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County commissioners move public hearings to September

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Lee County commissioners continue land use hearings to September

In a packed county commission chambers and following almost 1.5 hours of public comment, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners approved a motion to continue both the June 20 Land Development Code amendment public hearing and the June 21 Lee Plan amendment transmittal hearing to Sept. 5 and 6, respectively.

District 1 Commissioner Kevin Ruane committed to holding informational meetings on the island and to seeking input from a broad array of stakeholders, to both refine and better explain possible changes in the county LDC. The vote to continue the hearings was unanimous.

Turnout in opposition to these proposed amendments was considerable, both in person and in the form of emails and phone calls to all the commissioners. Having all the island organizations, governments and residents speak with one voice delivered the message to commissioners loud and clear. Thanks to everyone who took the time to speak, write and call in helping this island coalition make a difference.

That said, the work is not over. The Captiva Community Panel will hold a

special meeting Thursday morning via Zoom to discuss next steps, and all the coalition partners will be reaching out to their supporters to help us all make the changes necessary in these proposals to make them work both for today's rebuilding and tomorrow's preservation.

And put Tuesday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Sept. 6, on your calendars... to once again let the county commissioners know how you feel about protecting the future of Captiva.

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 next steps after the continuance of the June 20 public hearing. Details below.

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

Topic: Special Captiva Community Panel meeting

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