should be fun.

**Wastewater study:** *Brown:* Next item on the just on the on the agenda is the wastewater study update. Much has happened since the last panel meeting. Just so everybody's on the same frame of reference about this project: Last year, we conducted a straw poll among property owners outside of South Seas to gauge the level of interest in a central sewer system, that would involve establishing a new collection system from Blind Pass to South Seas, and the Donax wastewater facility at Sanibel would do the processing. The typical property owner would pay, or the average residential property owner would pay about \$2,000 a year to retire the cost of the collection system over 30 years. Captiva users of the collection system would be charged by Sanibel in the same manner that they charge existing Sanibel customers. We did a straw poll on that concept, we had about a 50% response from the community to the straw poll, with two-thirds majority support for the idea, Based on that the panel as a group decided to move forward with developing an MSTBU proposal to come up with a central sewer design and to present that to the public as an alternative to continuing to rely on septic systems. A big piece of putting together that MSTBU proposal was to get an engineering design for what the central sewer system would look like so people could see where all the elements of it were? You know, where would the lift station, and the manhole covers? What we had before was just a conceptual design, this would be a specific engineering design so people could evaluate how each of their properties might be impacted. The second purpose of the study was the cost estimates. We only had a broad cost estimate for the system arising out of the TKW study, we needed a study that would give us an accurate cost estimate. We also needed the study to give us an idea of the amount of community disruption which would occur during installation of the process. And lastly, we needed an engineering effort to give us direction on how the cost of

the system should be assessed to the various property owners. So for the past several months, I have been trying to advocate to get this engineering study done. We spent a lot of time trying to get Lee County to fund it. We were stonewalled a lot, we were asked maybe we should create an MSTBU to have the people of Captiva fund this study themselves as an engineering plan. As a panel, you'll all recall that we are reviewed that possibility and we all decided that that was unacceptable. We wrote a letter back to the county, again, asking them to fund this engineering study. At the February panel meeting Chair Kevin Ruane, formerly mayor of Sanibel, now Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, spent over an hour with us listening to our various community issues. He pledged at that meeting to help us to advocate to get Lee County funding of this engineering study we so badly needed. What happened about three weeks ago is Chair Ruane delivered for us. I was contacted by Lee County saying that they were going to put a proposal on the Board of County Commissioners meeting for April 6 to fund an engineering study for us. So we had to, in very short order, finalize the design for the engineering study so it could be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. We had to get cooperation from the City of Sanibel, an expression of support from them that they were solidly behind providing central store service to Captiva or providing the processing for it. We had to develop a memorandum of understanding between Sanibel, the panel and Lee County as to what the responsibilities of each party would be in implementing the engineering study and then when the engineering study was completed how the three parties would work together to define an interlocal agreement for Sanibel to provide central sewer service to Captiva. So in a very short period of time, we had to get a lot of work done to get this to the Board of County Commissioners, and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. I'm happy to report that's all been done. We sent out a few days ago copies of all the documents for you all to review. The most important of them, I believe, is the design of the of the Kimley Horn engineering study. So I just wanted to give you the background on what happened, how it happened. Maybe I'll stop here. David Mintz did yeoman's work in working with the various parties to get these documents completed and approved so we could get this funding. David, let me just ask you to chime in for a minute or two and describe what the documents are.

*Mintz:* There are four documents, and they're all interrelated. The first document is exactly what the study is going to include, that's document one. That's the Kimley Horn document called Exhibit A, the Captiva Central Sewer MSTBU Design Study, that's basically the scope of services. That's what's going to be done in the amount of about \$100,000 and includes all the elements that we had discussed as the panel prior to finalizing this agreement, plus some additional things that Sanibel was interested in and some important caveats that give us the opportunity to revise and refine the study as the panel sees fit as we develop the study. So as there are things that we think are important to learn if we're going to do an MSTBU petition, but we want our community to know about it, we could include it in this study. You can see in this section, it says that we can refine the study as we go along. A couple of important elements in the study, it's about as comprehensive as you can get. It also references our Community Plan, which says that our wastewater system has to be sized consistent with our current zoning, so that's included in this study to make sure we don't open up the door to increased density as a result of the sewer project. It also requires Kimley Horn to look at the best system for Captiva, be it a vacuum system or a STEP system, that's specifically included in the study of that evaluation. And that's in even in point number two. So we try to include everything we could think of for an MSTBU petition that our community would want to know in this thing, but people have to understand that it's refinable and adjustable as we go through it. So that's document number one, that is basically what this study is going to include. Document number two was required by Lee County, that's the Memorandum of Understanding – what we're calling the MOU. Basically, Lee County did not want to fund a study up to \$100,000 if they didn't have a commitment from Sanibel that, if the study proves to be show that central sewer is to the benefit of Captiva, and Captiva residents want it and it makes sense for all parties, they wanted to make sure Sanibel was committed to going through with it if all those things take place. So this was a requirement by Lee County basically to lock Sanibel into providing the capacity if in fact the community of Captiva wants it and it makes sense. That's the purpose of this agreement. The panel's responsibilities here is basically just to supervise the study and coordinate with the county in the city, keep everybody apprised of the what's going on and conduct and manage public meetings when we think they're appropriate. You can see that on page two B is “to clarify and memorialize the intent of the parties to negotiate, associate and finalize an interlocal agreement “ -- that's an agreement between the county and

Sanibel to provide central sewer service – “if the design study and other cooperative efforts of the parties show that is an investment show that is in the best interests of the parties, and a fair, equitable and acceptable agreement for all parties can be negotiated.” This is just to make sure that we cooperate and, in the end, we're still going to have to agree that this is in the interest of Captiva and it's fair as a financial matter. The third document is a Captiva Community Planning Agreement, which is similar to the agreements we've signed with the county before when we got planning grants. This is simply a contract between Lee County and the panel, wherein Lee County provides the panel with up to \$100,000 to fund the study. What's important about this document is that it confirms that our panel because we're getting county money is required to function under Sunshine Laws and Open Government laws as we had done in the past when we get county funds, and we all have to fill out the financial disclosure forms because now the panel is going to be receiving up to \$100,000 from the county. This document basically mirrors word for word prior agreements between the county and the panel, when the county provided the panel funding. What's interesting about this document is that Lee County was eliminating their administrative code for community planning, and they felt one size fits all and there wasn't a lot of room for more community planning. And this document basically reaffirms the community planning approach, and makes the panel a party to an agreement with the county. It also makes the panel a party in the tripartite agreement in the MOU. So it has confirmed the role of our panel in doing planning vis-a-vis Lee County and Sanibel, which I think is a very good thing for the panel. So the third document is just an agreement between the county and the panel, wherein the county now can provide us with the money to fund the study which is laid out in document one, which is the scope. The fourth document is an agreement between the panel and Kimley Horn to do the study. So we get the \$100,000 from the county, and then we pay Kimley Horn pursuant to this last agreement as the deliverables are presented along the way. It's going to be a six to nine month study. So basically, the first document is the scope. The second document is the intent of all parties to cooperate. The third document is a contract between the panel and the county so that the county can give the panel the money. And then the fourth document is a contract between the panel and Kimley Horn so we can take the money we got from the county and give it to Kimley Horn as it does the study. Those are the four documents.

*Brown:* That's exactly what I was looking for. I'm really enthusiastic about this. I mean, we've been trying so hard for so long to make progress on this project to get this engineering study and to finally have Lee County get on board with us and agree to work with us on developing a central sewer alternative for Captiva, I'm very enthusiastic about this. I'm glad we're going to be able to move forward on this and that we're going to be able to provide a central sewer option for Captiva. Let's all remember, though, that the panel is neutral on this, what we are committed to is developing a central sewer alternative for Captivans to consider as an alternative to septic tanks. The panel has not taken a position yet on whether or not this is the right thing for Captiva to do, the only position we've taken is that we're going to develop this alternative and get all this information so that the community in an informed and democratic manner can make that decision. So with all that background, if anybody has any questions, I'm happy to entertain them. The study is written in such a way that it's going to give us the information that we want. But I think it's been written in a way that's going to allow for a lot of panel input to the study as it goes on. There are some specific deliverables, but how he gets there to provide all these is pretty flexible. I'm pleased with the study design. I'll just see if anybody has any questions or observations or whatever.

*Jensen:* When will the study gets started? *Brown:* As soon as we sign the contract, it'll start. David, we've got nothing left, you've reviewed the contract, you think it's fine, we just need to sign it right. *Mintz:* In the agreement between the county and the panel, there's a couple of questions about whether the county is going to pay us in a lump sum or on a monthly basis along the road. We've spoken with the county about this, and they're just going to get back and clarify how they normally do this. We're not in a position to lay out the money and then get it back later, so we have to figure out a staged process of getting the funding. So we should have an answer with that within a day. The contract with Kimley Horn is pretty much OK. So in answer to John's question, I would say within a week this will all be finalized, and then the project, the design study will start immediately and will be completed within nine months. *Jensen:* Nine months. The other question is, when they're doing the study will they be reaching out to Sunset Captiva and Tween Waters, where we have the package plants just for input. *Brown:* I think that specified in the study that they will

consult with representatives of each of the package plants. *Mintz*: It's in paragraph three of the scope. *Lapi*: No question. I just want to make a comment. I think all the hard work that you and David, you guys have put together, I think it's remarkable. And it's great to see you giving birth to this baby, so to speak, and we'll see what it grows into. *Miville*: Yeah, gentlemen, what you had to go through to make this happen, and all the time spent dealing with the politicians and the decision makers. I've been down that path, as you know, and just congratulations, and welcome to the brotherhood. Well done, both you.

*Laird*: It's the personhood, but thank you very much. I have a question: Is a motion appropriate at this point in time. *Brown*: I think we have to approve the study, don't we? *Mintz*: I think we have to approve the study. Basically, the scope of the study is incorporated into the other three documents. In other words, it is an attachment to the memorandum of agreement. It's obviously what is attached to the contract between the county and the panel, because that's what the funding is for. And it's obviously the attachment between Kimberly Horn and the panel because that's what Kimley Horn is going to be performing. So I think what would be appropriate is for the panel to approve all four documents, they're all interrelated; really, there's only three documents because the scope is incorporated into the other three. But I think since we presented it to the panel as four documents, if the panel could pass a motion approving the four documents and approving the execution or the signing of those documents, that would be terrific. *Laird*: I so move. *Jensen*: Second. *Lanigan*: So, my grave concern is that this project goes on, we get the study nine months from now or so. And we continue down this road and we ask property owners and business owners to vote on this. And they feel the STEP system was not given a fair look. Since November, when we first talked about the STEP system, I feel that Kimley Horn is paid lip service to STEP system. This is a potential alternatives that's in the study, and I appreciate that. But as I said, I feel like Kimley Horn's interest in STEP is tepid at best. So, Jay, would you give us some background? You probably don't have it now. But on Kimley Horn's past work, how often they suggest STEP over conventional systems, I feel they have a huge bias towards conventional. I mean, back in November, if you read the minutes so that you mentioned that Kimley Horn will look at STEP broadly, but Consor would investigate STEP more intently. And we've decided not to go with Consor yet. But if Kimley Horn thinks it's appropriate, we will – I believe that's the way you have it listed. But I have a concern that we're going to get down here, ask for votes, and our constituents going to feel like we didn't give the STEP system a fair look. So if you give some background on... *Brown*: Kimley Horn to my knowledge, STEP is a relatively new technology that's been used very sparingly. And I'm not 100% sure of this, but I doubt that Kimley Horn has ever implemented a STEP system. But David and I covered this with Doug Eckmann and he assures me that it's gonna get a fair shake. I would encourage you to hold off on your concern until you see what their thinking about it is. I understand your concern, and I know many share the same concern, Mike, and if they don't do a good job with it, and there's questions that still remain, I'll make them go back and do it right. But I would really encourage you to... your, your concern is well noted and shared by many. I've done everything I can with Doug Eckmann to ensure that he's going to give STEP a fair shot. And I think the best course of action is for you to let them do it, and then if we all feel they've given it short shrift, then we'll deal with it at the time. But I think they're gonna do a fair job evaluating it, I really do. *Lanigan*: Despite the fact that they've never done it before, they've never recommended that before. *Brown*: The vast majority of engineering firms would never have done it before. I mean, this is a new technology that's only been used know, a few times so far, throughout the country. *Lapi*: You know, too, what might be interesting in this looking at it from STEP systems, if we were all totally residential here, totally residential, it might – and this is just me, Look, I'm not engineer or anything like that – but if we were all residential, then it's a different look, as opposed to what we have, this mix of package plants and other things, and a lot of restaurants and other things. So I don't know where the STEP system was used. But if it was an all total residential section, that may be one look, as opposed to where we have quite a mix of businesses and complexes, so maybe, you know, the study will tell what's best, I think, and then we can make the decision at that point. *Brown*: That is certainly my intent, to get an objective analysis of it. And believe me, folks, if there's an opportunity to utilize a STEP system and it results in a much less expensive project, I mean, why wouldn't we want to go in that direction?

*Miville*: Can I just mention something? I met someone at the beach who talked about the STEP system, and so what I did was I called Vero Beach and I spoke to public utilities and spoke with them at length. And he

talked about it, and I won't go into detail what he explained. However, the good news is, at the appropriate time, he told me that he'd be happy to talk to the panel via Zoom and as a person that has done, I guess, in Vero Beach, what they did was the people had the option to plug in because he knew in time they plug in. So right now they got it to about 560 units, they might have it up to 1,500. And I won't share with you now because I said, "Look, if you could decide what would you do with a gravity-fed system versus a STEP system? His answer was remarkable, but I'll let him say it. But as Tony pointed out, there are package systems, and there's a lot of variables. There's also the idea of... people, are you ready to have your roads torn up for a long time? But maybe the engineer says," Oh, good news, we have tunnel boring for regular gravity fed"? There's so many variables. But Mike, you can rest assured there's not going to be any finger on the scale with me around? I guarantee. I don't think about it, I do something about it. I made my phone calls.

*Lanigan:* Thank you, I appreciate that. Again, my concern is not what we choose, what we decided, but do people feel like we gave both systems a look. They're not going to vote for a system that is not an improvement for the island. *Brown:* Mike, I hear you 100%, I really do. Let's see what they provide us, what their recommendations are. I mean, they may recommend that we go with STEP, I don't know. There's a lot of considerations in it, I don't think we should be debating STEP versus other systems right now. I think we get the study underway and, I promise you this, as this unfolds, you're going to be very involved in this. And if people feel that something's not right, you all know me, I'm a transparent guy and I'm going to listen to what people say, do my best to make sure that this study gives us everything we wanted to give us. *Mullins:* Jay, this is Mike Mullins, I'd like you to listen to one comment I have to say. I don't want to get into the debate of STEP/non-STEP and everything else, I just feel that I have had inadequate time to read all these materials that you've spent a great deal of time creating. What is the reason why this has to be approved today, as opposed to giving us till next month, or even calling a special meeting? I feel like I'm making a vote on something that I haven't had a chance to adequately understand. *Brown:* Right, we had to rely on the fact that you all gave me authority to try to negotiate and get county funding of this. And I was forced to meet a timetable driven by Kevin Ruane to get this stuff done. I wanted to strike while the iron was hot, so I just moved and did it.

*Mullins:* Now, I appreciate that. I'm not questioning that, I think you did the right thing. I'm just questioning why is the vote needed today, as opposed to a month from now, when we haven't really had more than two days to read a lot of this material? *Brown:* David, can I defer to you on that? Can we hold off this vote until the next panel meeting? *Mintz:* Frankly, I would not. I understand what Mike Mullins is saying. but major elements of the scope document was provided a long time ago, because Kimley Horn had proposed what it was, we incorporated some other elements in it and the flexibility that allows the panel to adjust the scope and refine it as we go forward. This scope document was just approved as part of the memorandum of agreement by the county and by Sanibel, so the scope document and the MOU – the scope document was what the county voted on at Kevin Ruane's request at the April 6 Board of County Commissioners meeting. So this has been approved for funding by the county – this scope document actually was presented to the County Board of Commissioners, Kevin argued for it and he got unanimous approval. *Mullins:* You're kind of missing the point of my question. I get all of that. I appreciate all that, and I thank you for all of that. Are they telling us that we have to approve this at today's meeting or they're going to back off on us getting the funding? *Mintz:* No, what I'm saying is that... my opinion is, Mike, that I'm trying to explain that we can't adjust the Kimley Horn proposal, the scope is not going to be adjusted by us now. It'll be adjusted as we go through the study, as the study says it's going to be refined. So this has been accepted and voted on by the Sanibel City Council and by the Board of County Commissioners at Jay's request, based on the proposal that the panel made and asked Jay to go forward. The other documents... the actual planning agreement. I mean, the MOU agreement, Mike, is the only obligations of the panel, and I explained that before, in terms of the MOU is basically to make that the scope is done properly and that is to procure the professional services, I'm looking on page 2, coordinate with the city and the county, keep the city and county apprised as the study goes along, and conduct and manage public meetings, those are our obligations under the MOU. The other two things are just the contracts between us and the county, and between Kimley Horn and us. And I would say for us not to approve it at this meeting, after we've requested the county to do it, and they did it. And after the county requested us and Sanibel to sign the MOU, and they did it at an expedited meeting, again, with only a day to read the documents also because of the county's timeframe, and they approve it at the City

Council meeting of Sanibel on April 6. I think it would be wrong for us not to. Since we made the request, and everybody has basically done and responded to our request, for us now to not to approve it at this meeting, that would be a terrible mistake. *Mullins*: It sounds a lot like Nancy Pelosi saying you have to approve it before you read it. I don't think I've had adequate time, and I would much prefer to say tell the county we're very committed, you've already signed a memorandum of understanding. The board just wants to be able to understand exactly what -- and I'm not saying we have to make any changes, I just think it'd be nice to know what we're voting for.

*Lapi*: Jay's been pushing this for a while. I got great faith in David. I mean, are we going to try to do... we assigned a committee to go forward and do this. And we are not saying we're going to do... you know, we may not do a sewer system, but this is just for the study. And I think what you guys have done to this point, and you got Kevin Ruane, I think it would be a slap in their face not to push it through today. That's my feeling. And Mike, I've read it, some of this stuff is a lot of boilerplate stuff. I got trust. And David, who is very detailed at looking at this. We're not sticking our neck out or doing anything wrong. I just think it would be wrong to not go forward at this time. *Brown*: Well, I obviously feel what Tony said. I mean, the vast majority of this is boilerplate. David did this, working with the other attorneys, and I have complete confidence in David, that he did not screw up on this. I've read all through all the documents, I know, the scope is perfect, it's exactly what I want. The other documents, the MOU just makes complete sense. I mean, over an administrative thing. I understand, Mike, what you're saying, but Kevin Ruane moved heaven and earth to get this done for us. *Lanigan*: I did get a chance to read all the documents, and I think they reflect very accurately everything we've discussed. If you go through the minutes, most of the sentences are verbatim from what we've discussed before. I appreciate Mike's concern, and I understand if you didn't get a chance to read it, but I can... I'm not trying to encourage anybody to vote yea or nay, but I feel comfortable that everything in these documents accurately reflects everything that we've discussed over the last six months. *Brown*: I can promise you that they do. But, Mike's point is valid. You all should have had a lot of time to read and study this. But I had to weigh that against striking while the iron was hot, and Kevin was really listened to us and really moved heaven and earth to get this done. And I didn't want to tell him, "Oh, no, we got to wait 30 days." *Mullins*: I'll withdraw my objection. *Baumgarten*: Excuse me, I think Mike Lanigan has a very valuable point that we need to take into consideration because I have other people who approached me asking about the STEP system. So one question before we go ahead for Mike Lanigan, do you have any suggestion or idea how we should proceed? *Brown*: What do you mean? *Baumgarten*: Well, Mike Lanigan says that he has a problem voting now, is that correct? What is Mike's concern and how could we accommodate his concern? That's my question. *Mullins*: It was Mike Mullins, not Mike Lanigan. And I withdrew my objection. *Baumgarten*: But Mike raised the question with the STEP system, correct? *Lanigan*: Yes. *Brown*: I answered his question. *Lanigan*: Thank you it. Yeah, Jay assured me he'll make sure, and Rene also assured me, that the STEP system will get a serious and legitimate look by Kimley Horn, and I trust them. *Brown*: I promise you it will. *Baumgarten*: If his concern is solved, then we can go ahead. I just wanted to make sure that that's okay. *Brown*: Any further discussion? Can I have a second on the motion? *Baumgarten*: I second? *Brown*: All in favor? Opposed? Unanimously approved. *Brown*: Panel, thank you very much. I think this is gonna be a good project. I'm glad Kevin has gone to bat for us. And I'm glad we've got Sanibel behind us and Lee County behind us. Let's all remember our objective here at this point in time is to gather all the facts. We are not making a recommendation to the community to go to central sewer, our obligation is to provide the best central sewer opportunity for the community to evaluate. When we get further down the line, we may decide as a panel to make a recommendation or we may not. But this is what we owe our community, to let them know what the best alternative would be so they have an option of choosing it, if they wish. Thank you all.

**Sea level rise:** *Brown*: Let's move on to the next agenda item which is the Integral Consulting report. You may all recall at the last meeting, Linda Laird took us through Cheryl Hapke's proposal to begin planning mitigation alternatives to mitigate sea level rise for Captiva. And at that time, we had discussion about it and we decided to, before taking a vote to approve or not approve going forward with this project, that we should determine how much outside funding we were able to raise so that the panel would know how much of a financial obligation would be required of the panel to do this. I'm happy to report the study is fully funded.

We have a \$10,000 commitment from CEPD we have \$5,000 from CCA, we have \$5,000 from SCCF committed to it. And the additional amount we have committed by individual members of the community, two of which are on this panel. So the study is fully funded. With that, do you just want to make a few summary comments about the Hapke proposal again so then the panel can vote as to whether or not it wants to proceed with this with this project? *Laird*: I wanted to again thank the CEPD and the CCA and all the donors for your support of this proposal, very appreciated. What the study is to do is to look in five places on the bay side, for high potential adaptation alternatives to reduce the impact of sea level rise and to protect the island. We will also get public meetings to present these to the public and to discuss them with the public. After that, we go into another phase where we're going to figure out which ones we think best or whatever, I do not know how that is all going to work. I'm happy to get to this phase that we're going to come up with alternatives, and that will then lead into our ability to put together proposals for real design and implementation. These are conceptual designs, this is not engineering. So it will be coming up with high potential on five different places on the bay side where each location is seen to be geomorphologically different. I never knew that word before this year. So any questions?

*Brown*: I'm impressed, Linda. Let me also, maybe the panel knows, but just to make sure everybody does. SCCF has decided to hire what they call a sea level rise captain who will work on the SCCF staff. And this person is to be a focal point and driver for sea level rise planning for Sanibel and Captiva. Ryan Orgera has been serving as SCCF's representative on our sea level rise committee today; when this new captain is identified and hired, he will be on our committee representing SCCF. And he, as everybody on the sea level rise committee does, he will have a lot of input into how Cheryl does the study. And because Cheryl's study will be a big part of what he's going to need to learn to fulfill his duties for SCCF. So this project will work in tandem with this new sea level rise captain that SCCF is going to hire. Longer term, we all realize that CEPD will be the funding mechanism to do bayside protection of the island. This will be an important component of all the planning that CEPD will need as we develop an overall plan over time for sea level response. *Laird*: This just may be input into CEPD, who takes it and runs with it. But we can figure that all out later. We're all going in the same direction, that's what matters at this point. *Brown*: Okay, can I have a motion to approve the panel doing the study? *Miville*, second by *Laird*. *Brown*: Any discussion? *Laird*: Mike has a question. Yes, we're gonna look at add hard solutions to that specific put in there. *Lanigan*: That was not my question, but that's fair. So is there any experience that Integral has on this type of project? I've been reading, they've mentioned the city of Carpenteria, an area in California, and that looks like a beach renourishment project to me where there's already existing elevation that they're protecting. There's no elevation on the bay side. If there is, it's probably measured in inches, not feet. And again, there's a preference towards natural as opposed to hardscape, and I get it. But this Carpenteria area in California doesn't look like it's anything like our eastern shore. That's the example they continue to use, and I'm just kind of curious. *Laird*: They have not done a lot on the east coast. I know they're working on projects both in Hawaii and down in Texas. I don't know specifically, if they have back-bay big projects, I know that the engineers like Cheryl has been involved in these kind of... I mean, she's a Florida resident, so she's been involved with this. I do not know specifically if Integral has done those. *Lanigan*: I meant the east coast of Captiva, not the east coast of America. And I'm referring to projects that have essentially zero elevation, as opposed to this, the California project, looks like a beach renourishment that already has existing elevation that they're adding to and protecting. There's no elevation on our eastern shore, and so it brings in a whole different sort of solution. That's the only thing I just wanted. I look forward to the results, actually. *Laird*: So I can't say specifically they've done back bay restoration. They have not done any in Florida to my knowledge, the company has not. Cheryl's been involved in lots of these different kinds of things, but more from a study perspective, not from I believe the big consultant perspective. So do they know this material? I believe they do. That's what I know, and it's a good question. I did not ask them those specific questions. *Brown*: So if I can, if I can chime in here? I've been on this committee working with Cheryl for two years now. She's been advising us pro bono all along. And she did the big vulnerability assessment study, which in turn was presented to a well-attended public forum. I forget exactly when that was, a few months ago. But Mike, I'm convinced she knows her stuff. I've spent a lot of time with her. I'm no expert in this area, but I think she really spent a lot of time, she really understands the back bay of Captiva. I've seen a lot of her work, and she clearly understands the full range of

mitigating alternatives available to us, including all of the natural soft-type things, and the hard things like seawalls and backfill projects, and so forth. So I have no concerns about her.

*Laird:* Another example, when I thought, well, if we just had a point around, oh let's say, Jensen's or something, and looked at that point, she would say that we have to look at what's going on in Jensen's, we have to look at what's going on on the point, because they're going to get different wind impacts from the bay. So, I completely agree with Jay, I've been impressed with her knowledge on all these areas continually.

*Lanigan:* I really appreciate all the work that the committee has done, and you guys have really raised the awareness of sea level rise, a great deal in our community. So thank you. *Mintz:* Could I just add something, and it's in response, it's sort of following up on what Mike Lanigan said. I mean, a couple years ago, we had that first sea level rise forum, and it was a big debate about whether there was going to be sea level rise. And I think where we are today is in a very good place. Maybe Linda can report on NFWF grant proposal also, But where we are is we have now see CEPD agreeing that they can take financial responsibility for resiliency on the bayside, which they were not sure they could do a couple of years ago. CEPD now is working with SCCF and funding this sea level captain to basically coordinate sea level response for CEPD, for Captiva, for Sanibel over the course of the next two years. We now have Sanibel on board working with us on seeking grant monies to do further vulnerability and resiliency studies together. And now we have CEPD, we have Kevin Ruane getting the Lee County to join the Southwest Florida Compact on sea level rise with other counties and other cities around this area of Captiva. So we have moved a great deal over time, over the last two years to put our efforts on sea level rise into a really good position, both funding, planning, etc. I think we have to give credit where credit is due, which is to Linda and the sea level rise committee, who basically started this off on their own in the wilderness. And now we have Sanibel, Lee County, CEPD, all working together to come up with a comprehensive plan that hopefully we can implement over the course of the next couple of years. So I think we made a lot of progress, and I think this panel deserves a lot of credit for that.

*Laird:* Just in terms of thinking about the accomplishments, just to add in at this point on the progress. One is that the Sanibel City Council -- and I'll talk about the significant grant part -- agreed to specifically fund \$20,000 to support the proposal, which was an integrated study with Sanibel and Captiva. It needs a lot more funding, but still they unanimously voted for \$20,000 in real money, which I think is a big deal. Also, we have our little monitoring project that's going to go on, where we're monitoring the sea level rise and predicting what's gonna happen in storms. That's a big deal, too. So they're little steps, each one's little steps, but we're making nice product progress. *Brown:* Okay, so, all in favor of proceeding with the study, which is fully funded outside the panel. Unanimously approved.

*Brown:* Thank you, Linda, do you want to brief the panel for a minute on the NFWF grant? *Laird:* Sure, I'll do that really quickly, and then I want to talk about rodents, too, real quickly. The NFWF grant was... we submitted last year and we were not awarded it. We went back and reworked it, it's become even more beneficial. We have been moving forward on adaptation alternatives. So what's Captiva is doing is we're even farther out in front of Sanibel at this point. But this is going to give us an overall integrated plan that shows the vulnerabilities and adaptation alternatives for the Sanibel and Captiva islands together, looking at both the human side of it and the wildlife side of it. So I think that's really important. It's also looking at the impact of storms, which is something we haven't done so much on Captiva today. That was submitted last week. We have Sanibel being the grant submitter, which is a really good thing and they're supporting it. SCCF is supporting it. Assuming we get an invitation to put in a full proposal, we'll be going around and getting more letters of support from the appropriate organizations and people. But what's nice about this is this is an integrated approach. It underlies all it will be a great it'll be great for the sea level rise captain when he or she appears, it's all starting to push it together. And we are getting tremendous support from Sanibel on this issue. I think that's very good. Very important. *Brown:* Sanibel has probably a lot more issues than we do protecting their bayside. And, it's good to see that they're starting to actually think about it now and start getting committed, at least starting to think about sea level rise impact. *Laird:* And the mayor is very supportive. *Brown:* Yeah, Holly has been great on this.

*Laird:* So thank you all for how you've made that happen too. Okay, rodenticide, the topic you were all interested in. There's a committee formed by people, I think it's under CROW and it's supported by COTI and

SCCF. What they want to do is raise awareness of what the poisons are doing to the ecosystem. So the strategy is to get to homeowners and property owners, they've come up with a messaging and they will want to send it out to property owners, etc. I will be bringing in what the messaging is and the example of it or the documents or the flyer or whatever it is, to the next panel meeting where we can take a look at it and raise any concerns or support it however we so choose.

*Brown:* Let's cover one last item before you leave, Linda, and that is stormwater management. A few panel meetings ago, we agreed that the sea level rise committee would take on the additional responsibility of beginning to plan for stormwater management on Captiva. The principal thought there was that a big aspect of coping with sea level rise is going to be managing the ability to handle much greater amounts of storm water, as the effects of climate change begin to magnify here. And so we decided at the time that maybe the best place to attack stormwater management was as part of the sea level rise committee. I've recognized that there's also going to be a lot of overlap between stormwater management and possibly with work on central sewer. And some members of the committee that have raised the question whether or not do we have some mission creep here with sea level rise, expanding it to include stormwater management? So I'm just alerting the panel that we're going to rethink that, and at the next meeting will have a recommendation as to what is the best way for the panel to begin planning stormwater management for Captiva, if it should remain part of the sea level rise committee, perhaps it should be incorporated in the wastewater committee, or perhaps it should have its own separate committee. So I just want to report you all that we're rethinking that and if anybody's got out there as any opinions on that, you know, please share them now. Otherwise, we'll be discussing it at the next panel meeting.

**Jensen sign:** *Jensen:* It was just brought up at our last meeting. It's much appreciated that the panel would consider honoring Dave and bringing back the totem pole that used to be at Andy Rosse Lane and Captiva Drive was brought up. I don't think that could be the way to go. It seems like there'd be some complications there. I think something simpler like maybe just planting a tree would be an option. My suggestion is Queenie is going to be back for a couple of weeks at the beginning of May. I'd like to get with her, and maybe bring some suggestions back to the panel. And if they want to move forward with it, we go from there.

*Brown:* I think that's great. I'm sure I speak for everybody on the panel. Your brother was an incredible human being who made so many contributions to this community. I'm sure we would want to honor him in any way that Queenie and his family would think would be most appropriate. *Miville:* Excuse me, just for a matter of record. There was a discussion about David and someone suggested writing a letter on behalf of the panel. And then I interjected and talked about the totem pole being taken down in the year 2000. And that we could bring back totem pole and at the same time, if we wanted to add it, in honor of David Jensen, who was always on the edge of a good laugh. But I still think and I wanted to mention, since I was made the committee of one to make this happen via Antje during that meeting, that I do have some news on it. And the basically, the island Breeze Newspapers are going to find the newspaper articles which showed Bob Sabatino taking down the sign, because the county... Please don't be upset. The Civic Association has sent a guy named Mike Cohen to go around, and this is during the incorporation battle, to complain about certain signs. So the county said, "You want us to remove that sign? We don't do selective enforcement, all the signs have to come down." So Bob Sabatino, who was an incredibly funny guy who was often quoted not just the local papers, but the News-Press and all that, he was a fishing guide, but very intelligent. There's a great photograph of him removing the sign with one hand, removing the little multi signs that say Paris or Cuba or whatever. And in the other hand holding a bottle of champagne, saying this is what happens when there's too much bureaucracy and all that. So I thought it was a perfect excuse to bring back the sign because it's very charming, and it would be an icon of what Captiva was 30 years ago with that pretty multi-directional sign. I still think we should pursue it. I don't want to step on your toes, but it was a two-fer. It was getting the sign back and at the same time doing a little thing with Dave. But, Jay, it was kind of my thing, not Johnny's thing. So where we are right now is as soon as I get the images, I will show it and if we all want to proceed forward and put together the multi-directional sign, which I think could add a lot of charm back -- and Jensen's always still stood for charm. I mean, when you think of the island, you think of Jensen's, the manatees, the staff always on the edge of a good laugh, the legacy and provenance of Red Jensen, for those who have been here more than 35 years. So the sign kind of was the icon of that in so many ways. So with that being said, let me

continue my work and by the next meeting, I should have hopefully some possibilities. I will talk to the county and ask them what's needed to make the sign reappear. They say, if it reappears unless someone complains... I don't know what they're gonna say. *Jensen*: Alright, thank you, Rene. *Brown*: Rene, I hear you, but let's make sure that we're doing what the family wants also. *Miville*: Yeah, but the sign doesn't have to do with the family. That was an add-on, we could put David's name on it to make a twofer. But if they don't want it on it, that's fine. The sign is the sign. *Jensen*'s had nothing to do with the sign, it was a gradual evolution. *Jensen*: I think we're fine. Whatever the panel decides, you know, we're fine with anything. Make it simple and easy, and we're fine with anything. Thank you, Rene.

*Break*

**Captiva Code:** *Mintz*: I plan on giving a complete report at the May meeting, I can just tell you that we have been negotiating with the county on the elements that they agree should be in the land development code. And we've come to agreement on all elements that we wanted in the land development code. There's still a dispute over two provisions, which I'm in the process of discussing with the county, and the dispute is whether it belongs in a separate ordinance or in the land development code. They're going back to the county attorney's office this week, and I will have an answer to that within a week. Then, once we have the land development code agreed to then it has to go back to the Board of County Commissioners who then recommend that it goes through the various county committees – the Land Development Code Advisory Committee and the Executive Regulatory Oversight Committee are the two citizen review committees. Kevin Ruane has committed to us that he would move the ordinances forward which contain our provisions on the five areas we reviewed – noise, parking, septic, fertilizer and plastic straws. So where we are now, this is a very long, involved, pulling teeth process -- I don't know how else to describe it. But we will have an answer by the May meeting as to exactly where we stand on the LDC provisions. And I'm going to ask to meet with Chairman Ruane to start moving the ordinances through. But I want to give a full report at the May meeting since we have a long agenda today.

**Golf cart safety:** *Baumgarten*: So Lee DOT has approved our signs and wanted to send a company out to put the signs up. Has anybody seen anything of the signs? I personally haven't noticed anything. *Brown*: I have not, but they are going to put up those signs? *Baumgarten*: Yes, they want to do that. I just waited a little bit, give them another week, and then I'm going to follow up with DOT it again. And hopefully by then I have a picture. *Mintz*: They have put up signs, there are two signs. What they did so far I've seen is they've when you come out of South Seas, on the right side of the road right near Starbucks, they put up a sign that says "Golf carts license required," a large sign that you can't miss. Then when you go a little further south before you get to the curve where they used to have that very small detailed sign of all the various regulations in the Captiva golf cart ordinance, that one has been replaced by another large sign that says "Golf cart driver's license required." So you now have two signs right outside of South Seas, which make it clear that you can't be driving a golf cart without a driver's license, I actually think those signs are having some effect already. *Brown*: That's great. *Mintz*: And then, as you get to the end of the golf cart zone by Tween Waters, and I'm not positive about this, but when I went by the other day, it looks like there's much more signage, there's greater signage about where the golf course zone ends and, coming the other way, where it begins. So, I'm not positive, they put up signage of at the end of the stretch at Tween Waters, additional signage, but I know they put up the additional "driver's license required" signage outside of South Seas. So they are making steps and they are responding to your committee's request. *Baumgarten*: I have to admit, I went to the farmers market today at eight and I haven't noticed any of these signs. Sorry. Jay, do you think you could take a look outside and maybe take a picture for me of that sign at the end of the golf cart zone? *Brown*: Okay, I'll do it. *Baumgarten*: So, David, how is the process with our updated ordinance? *Mintz*: I was gonna ask you, actually, the same question. You and I had discussed a month ago about whether or not you wanted to include some of the changes about golf carts that are being rented from outside Captiva whether they would have signs on them or identification marks on them and various other things. I, with you, we drafted a proposed ordinance to change some of the golf cart rules for Captiva. My understanding, and maybe I misunderstood, my understanding is you were going to bring that back to the golf cart committee, and decide whether you wanted to proceed with that. *Baumgarten*: We do want to proceed for the simple reason, Tom Libonate took a

big picture of carts that were just delivered a few days ago to our island. And everybody is pretty upset, because they are very sure they just deliver the golf carts and people using the golf carts from a company off island, these people don't get any instructions. And at the same time, Marcel and Jimi do everything to enforce our rules. So this is the only way that we have to make sure that we can ensure that these companies will follow our rules. We also want to reach out to them. But right now, I have to admit, these companies have so extremely busy that none of them are really approachable for anything. Same for the for the vacation rental companies. We want to host a meeting together with Mike Sawicki, but I just want to wait a little bit because the island has been so full and I just didn't think it was appropriate to ask them to hold an extra meeting for something that doesn't affect their daily business. So if you would go ahead and implement these changes, that would be wonderful. *Mintz*: I wish I could just go ahead and implement them, but...

*Baumgarten*: I mean, start the process. *Mintz*: What I would like you to do, and we can do this offline, is I'm going to send you a copy of the proposed ordinance again, and I just want you to review it before I discuss it with DOT or the county just to make sure that your committee or you are on board with the exact language. Okay. And then we'll go from there. *Baumgarten*: You have seen that I've started to do some videos, and we still want to do the video with a golf cart but Marcel has been so extremely busy that we need to give him a little bit of time until he gets around to making that a priority. That's about all I have right now. *Brown*: Thank you and I think it's great that we have the sign a job about driver's license required so that we don't have kids driving golf carts anymore around.

*Baumgarten*: By the way, I noticed that we seem to have more carts with license plates on the island. And I think the rental companies are also adding some. So that's kind of a way to get around the problem that people go south of the Tween Waters stretch with golf carts. So I guess in the following years, we will see more and more golf carts with license plates. *Laird*: A quick question for the kids driving. They're driving around my neighborhood in Sunset Captiva. When we try talking to the parents, do we have any authority within Sunset Captiva to say kids can't drive golf carts? *Baumgarten*: Are you a private community and a private road, like Wightman Lane? Then you have a problem that needs to be addressed. *Laird*: But the community could make rules. *Jensen*: Do you know if a cart has a license plate, does that have to be an electric vehicle to be able to get a license for the streets? *Baumgarten*: No, I don't. But I don't think that you have to have like an electrical one, we didn't make any laws. So I don't think there's a reason or a difference, having a gas-powered one compared to an electrical one. *Brown*: You can get an electric one approved for street use, it means you have to have a top speed of at least 24 miles an hour, you got to have seatbelts, turn signals and so forth. I don't think there's anything that says they got to either be electric or gas.

**Iguana eradication:** *Gooderham*: Yes, first, I want to thank Tony and John for manning the table at the post office, that got us a couple more petitions. Our deadline is still the end of this month, and we are still short of making our number by a considerable number. I have a few more that are still in the works. But at this point, unless we get a real surge, we won't make the count to form the unit. At which point we can look at options. Right now, we are just under 400 and we need 575 to form the unit. Mike, Boris has got a couple and David has a couple they're supposed to be getting to me. But that's still a long a long way to go. What we can do is if the unit fails, we can then look at alternatives, discuss those at a future panel meeting. Whether you want to fund it on your own, whether you want to make a smaller unit and try again, that's a discussion we can have once this part's over. *Brown*: Well, I'm think, in conjunction with down the road, when we have an MSTBU proposal for a central sewer, we're going to need to do an evaluation of what happened on this, and what we can learn from it. *Gooderham*: I think the two things you could learn is, having in-person events makes a hell of a difference, you get a much better turnout when you can get your hands on somebody. When Tony and John were sitting in the post office, we got people that we should have signed three months ago, but they finally did it because there was somebody right there asking them for it. And the second thing is if you're doing if you get to the point of doing a unit for a wastewater collection system, you will eliminate half of the island which will make it a more manageable number. I haven't done an analysis yet of the petitions we've gotten, but just getting a sense of where we are. We've gotten a bearable response out of South Seas, but it's still nowhere near what it has been elsewhere. *Brown*: Do you know enough to say that we just limited this to Captiva outside of South Seas, if we would have been able to get a majority? *Gooderham*: Gut feeling, probably yes, I haven't counted everybody up yet. *Jensen*: How many are on the email list that you send out?

I think you send out great emails, the information's great, how many people are on that list? *Gooderham*: Just under 900. *Jensen*: Just sitting outside the post office, you know I thought there'd be more property owners coming up. But most of them had already signed the petition. *Gooderham*: Yeah, we have some people who signed it four or five times, God love them. *Jensen*: Vote and vote often right? *Gooderham*: We did get a question from a member of the audience about why we think people are not supporting the petition. I think a lot of it, if I had to guess, it's inaction. You can send them stuff in the mail, that's fine, they put it off to the side, they promised to do it. When we've sent them stuff, petitions that have been filled out, that improved the response rate. When John and Tony were meeting people face to face, they got more people who should have signed before. Otherwise, I'm not sure why people wouldn't support it. I know there's a contingent that thinks they're cute, and doesn't believe they should be eradicated, but I don't think that's a prevalent view. *Brown*: It's probably just not a big enough issue for people to just take action on for a lot of people, I guess, it requires you to do something. And they just put it off to the side and never get around to it.

*Jensen*: I know, we're gonna look at other options. Can you ever go back to the county? Do you have to wait a certain amount of time? *Gooderham*: There's the only thing you're tied to in terms of time is when it needs to be formed, so that they can get on the tax bill, which is why the end of the month is a hard deadline, because then they have to start getting ready to put the tax rolls together. We can go back at it next year, if somebody's interested. *Jensen*: If we don't do this, and the iguanas get bad enough, you'll have more support. We can't keep these both these petitions we already have, we would be starting over from scratch? *Gooderham*: What you would do if this one fails, is you define a new unit in terms of this is the properties you'd be going after. You refigure the financial considerations, because you'd be dealing with a smaller property base, you'd be changing how people would be taxed. And then you reformulate the number so that you would present to the people as part of the petition, here's what they could expect to pay in the first year and the first five years, what we did this time. If you cut the number of properties in half, it changes the tax numbers. *Jensen*: Because I think short of calling every person, then you might get into a half hour conversation. I think we did a great job of getting the information out there. *Gooderham*: The ability to not be able to reach people more directly is a real challenge. Going back to when they did the South Seas project, which was an MSTU back in the early 1980s, they had somebody who worked on that full time, essentially, as owner relations, just to get the 500 and some odd unit people, and that was still a lot of work. Obviously they were asking for more money, but it's hard to do. You need to really get one on one with people. *Lapi*: Do you remember at the post office, the one lady said that we put it on these other, there was a couple other social medias she was looking at, I can't remember what they were. She said something about there's like a new group formed or something. I can't remember what it was. *Brown*: I've heard about that, too, Tony, I don't remember what it is, though. *Lapi*: I don't know if we'll be any extra people. You know, it would be another outlet other than just emailing it. But I don't know what that was. You know, I'm not into social media. *Lanigan*: Are you referring to Next Door? *Lapi*: I think that maybe it was called something like that. *Brady*: I'm on the Captiva Next Door digest and people post various questions about, do you have a plumber or I have a bookcase I want to get rid of. I'm new to the neighborhood, kind of thing. Perhaps it's one avenue. Discussion. *Gooderham*: Johnny, how's Alfredo doing? I saw the question. *Jensen*: He's doing good. He was out here yesterday, he worked Monday instead of Tuesday. But yeah, he's back. And he's in good shape.

**Development Committee:** *Brown*: Ann, you sent out a list of all the contributors. Looks like a great job. Do you have additional comments to make? *Brady*: Since the last meeting, we got Robin Vince's \$5,000 donation as well as an additional \$2,250. So that's \$33,550 this year, and our budgeted number that we hope to get is \$40,000. So down to the wire, we'll get the last \$6,000. I don't really have anything else. The new website is coming along. We're in the final stretch. And I want to say that 100%. I'll have something to show you this month – but I'm not going to say that, because I'm not in control of it. We certainly should have something to show the committee, and then forward on to everyone else. *Brown*: Well, all of us on that committee know you're dedicated to making this happen and getting a much improved website, and I appreciate your leadership. *Brady*: Thank you. I'm learning more and more how to relinquish control, by necessity. Discussion. *Baumgarten*: Ann Brady, do we have some feedback regarding our website project? *Brady*: Just mentioned that, Antje. I've been in communication, both Ken and I have, with TJ and he's in the final throes. There have been some glitches along the way, but we've worked that out and should have

something to show the committee soon. *Baumgarten*: So are we going to host another meeting? Another Zoom meeting like last time once you're done? Do you have a timeline or anything? *Brady*: I don't have a timeline for you yet. As soon as I do, I'll email you. *Gooderham*: I have been communicating with TJ regularly about some administrative stuff and he is making progress. So it's not that he's fallen off the radar.

**Captiva Drive improvements:** *Mintz*: When Kevin Ruane was at our panel meeting, he basically said he would wait to pursue the funding for the sidewalk until we had the right-of-way donations from the six property owners along the route, meaning that each of those properties are donating approximately two feet of their land for the sidewalk. At this point, we have three of the six properties who have responded to the legal documents and my understanding is they are going to agree to the donations. The Bubble Room had an issue. They did some new landscaping when they purchased the Emporium, the old antique store, and they have adjusted the entrance and done some sidewalk and paver renovations to protect people from when they exit or enter the facility. I had a fairly long conversation, a cooperative conversation with the owner of the Bubble Room who lives on the east coast of Florida, and he had some questions about how the new sidewalk would affect their particular renovations. We've contacted the engineer and he is getting back to us, and in fact got back to us already but we have to get back to him again, just to do the design so that the Bubble Room owner sees exactly what impact it will have on his property. I think we'll be able to work that out. That'll just leave the agreements from the two strip malls which are donating very little of the property because most of it is parking lot, just a couple of islands of vegetation. The county sent out the documents to the strip malls, they have not responded. I've been making calls repeatedly every couple of days, and I have not gotten a response. So I have to figure out another approach to make contact with them to get the legal documents back. But to make a long story short, we're making slow progress and each property owner is concerned about the impact of the design on their particular properties, which is legitimate. I believe we'll be able to work it out. So as soon as we get those donations of rights-of-way made, the next job will be getting \$400,000 from the county to build and maintain the sidewalk in perpetuity. *Lapi*: David, the funding, we don't know where that's gonna come from yet? Is that right? *Mintz*: We do not know that. When we met with the prior commissioner for District 1, before Kevin came in there, he said to us that he would get the funding for the sidewalk. He said he would either get it through the TDC, or through some other appropriate funding methodology, but he made that commitment. The promise was made by him, but he's now gone. I think before Kevin tries to get the funding and get that commitment met, he just wants to make sure everybody's on board first. But the answer is that I think it'll come from the county or wherever the county usually gets these monies for these kinds of projects.

*Lapi*: And the other thing is, it has nothing to do with the sidewalk project. Maybe it's not the right time. We talked a while back about the vegetation, that property owners going to have the responsibility to trim back vegetation for the shoulder, that if the property owners weren't going to do it, that the county was going to come out and do the trimming or something? Do we know because, once a week, I ride my bike up and I find that some of these paths have got branches and things growing over them. Do we contact the county about that, or what would be your suggestion? *Mintz*: Under the new code, which the county has already agreed to the language for that. So when the new code is implemented, there's no dispute over that particular provision. There is a new provision that requires all property owners have to have clearance from that shoulder. What the new provision says is "no vegetation shall encroach into, onto or over Captiva drive, or its paved shoulder, below the height of eight feet." So anything that's lower than eight feet, above eight feet is okay, but below eight feet, it can't interfere with the shoulder. And a setback of at least two feet from the edge of the pavement shall be maintained at all times. So the new provision requires a setback of two feet to the inside of the shoulder so that there can be nothing touching the shoulder that goes down Captiva Drive that will be enforceable by code enforcement of Lee County once this provision goes through the committees and as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. At this point, I would say if there's an issue, if you know the property owner, I would try to contact them and say, listen, get your landscaper to cut that back so it doesn't interfere with the shoulder. But if that doesn't work, or you don't know them, you can call Lee County DOT and they will send somebody out. They will have a heavier hand than a landscaper would. *Brown*: David, just to make sure I understand. That is in the new code that we're trying to get in Lee County to adopt. *Mintz*: Yes. *Brown*: But there is no law standing right now or code standing that says you have to do that

now. Is that correct? *Mintz*: No, except that as a matter of current law, that that shoulder is on the Lee County right of way. And so no property owner should in fact interfere with that shoulder, there should be no vegetation on that. What this new provision does is creates a setback of two feet from that shoulder, so that it guarantees in effect that there will be nothing growing on that shoulder. Jay, right now you can call the county and if they have the manpower available, they will come out and trim anything that's interfering with the shoulder of the road, because that's the official county right-of-way. *Brown*: You can call the county now and they will supposedly come out and do the trimming? *Mintz*: Yeah, they will, they will make sure there's nothing interfering with the shoulder. I'm not sure that's what you want to do, but that they will certainly do it and they've done it in the past. I think the better thing is to have the landscapers of the particular properties to do it. And I think once this new code provision is in effect, then we will educate all the landscapers about the new code provision, and that will be hopefully part and parcel of what they do. *Lapi*: Part of the problem has been because we didn't have the triathlon, they always came out before the triathlon to make sure it was kind of trimmed back. Because of the pandemic, we missed it, I think there might have been some extra growth, and it might have been lacking on the DOT's part. *Gooderham*: They also used to come out and clean the road for that. So you'll see notice more sand, that's the reason why.

**Captiva brand, video and education:** *Baumgarten*: As you can see, we've tried out a little bit with the videos. And we're learning a little bit. And the main video we're going to do is the first one we're supposed to do is the one that I mentioned earlier regarding the golf cart committee, regarding the golf cart rules, and I'm waiting until the island gets a little bit quieter. *Brown*: All these videos that you're doing, what is the plan for those? Where do you want them to appear? Are you gonna try to create a website that people can get on to see these videos are? *Baumgarten*: Well, everybody can go on YouTube and see them. And in my opinion, whatever we create is good for the island. Because the more video we create, the more popular we get, because I think reading is not the way to go anymore. People really like videos. So I see it as part as a marketing campaign. You know, the little video we did about the Captiva farmers market, just getting the word out. *Brown*: My question is, I'm trying to understand what's your plan for the videos to get people to look at them? Are you thinking of creating a website that you would have all these videos on? *Baumgarten*: We are waiting for TJ and then we need to find a visual spot on the website. We're going to put it on the website of the panel, all the panel-specific videos, and those videos will also be on YouTube. And then we will call it the Captiva Community Channel. Then everyone will get information I think we should also make a little one about sea turtle nests and about the new codes. *Brown*: I know, there are thousands of videos we could do. So your thought is you would have a library of videos that you would keep adding to, and there would be a link on the website to get to them. And then there would also be a YouTube channel with these videos? *Baumgarten*: Once you take the video you loaded up on YouTube, and then you've embedded it in your website. This means they're accessible on a YouTube channel. When you Google, let's say, you Google something about sea turtles Captiva, so then your video description on YouTube would help somebody who's interested in finding out something about the sea turtles on Captiva, hopefully find the link where someone would tell people that we have turtle season between, I don't know, May and whatever and why we kindly ask people to obey the rules and turn off their lights after darkness in summer to not disturb the sea turtles, it's just part of a communication and awareness strategy. *Brown*: If somebody does type in "Captiva Florida," are you thinking that something would come up that says click here for videos about Captiva? *Baumgarten*: Yes, they would need to make the title a little bit more specific. So somebody let's say is putting in "sea turtle," then they would go to sea turtle video, that would probably show up. Or if you put "golf cart Captiva" in YouTube, then you hopefully one out of the first 10 or 20 sites that you could click on would hopefully be our video about golf carts also on Captiva. *Brown*: So if I do a video search, I want to see videos of Rene Miville exercising, is that.... *Baumgarten*: I have created my own website, I call it a healthy lifestyle magazines. So on that website, I do all sorts of thing that is more into fitness and health. So I promote that on my own website, and we don't promote these videos on the panel website. But it's about giving people ideas and inspiration, what we can do to get the word out, because I think we have to do a little more. The thing with vegetation was a wonderful example, we have to try out different ways of how to communicate with our residents or vacationers. Same thing is going to be about parking or, I don't know, bike riding. I mean, you might have noticed none of the rental bikes has a light, which is going to be another safety issue. So it's just to broaden and try different communication ways.

*Brown:* No, I get that. I was just trying to understand how they would all tie together in some way.

*Baumgarten:* As I said, we do panel-specific videos and all that our panel Community Education gets its own panel-specific channel. The panel channel doesn't have to promote Captiva Farmers Market videos, that's not the main purpose. But we could but that's pretty broad. I think first, we should focus on getting the messages out that are important. *Miville:* I have my two cents about this, it's just a thought that came just now, I didn't even know this was on the schedule J. For example, let's say Mike Mullins, he's really into botany and has so many different places in his garden. If you wanted to do like a 20-second video on cool plants to plant at your house. Something like that could be fun to look at it, it gives sort of a friendly local community channel. Jay, you have some amazing fishing trips where you catch incredible fish right off Captiva if you just want to show someone happy with the "Hey, look what I caught," things like that. I think that it gives a nice spin. From a compliance perspective, there are people that come to this island, and they build very extravagant homes. And what happens is, builders think they can get little variances without really doing anything, they build stuff they shouldn't. There were cases where the builders for the Roberts family, they were building extra high and they were able to bamboozle permitting to think... Or what some builders say "listen, once the county permits it, they're never out here to really check or whatever. There's certain things we can get away with," which is total BS. But the builders say that, some of them -- not to the builders we've had for a long time, but some of the new people. And what happens is, they build in easements, or they do stuff like that, because they're being told that. So, for example, a little video talking about some of the interesting architecture, and in embracing people to say, "Listen, if you're going to come to the Captiva community, don't let the builder tell you this, because guess what, it's not true, but they'll tell you anything that you want to hear." There can be a lot of things. It can be like a homespun channel, if you will. And it just says on the website: If you want to see local people's videos on botany or fishing or whatever." Maybe get never gets looked at, maybe people start adding, maybe people meet people. But it's a new way to communicate with people. And at least it would be out of the box and fun. *Baumgarten:* It's giving the island a personal face. It's like about meeting locals. And the more communication we get with these people, the better it is. We had been waiting in front of a restaurant, and somebody was bragging that on Captiva where they are doing construction, there are no rules like on Sanibel. And I thought, oh my god. So I think it was really help improve the community or the sense of community. *Brown:* I was just trying to understand if there were some way we were going to try to package all these together and promote them somehow. *Laird:* Or put the links on the panel website. Other interesting things like that. *Baumgarten:* Or meet the locals, and then we have a little story, I think that might be a nice idea as well. And I would like to do one about the Civic Association, for example. And it's just about giving that community more of a sense of community. *Miville:* It's just local videos, you know. When I go to another area, and I want to know about fishing, you'd be surprised how many local homespun videos that say, "Hey, if you go here, you go there," and they're very useful. I have a video which I would like to include. It shows how the female manatee will attract sometimes 15 younger males, and they all start mating. And I have a video of it and I hum "Love to love you, baby" with Donna Summers. It's weird, I put it on YouTube, like six years ago, I got like 10 hits. But hopefully through this, maybe I get 200. Discussion.

**Governmental affairs:** *Mintz:* Nothing's really happened with government affairs over the last few weeks. (Laughter.) *Brown:* Well, David, as chairman of our government affairs committee, I can't believe the amount of government affairs work that you have done in the last two to three weeks, and I will be forever grateful for all you've done to get this whole and sewer engineering process moving in through all these parties that had to agree to it and all the agreements and everything. Thank you so much.

**Blind Pass:** *Brown:* Do we have anything on Blind Pass that's new. As I understand the way it is now, we're trying to get the county to adopt something that says you can only fish on one side. Is that right, David? *Mintz:* What happened is that issue was raised with Chairman Ruane at our February meeting. After the meeting, Chairman Ruane asked that we go back -- even though we went to DOT and even though we went to the county in the past, and even though we spoke to just about everybody we could speak with -- he asked that we go back one more time and see whether or not there would be interest in having a code amendment or a code regulation which limited fishing to one side of the bridge. In the course of my discussions with the

county on our proposed code regulations, I requested at Kevin's request whether they would be interested or able to have a new code provision which would limit fishing to one side of the bridge. They basically said it's not within their purview, they could not initiate that, we have to go back to the Board of County Commissioners. So I'm going to set up a meeting with Chairman Ruane about other enforcement issues that I want to report that at the next meeting, and that's going to be one of them. The ball is now back in his court; the county departments who could be involved in these issues do not feel it's within their jurisdiction to do that. So it's really back in Kevin's court. *Lanigan*: Question on the sidewalk you've working on for a couple of years now in the Village. If people just had a matter of course, rode their bikes and just park their bicycles, I'm talking about 20-30 bicyclists, park their bicycles in that sidewalk, forcing people to walk into the road. Who would you call to get those people to get their bicycles out of the way? So you can ensure safe passage to the people who are walking now on the road? *Mintz*: Probably the sheriff. *Lanigan*: So the sheriff can enforce safety. Is that right? *Mintz*: Yes. *Lanigan*: And does having fishermen on the bridge disrupting pedestrian traffic, isn't that a safety issue? *Mintz*: I believe it is. *Lanigan*: So why don't we just go to the Lee County Sheriff's Office and have them enforce a safety issue here? *Mintz*: Because I think we tried that before. I remember Mike being in on the meetings, and he basically said that until there's a provision, a law, that says you could only fish on one side of the bridge, all he could do is basically make sure that there's no obstructions, etc., etc. I don't recall exactly what he said, but he basically said his hands were tied, and that there was nothing he could really do because the DOT and the county permits fishing on both sides of the bridge at this point. So what he would be doing would be on the edges of the things we're concerned about. He can make sure people don't throw garbage down, because it's against the law to litter. And you can you can fine somebody, arrest somebody even for littering. But the concern that the panel has raised all these years, is that on a regular basis, they need free access to be able to cross the bridge without impairment. And that's the only compromise we came up with was eliminating fishing on one side of the bridge. I can speak for myself here, I've spoken to everybody I possibly can speak to. The last ditch effort, Chairman Ruane actually said, see if the county would pass an ordinance or code regulation. They're not going to do it unless the Board of County Commissioners tell them to do it. That's why I have to go back to Kevin and say, "Look, you have to just make a decision to ask the people who work under you, county staff to figure out a way to close one side."

*Miville*: David, is there a way to just ask them like on a trial basis, say, can we just try it for a year, or a season just to have it on one side, just see works out so that there's no major laws passed or codes passed, and then tweak it from there? Because they don't want to do it. That's the bottom line. They don't want to do it, for whatever reason. But, at the same time, the bridge was not designed in a way where it's safe for pedestrians to cross or bicyclists to go in that path because there are rods, you know, there's a million reasons. But maybe there's a way to just ask, "Can we try for one year just to see how it works out?" And then if it does work out, we can go from there. *Mintz*: I think that's an interesting suggestion, and that could be maybe easier for somebody to swallow at the county level book. I'm more than willing to see if that is easier to make happen? *Miville*: Because Kevin is just basically saying, guys, there are things I can do and I can't do. He's just politely saying, it isn't gonna happen the way you guys are proposing it. Oh, Jennifer Nelson just got her brain scan and she's fine. I think the only path here at this point is to not put people out and say, how about can we do like a trial thing? I don't know. Because it is going anywhere. *Lanigan*: I think when we say this, I think people hear that we're trying to kick fishermen off the bridge. That's not the case. We're trying to provide safe passage for pedestrians, for moms pushing strollers. There's a lot of that sort of traffic. *Miville*: So I know, I go on my bike, I see rods sticking out because they're oblivious, but I get it. I understand. The thing is, it's we have to provide a solution that doesn't put them out. *Brown*: Well, all I can say is this has been on our agenda for a long time. We have tried to get the county to do something about it. And the county says, we're in favor the fishermen, too bad Captiva. I mean, that's basically what they're saying. *Miville*: What they're saying is they're in favor of those 5,000 votes that equate to those fishermen and that can get them elected -- and I don't blame them. They're just telling us to pound sand. But if we give them an alternative solution that doesn't insult the fishermen, then everybody's happy, everybody wins. *Mintz*: Well, that's what we try to do when the panel decided to write... *Miville*: I know, one side, but it but it was too legal. That's why I said let's try an option. *Mintz*: I'm happy to propose that. *Miville*: Yeah, let's see what happens. Ask them and see what they say. To be continued, unfortunately. *Mintz*: Mike, what happened with the petitions

that were being signed on the on the Santiva side of the bridge? Mike Mullins at the last meeting mentioned that there was a petition drive that was going to be presented to Sanibel, did you hear anything more about that? *Lanigan*: If you're asking me, I'm not involved in that at all. Mike's doing that. *Mintz*: At some point, if Kevin's hands are tied, or he can't do it, maybe we can get a petition drive on both sides of the bridge and submit it, because then it becomes a political issue. This is obviously a political issue, unfortunately, and not a safety issue. Maybe if Kevin says to us, "Listen, I just need some support from the community to shut this." Maybe we can provide that to him. But let me meet with him, because I'm going to set up a meeting, try what Rene said, and see where we go. *Brown*: If that doesn't get anywhere, maybe what we ought to be doing is forming some committee or something to try to figure out what can we do to make progress on this? Because I mean, clearly, we're getting stonewalled by the county.

*Baumgarten*: I would like to add something. So in my opinion, as Rene pointed out, it's not to push the fisherman off the bridge. It's about safety. And... *Brown*: I know all that. I'm just saying... *Baumgarten*: No, my point was something else. So I think the question is not *if* an accident is going to happen, but *when* an accident is going to happen. So my question is, does the county not have a liability issue? And if we have informed them that there's a safety risk, if something happens, is the liability different because they refused preventing it? So it's a legal question. *Mintz*: At this point, because it's been raised to DOT, they obviously don't feel that it is significant enough of a safety issue, that they are bringing the liability concerns to the county attorney, but I certainly... In our letter way back when and repeatedly, we talked about it as a safety issue. I will again advise the chairman that this is our concern, and that he might want to address it as a liability issue. And so I'll raise both those points with him, both Antje's and Rene's. *Baumgarten*: Let me ask another question, because you just said that's what they feel. Whereas we all know, trying to cross the bridge, Mike Mullins is walking, Rene and I are biking over the bridge, and we know that there's a safety problem. So how about creating a little study where we just try to make clear that this is not emotional, but this is about pure data. So my question is, could we create a little study that would prove that it's emotionally one thing but the data proves something else? *Mintz*: I think that, whether you're talking about video, or... *Baumgarten*: I'm just talking about, remember when we had the issue with extending the golf cart zone, somebody did a little study, which mainly was somebody came out and for a day wrote down what happened. So I mean, if we paid somebody for writing down and monitors the bridge for a day, we could create the same thing. And we could prove, by video, by numbers, by pictures, that there is a safety issue. *Brown*: Our current path is David's gonna try to make headway with county staff on getting something done on this. *Mintz*: No, not with county staff, with Kevin Ruane. *Brown*: I don't think we should be in a position of at these meetings here trying to brainstorm things that we ought to try. *Baumgarten*: We have had this situation for years, so then we could found a committee, but otherwise, it's our job to think it because it's a major issue. *Brown*: I know that, that's what I'm trying to say is, if David doesn't get anywhere in the next month, maybe we need to get a committee together or something and try to come up with other ways to get this done. *Baumgarten*: Then I suggest that we give it another four weeks, and then we're going to found a committee. Then we're going to figure out if we do a study or if we have to sue them or whatever our legal objectives. *Brown*: Maybe we have some massive petition drive or something, with people who live within two miles of each side of the bridge, and people saying you guys gotta stop this. I don't know. *Baumgarten*: Let's give him another four weeks. What do you think, David? *Mintz*: I think that's fine, and I think we've heard a lot of good ideas here actually, whether it be a petition drive, or whether it be a study. I will let Kevin Ruane know what we're contemplating and let him tell us -- he really would like to satisfy us. So let me raise both these issues with him and if we don't get progress, then I think we have to entertain either creating a committee to develop these ideas or developing them as a panel as a whole. Four weeks is fine, I will report back. *Baumgarten*: Ken, can you make a note, please? Thank you. *Gooderham*: You may also want to note that the county's general response to bike/ped safety issues is they respond when there's an accident. Sure, the study may help and I'm not disputing that that's a good idea. But you really want to get action, have somebody get hit -- that'll get DOT and politicians moving.

**Hurricane preparedness:** *Brown*: Mike Lanigan and I started an effort to see if we could improve on a post hurricane basis, people being able to get quick access to understand what the condition of the island is, and Mike's been doing a little work on this. And I'd just like Mike to make a very brief report and just get ideas

from the panel if you think this is worth meriting trying to develop further. *Lanigan:* Jay and I met with Lt. Mike Sawicki and Chief Jeff Pawul, as well as Sheryl Sims who's a commissioner on the Captiva Island Fire District. We discussed issues that we've discussed many times in the past, just try to formalize some of them. We discussed both hurricane prep as well as post-hurricane response. As far as hurricane prep, Jeff and Mike both pledged to be available to us at the May meeting, if you recall, Jay for 30-45 minutes, whenever we want to discuss hurricane preparation. I think with our use of Zoom these days, we can reach many more people. Past hurricane prep seminars have been pretty lightly attended. Hopefully, this will reach more people. Jeff had a number of suggestions. One of which was for everyone to take a look at the Lee County All Hazards Guide. This is part of the pre-hurricane and that is on our Captiva community panel website. I believe it's a 2019 version, but much has changed through 2020. But you can also get a physical copy. I know Jeff was going to ask the county for some physical copies if anybody's interested in that. Mike was the one who mentioned that neighborhood app that that Rene had asked about earlier. And if anybody's been on that, you can see how that really could be a very good post-hurricane information sharing site or app. On that Lee County guide, there's a number of websites that are listed on there, including the Lee County Emergency Management site, which is really the main player in post-hurricane response. There is a constant loop between first responders, the EOC, and then back to the first responders in the community. Mike suggested that we consider setting up a managed Facebook page for Captiva Island. Apparently, North Captiva has a very functional neighborhood site on their Facebook page that is managed by an administrator, to control who is on and you can get quality information that way. Obviously, Lee Prepares and Alert Lee, you can get information from them and you can find out how to get access on that All Hazards Guide that's on our panel site. After a hurricane, the first responders are naturally the first ones on the island and they do an initial island assessment. They identify and treat emergency issues, any life-threatening issues, and then they start clearing the road and doing a house-by-house inspection. This is done before they give an "all clear" to come back on the island. I believe in Irma, Jeff said they got that done in a day or even less, because obviously the damage wasn't that great. But again, that information gets sent from the firefighters sent to the EEOC. And they keep that data there. Now Jeff was going to ask the attorney for the fire district to see if that information could be shared with legitimate interested parties, i.e. property owners or business owners. There's a real concern of that kind of information getting out in nefarious hands. Once the first responders do their initial run, then when they think it's appropriate they give an "all clear" allowing residents and owners and appropriate people back on the island. After Irma, that didn't happen like it was supposed to. Sanibel gave an "all clear" before our first responders felt it was necessary or was appropriate on Captiva. That's something that they have communicated and hopefully that problem won't happen again. There were some people that really shouldn't have been here on Captiva, if you ask Mike. After Irma that they were not prepared to defend against or guard against. As far as property-specific and Captiva-specific information that people are really looking for after a hurricane, we discussed as we have in previous panel meetings flying a drone over the island and sharing that with the community. I don't know how we would do that, whether we do it on the panel website or on YouTube, not sure. There are some privacy issues there. But I think we found a way to maybe get around that or to manage that risk. Jay, you mentioned that Mark who is a volunteer fireman and experienced drone flyer could actually do that. We probably want to do something soon or before, if you will, so that we can compare it, Heaven forbid it happens, with an after video. We did also discuss, and we can discuss this with Rene and Mike separately, that there's something called the Sanibel Partners Group that the Sanibel Police Department runs. The fact that the CEPD is an elected political body with assets... this group which is comprised of first responders and utilities. The fact that they have an asset to offer to that group, may give them a seat at the table. And that could be a way for us to get information that we can share with property and business owners on Captiva. Those are the things that I recall. You and I discussed meeting again later this week, and we really invite anyone who's interested to share any ideas, suggestions, any needs that you feel the community has, and how we can respond to them. So that's what I recall from our meeting.

*Brown:* I was just wondering, it seems to me that we have a hurricane and what people want to know, right away is what happened to the island? How much damage is there? What can I expect? I was just wondering if there's interest on the panel of Mike and I trying to find a way for people maybe within 24 hours to 48 hours after a hurricane of being able to get some idea of what happened. What's the general condition of the islands? Is there major damage? Some kind of an early reporting system so that people can understand how

much damage there was generally on the island? When I come back, can I expect that my roof is gone and whatever? I don't know, does the pane; have any interest in trying to develop some kind of a resource or a way that people can, very quickly after a hurricane event, try to get some understanding of what happened and what the condition or their property might be? *Jensen*: The news seems to do a pretty good job, all the news agencies. They try and be out here before anybody, you know, they may, you know, hit they have a helicopter, right? And with streaming and all that, it seems like there's a lot of information out there, rather than putting a burden on somebody, they may have their house damaged, and then they have to think about flying up a drone. But it seems like there's a lot of private people and businesses that get all over it. *Brown*: Well, I was just curious. You know, I remember when we had the last major hurricane, everybody knew that Tony Lapi had stayed at Tween Waters, and we're all calling Tony just trying to find out what happened, and so on. I was just wondering if the panel had interest in trying to create some method where people can get some quick feedback. But if you all think the news properly handles it and so forth, we won't pursue it further. *Jensen*: Does the fire department put out anything? They don't put out any information, maybe just you're allowed back on the island. *Brown*: That's right. And the problem they have is people started calling the fire department right after the event and the fire department doesn't want to take those calls because they're busy trying to assess damage and so forth. So I was just thinking, just some way for people other than just trying to call a fire department to just get some understanding of what happened with them.

*Miville*: The answer was just made. Mike Lanigan said that, if I heard correctly, that the fire department mentioned about Facebook sites. I remember five years ago, when there was concern about how do we reach out to people, I said, Everyone talks to each other on Facebook, you go on Facebook, this one's talking about this, this one's talking about that. And I wasn't taken very seriously. But the bottom line is now we should get a Facebook site or someone should just set one up specifically generated for that fact because what happens is the odds are 99 to one in favor that most people on Captiva have some neighbor that they're Facebook friends with. Consequently, if they go on their Facebook thing, they'll see a post and then suddenly they're in the Facebook site. I would say probably 80% of them who live on the island, probably don't even know what the panel is. Yeah, well, there's a website. And yeah, they're going to call the fire department, they're going to be busy. But the bottom line is, someone should just set up a Facebook site, and then it'll all come and it doesn't cost a nickel. It could be added to the panel website, on Facebook, you know, for the hurricane, and then people start sharing it. When you look on your Facebook, for those who look on Facebook, they have suggestions of who to join, and most people on Captiva will be suggested to like the Captiva hurricane Facebook site. So within weeks, you'll have maybe 1,000 followers. So I think it's a great idea to set that up. And the other thing, I remember saying, when Irma came, I said, "Now everyone's got a drone, get the fire department to get a drone, they do a buzz-by, put it on the site we'll get the image and people actually see the damage." So bottom line is that's something that can be -- will be incorporated. I think we're at a point of mass communication where we could take advantage of it, a simple Facebook site. Ken, you're listening to this, right? What's the path of least resistance for the brand new debut of the Facebook Captiva hurricane? *Gooderham*: The Facebook site is a good idea. The only downfall you may run into, is you have to have somebody as administrator who's outside of the area. *Miville*: Why? *Gooderham*: Power. For example, if I was administering the site, I can do that as long as I have power where I'm at. But if I can't get on the internet, then I can't update. The site will update itself, but I can't manage it as an administrator. *Miville*: I thought Facebook is something where if there's a Facebook site, you can post on it because you're a friend. As long as someone is made friends. *Gooderham*: But there's no way to administer it, there's no way to send stuff out. People can post and people who know about the page can go there. It would work. But you still don't have an administrator who will be able to do something in a post-storm event. If you find somebody who's not in the area, your problem is solved. So you have a backup somewhere. *Brown*: I just wanted to get some feedback. I mean, we're running way over. *Laird*: I think be great if we had something that was easy. *Brown*: If within eight hours or so after a hurricane, people could get on a Facebook page or a website or something and see footage of the island. *Miville*: They'll get messages, they don't even have to go to the page, the Captiva update will be on their phone. I can talk to Daniel Munt and John Riegert. I'm sure they'd be thrilled for the CEPD to do a Facebook thing or something. Whatever it is, we'll have something in four weeks, bottom line. *Brown*: Well, Mike and I'll pursue it further. Thank you for that.

**Financial update:** *Brown:* I looked at the numbers, looks like we have a lot of cash. *Gooderham:* One thing I've done this time that I want to point out is that because we're getting a couple of donations that are termed and directed, I wanted to break those out of the annual numbers, so that people don't think we can spend that money because we really can't. The Vince donation and the Preservati donation are meant to be multi-year. So for the revenues, you'll notice I've done annual revenues and then we have directed term breakout right below it. So our total is \$93,000, but this year we brought in money that we can spend totaling \$33,000. At the beginning of next year, we would roll over the two directed donations for 2022, so we immediately have \$10,000 in revenue. We need to understand we can't spend that money right now. So otherwise, we're doing very well in terms of, as Ann mentioned, hitting our target for revenue, and expenses continue to stay pretty controlled.

**Public comment:** *Brown:* I don't know if we have anybody left, we've run so long. But if there's any public comment how can they... *Gooderham:* They can send me a Q&A and we have a couple people left. But I also wanted to bring up very quickly... Jay, you mentioned it to me and somebody who was contacting me about their petition also brought it up an interest in trying to find out options to improve cell service. I have a person who might take that on as a committee chair so that it wouldn't fall on you guys. Also, it's another way to get somebody involved. So I'm going to talk with him and we can get that going. *Brown:* I really think that's something we need to work on. So you let me know about that after the next time we talk, what you're thinking there, because I really want to try to get some improvement there. *Gooderham:* I think it will also help us, as we've seen in some of these meetings, some of our members have challenges with their Wi-Fi and with their cell service in being able to attend I'd like to try to fix that. *Lanigan:* When Jay and I met with Jeff and Mike, Jeff was voicing grave concern over the quality of the Verizon coverage, because that's what they use. The quality has fallen off dramatically in the last few months. It's an important issue. *Brown:* At the yacht club we had a medical emergency and people were trying to dial 911, and nobody could get through their cell phones. *Gooderham:* Mike, if you are meeting with Jeff again in the near future, ask him a question for me. Could we put a cell tower or repeater on the fire station? Because one of our problems is we have the South Seas tower and then we have the Wulfert tower. That's a long gap where we don't have any way of boosting the signal or having a new transmitter to capture a signal. Doing something in the village could make a big difference. And it clearly has a public safety component to it. We had one other comment from the audience, from Colleen at the library, saying that there are copies of the All Hazards Guide available at the library if people looking for a physical copy. Otherwise, I think that's all the public comment you're probably going to get because the public is fading away. *Brown:* Yeah, we've ran a long time today, but I think we've covered a lot of ground, a lot happened and a lot going on with the panel now. So the next meeting is May 11. Thank you all. I guess we need a motion to adjourn, or does anybody else have anything else before we adjourn? (Motion Jensen/Laird). Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. -- *Ken Gooderham*

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