
Let us know if you're attending tomorrow's county hearing

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Let us know if you attending the June 20 hearing

As the coalition of island organizations prepares for the Tuesday, June 20, public hearing on these proposed land use changes, they'd like to know if you're planning to attend and planning to speak. If so, send an email to protectcaptiva@gmail.com to let them know.

IF YOU GO: The hearing is part of the regular county commission meeting, which begins at 9:30 a.m. in commission chambers, 2120 Main Street (see [map](#)). Parking can be challenging if there's a good turnout; check out this [map](#) for parking options.

IF YOU SPEAK: You have to turn in a speaker's card (by the entrance to the chambers). Fill it out and indicate which agenda item (#2 public hearing) you want to speak about, and turn it in at the front of the chambers. You have three minutes, and they are strict about stopping those who go over (so come prepared and keep it short) – and always end with your ask for action (in this case, denying the amendments). Want more detail? Read [this](#).

IF YOU WATCH: To watch the public hearing:
<https://www.leegov.com/resources/leetv>

More resources:

- An open letter from the Captiva Community Panel to Lee County Commissioners is available [here](#).
- A legal opinion and [letter](#) from coalition of island organizations opposing the proposed land use changes.
- A [letter](#) from the Captiva Fire District on what additional costs would have to be incurred to adequately protect taller structures and any increase in building density.
- SCCF CEO James Evans penned an [oped](#) in the June 18 News-Press urging opposition to the proposed land use changes.
- At the special meeting held on June 14, Sanibel City Council voted unanimously to send a [letter](#) to the Lee County Board of Commissioners strongly opposing the changes to the height and density limits on Captiva.
- Chauncey Goss, former Sanibel City Councilor and chair of the South Florida Water Management District, shared his [comments](#) to the Lee County Commissioners in opposition to the proposed changes.
- Committee of the Island President Lawrence Schopp submitted a [letter](#) to Lee County Commissioners on behalf of COTI.
- The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce has sent a [letter](#) expressing its opposition to the proposed changes.
- June 12 CCA workshop link: https://youtu.be/1HZLD3_wWpo
- June 13 Community Panel meeting link: <https://youtu.be/HoAUPCyDWw8>
- The [motion](#) from the June 13 Captiva Community Panel meeting
- Timbers Resort [letter](#) to the South Seas HOA Presidents Council
- 2002 South Seas Administrative [Interpretation](#)
- A public hearing on proposed land use changes to the Land Development Code will be held Tuesday, June 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. You can download the agenda and backup materials at <https://www.leegov.com/bocc/meetings/agendas>
- A public hearing on proposed changes to the Lee Plan affecting Captiva will be held on Wednesday, June 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m. You can download the agenda and backup materials at: <https://www.leegov.com/bocc/zoning>.
- A Community Panel staff [analysis](#) of the proposed changes.

If you want to protect everything that is Captiva, we need your help. Contact the Lee County Commissioners and let them know where you stand on this crucial issue.

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SAMPLE LETTER:

I am a property owner/voter/business owner (PICK ALL THAT APPLY) on Captiva and I oppose the proposed increases to Captiva's building heights and the elimination of the long-standing density and height limitations at South Seas Island Resort that will be presented at the upcoming June 20 public hearing.

These proposed changes run counter to Captiva's historic pattern of low-rise and low-density development, and will allow more and higher buildings on a fragile barrier island. These changes do not increase storm safety and resilience, and do not protect the environment. They do the opposite.

These sweeping changes are also being pursued without the required public input, and with complete disregard for the residents, owners and visitors on Captiva. We encourage you to serve the interests of the entire Captiva community, not just those who wish to change the rules in order to build more units and bigger buildings.

I urge you to reject these changes at the June 20 public hearing, and vote for protecting Captiva's future.

Community Panel sets special meeting June 22

The Captiva Community Panel has scheduled a special meeting on Thursday, June 22, beginning at 9 a.m. to discuss the decisions made at the June 20 public hearing and June 21 plan transmittal hearing. Details below.

When: Jun 22, 2023 09:00 AM Eastern Time (and Canada)

Topic: Special Captiva Community Panel meeting

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