

Captiva Community Panel chronology

2000

- **August:** Captiva Island Property Owners Association (CPOA) is formed as a Florida not-for-profit corporation and a 501c4 nonprofit.
- **October:** CPOA requests seed money for community planning from Lee County. Request approved by Board of County Commissioners (BoCC); delayed pending development of language governing community planning panels countywide.
- **November:** CPOA hires David Depew (Morris-Depew & Associates Inc.) to provide planning services to develop a Captiva community plan.

2001

- **June:** Lee County adopts Administrative Code 13-3, “Administrative Procedures Governing Community Planning Efforts Receiving Financial Support from the BOCC.”
- **September:** Following numerous community meetings and an islandwide survey, Depew submits the first Captiva Plan encompassing 16 policies for review and adoption by Lee County.

2002

- **January:** BoCC approves first agreement with CPOA for \$25,000 to fund Captiva Community Panel. As part of that agreement, county commissioners include this requirement: “CPOA will provide an opportunity for the Captiva Civic Association to appoint two members to the community planning panel.”
- **February:** Captiva Community Panel holds first meeting. As part of its formation discussion, the panel members vote to expand the total membership of the panel to nine members, adding two at-large positions to be approved by the panel.
- **April:** At its second public hearing on the Captiva Plan, the Lee County Local Planning Agency approves 12 policies to be review for transmittal by the BoCC.
- **September:** BoCC votes to transmit Captiva Plan for state review.

2003

- **January:** The first Captiva Plan is approved, comprised of one goal, one objective and nine policies. The panel begins working on the next Captiva Plan submission to address policies removed by Lee County during the just-finished adoption process.
- **September:** The second Captiva Plan is submitted to the county for adoption, comprised of five policies.
- **November:** Discussion begins on developing Land Development Code language to implement Captiva Plan policies. Discussion begins on an effort to organize the community to push for re-opening of Blind Pass.

2004

- **February:** An additional Captiva Plan policy for construction of a new communications tower at South Seas Plantation is drafted and approved for inclusion in the pending Captiva Plan submission now before Lee County.
- **April:** LCEC introduces its plan to install new Hendrix cable (more tree-resistant) from Blind Pass to South Seas. Citizens look at forming an independent committee to investigate the options for undergrounding some of these lines.
- **August:** Hurricane Charley hits the island.
- **September:** Panel meeting focuses on storm recovery, with the main issues being tree removal, canopy restoration and storm recovery.
- **November:** Discussion is introduced on adding a safety shoulder to Captiva Drive when the next resurfacing project is undertaken by the county. Also, tied to the pending expansion of the Sanibel sanitary sewer system, discussion is initiated as to whether Captiva would be interested in pursuing ways to hook into the Sanibel system in the future.
- **December:** Discussion as to whether to pursue a designation to allow golf carts to operate on portions of Captiva Drive is introduced. Discussion with LCEC on undergrounding costs, and with Sanibel on sewer expansion, continues.

2005

- **February:** Based on discussions with Sanibel, any action on sewer expansion is tabled.
- **March:** Citizens agree to raise the \$75,000 necessary to fund an LCEC engineering study to underground utilities from Blind Pass to South Seas. The panel agrees to pursue revegetation grant funding based on recovery from Hurricane Charley.
- **June:** BoCC votes to transmit six Captiva Plan policies to the state for review. Discussion of establishing a Hurricane Preparedness effort on the island is introduced. The panel agrees to make a grant request to the state of \$125,000 for revegetation.
- **October:** The second set of policies for the Captiva Plan are adopted. Hurricane Wilma hits the area.
- **November:** A committee is formed to develop panel bylaws. In the wake of Hurricane Wilma, the island's hurricane response efforts are reviewed and commended. Discussion of lowered speed limits on portions of Captiva Drive is introduced. The scope and implementation of the revegetation project is discussed. A hurricane preparedness survey is planned for islandwide distribution.

2006

- **January:** In response to a proposed mixed-use redevelopment on Andy Rosse Lane, the panel agrees to pursue a Captiva Plan amendment to allow a combination of residential and commercial uses on commercial-zoned properties. Surveying is under way to determine the exact rights-of-way along Captiva Drive should a safety shoulder be approved.
- **March:** A tree subsidy for island property owners in conjunction with the SCCF Native Plant Nursery is established to access state revegetation grant funding. Work must be complete by September 2007 to meet the grant's conditions.
- **May-June:** A committee is formed to seek community input on the proposed safety shoulder. The panel agrees to fund a Hurricane Preparedness Committee on an annual basis.

- **December:** The panel prepares a request for water quality funding for consideration by the Legislature during its upcoming session.

2007

- **January:** The panel continues its work on drafting bylaws, which occupied meetings in late 2006. It also votes to request the CPOA to pursue a 501c3 tax-exempt status to allow for enhanced fund-raising and grant writing. The safety shoulder committee sets plan for a community forum on the issue. The panel discusses pursuing grant funding for a water quality study.
- **April:** Panel hosts a presentation on the proposed project to re-open Blind Pass. A community survey to assess support for the proposed safety shoulder is announced. A final draft of panel bylaws is unanimously approved. The safety shoulder survey shows 77% support of those responding (which was 50% of the cards sent) for the project. The \$85,000 earmarked for water quality work on the island in a request to the Florida Legislature, which had been approved for the FY 2007-2008 state budget, is vetoed by the governor.
- **September:** The CPOA receives its 501c3 determination, retroactive to the Feb. 28 application date. Work on draft LDC language is launched, and an investigation into options to fund a water quality study is discussed.
- **November:** The convergence of the proposed safety shoulder project, a main replacement project by Island Water Association and the utilities undergrounding still being discussed raises concerns over scheduling and right-of-way uses. The tree subsidy program concludes with the last reimbursements bringing the total to just under \$124,000 for around 1,200 trees.
- **December:** In response to Sanibel beach closures tied to water quality issues, meetings are held with county and Sanibel officials to explore options to improve water quality.

2008

- **February:** The panel hosts presentations on the safety shoulder project (set to begin in April) and the possible taxing unit for undergrounding utilities. A special community meeting on the utilities issue is set for March. The panel prepares a grant application to the county Tourist Development Council to request a two-year grant to study water quality on the island.
- **March:** Following the community utilities meeting, the idea of pursuing a taxing unit for undergrounding is dismissed.
- **April:** The water quality grant request made to the TDC is approved, with work scheduled to commence in the fall.
- **June:** The safety shoulder project is completed.
- **December:** A Captiva-specific golf cart ordinance to allow limited use on public roads and at night is approved for adoption by the BoCC.

2009

- **March:** A request for second-year TDC funding for the Captiva water quality study is submitted. Land Development Code revisions are discussed at almost every meeting since fall 2008. Updates on the Blind Pass re-opening project also are offered at almost every meeting during construction. Language for the proposed golf cart ordinance is refined in anticipation of county review. The island communications tower comes back before the group for discussion as construction plans move forward.

- **June:** Draft 7 of proposed Land Development Code finalized; panel decides to issue RFP for planner to address four remaining areas of concern: Height restrictions, RSC-2 zoning, mangrove protection, signs.
- **July:** Proposals from five planners reviewed by the panel at its public meeting.
- **August:** The panel hires (Morris-Depew Associates Inc.) based on recommendation from a panel subcommittee.
- **September:** Grant application with Lee County initiated, planner reviews current LDC draft.
- **October:** Planner David Depew presents LDC Draft 9, sets workshop review schedule at Oct. 13 panel meeting; workshop on mangroves and water quality held Oct. 27.
- **November:** Workshop discussions reviewed at Nov. 11 panel meeting.
- **December:** Workshop on height restrictions held on Dec. 1. Discussions reviewed at the Dec. 8 panel meeting, RSC-2 zoning options discussed.

2010

- **January:** Workshop on height restrictions and RSC-2 zoning issues is held Jan. 7. Discussions reviewed at the Jan. 12 panel meeting. Another workshop on height restrictions and RSC-2 issues is held Jan. 28.
- **February:** Workshop discussions reviewed at the Feb. 9 panel meeting. Another workshop on height restrictions (with specific requests to planner for illustrations of options) and signs is held Feb. 18.
- **March:** Discussions reviewed at the March 9 panel meeting. Revisions suggested, reviewed at a special panel meeting March 24. Draft 12E is adopted by the panel as a final staff draft (working draft) of the LDC proposals at the end of the March 24 meeting.
- **April:** Discussions reviewed at the April 13 panel meeting, and a decision was made to allow electronic surveying of the community on the proposed LDC draft. A special meeting on the proposed rental restrictions is held April 27, where the islandwide restrictions were deleted from the working draft and additional research was requested.
- **May:** Research was reviewed at the May 11 panel meeting, where the RSC-2 specific restrictions were deleted from the working draft and the final proposed LDC draft was accepted. A survey committee is formed to refine the staff draft of survey questions and report back to the panel to devise a final survey draft.
- **June:** The idea of an online community survey is discussed, and necessary bylaw changes are advanced to make this possible.
- **July:** A draft of the proposed survey (including structure and graphics) is developed and approved by the panel.
- **August:** The final version of the survey is approved at a public meeting. All registered voters and property owners are notified by postcard in on Aug. 20 and Sept. 1, with additional information provided in the local weekly newspaper and to an islandwide email message send to a maintained list twice. A Sept. 30 deadline for responses is established, with a report to the panel planned for at a public meeting in October.
- **September:** A retainer with Max Forgey/Forgey Planning Services is approved to allow Forgey to continue his role as the panel's planning consultant begun during his work with Morris-Depew Associates.
- **October:** Survey results were extensively discussed at an Oct. 19 public meeting, which was publicly noticed repeated in advance. The panel voted to send the May 2010 LDC draft to county

staff for comments while continuing to review and discuss survey results and comments at its November meeting. (See attached for a full survey report and breakdown.)

- **November:** Discussion continues on the LDC draft and survey, with the panel opting to more thoroughly review the language in conjunction with expected county reaction to draft language. Work begins on a new grant to put trees on public lands around the island, with the focus on the southern third of the island along Captiva Drive. The no-match grant will spend up to \$18,000 on new vegetation.
- **December:** After further discussion, the panel voted to exempt the Village from the proposed new building height regulations and allow it to stay under the existing uniform-height rules. More input from Village residents was solicited on this and any other LDC issues the Village wanted to address, and panel consultants are instructed to work with residents as requested.

2011

- **January:** The panel confirmed its support for a Village exemption to the new building height rules, and a Village workshop is scheduled later in the month to discuss Village boundaries and issues. At that workshop, a definition for the Village's boundaries is confirmed and the decision is to limit the discussion to building heights at this point and report this discussion back to the panel at its Feb. 8, 2011, public meeting.
- **February:** After concerns about how the Village was defined for the purposes of the exemption were raised by a property owner, that item is put on the March 2011 meeting agenda.
- **March:** After discussion about how the Village would be defined and the efforts which brought the proposed Village exemption into being, the panel votes to conduct a mail survey of Village property owners to determine whether they want to be covered by the proposed new building height language or be exempted to stay under the existing height restrictions. SCCF makes an extensive presentation (which continues to the April meeting) on the results from the two-year water quality study conducted around the island.
- **April:** Results from the Village survey on building heights were presented and discussed, and the panel then votes to remove the exemption and stay with an islandwide building height language as originally proposed. The panel also votes to hold a public meeting on April 26 solely focusing on building heights and the current LDC draft, where islanders could submit questions in advance or ask questions of key county staff members on building height and LDC issues. At the April 26 public meeting, following an extensive presentation by the panel planner and county staff members on the building heights issue, the panel votes to further amend the Lee Plan language to allow owners the option of retaining the current height restrictions if the new regulations would prove too (or more) restrictive than the current rules.
- **May:** The Lee Plan amendment submission is finalized, as discussion on other LDC issues is tabled until the fall to allow the building heights issue to be resolved. The "trees on public lands" grant has shifted gears to include Andy Rosse Lane and the northern portion of Captiva Drive, with plantings set to coincide with the start of the rainy season.
- **June:** The idea of an island vegetation clearinghouse is raised to ensure existing vegetation could be relocated on the island rather than being destroyed. The BoCC votes to transmit the building height Lee Plan amendment, but requests further island meetings to discuss issues raised during the public hearing on the matter. Water quality discussion now shifts to what individual property owners can do to slow runoff and develop canopies on their sites.
- **August:** A building height workshop is held by county staff mid-month. The tree project is completed and approved, with 100 trees installed at a cost of \$17,000.

- **September:** The BoCC holds its adoption public hearing on the building height amendment, voting to include the new language in the Captiva Plan.
- **October:** With the Captiva Plan language in place, attention turns back to the pending LDC draft. Attention also turns to the island's return on taxes, tied both to the upcoming beach project and funding for other island efforts. This discussion will span a few meetings.
- **November:** In conjunction with county review of the existing Lee Plan, a discussion of a vision for Captiva in 2035 ensues. Vision statements from islanders are solicited, and discussion begins on how to coalesce these desires into an action agenda for coordinated island efforts and county support therefore. A Communications Committee is formed to better reach Captivans with panel efforts and community issues.
- **December:** The panel works to draft responses to extensive county staff comments on the current LDC draft in preparation for county committee review early in 2012.

2012

- **January:** Discussion of a vision statement for Captiva was renewed, as the county was updating and revising the Lee Plan as part of its Evaluation and Appraisal Report process. Vision statements would be moved to a new area of the plan, and all the affected communities were being the opportunity to make changes in their individual vision statements as part of this process. This discussion also sparked a look at updating the Captiva Plan, and seeking county grant funding to do so on its 10th anniversary. A decision was made to draft an updated vision statement by the March meeting, and consider looking into county funding for discussion at upcoming meetings. Discussion on the adoption process for the LDC amendments continued, with review of county comments so far and clarification of the panel's position on a number of issues raised during the review pertaining to rental terms, signs and septic systems.
- **February:** The panel reviewed the current Lee Plan language pertaining to Captiva as a prelude to discussion of what changes needed to be considered in any proposed update. The panel also reviewed the line-by-line changes and questions raised about the current LDC amendment under committee review, making decisions on mangrove language, septic system oversight and signage.
- **March:** Discussion of LDC amendment issues continued, focusing more on water quality in anticipation of that being raised at the next advisory committee review. That also dovetailed with a meeting with island landscapers on vegetation and runoff, where they all expressed a desire to work with the panel on drafting language. A vision statement for Captiva was also addressed, with discussion of the various draft statements gathered prior to this meeting. A final vision statement was approved, as were minor language changes in two existing Lee Plan policies affecting Captiva; all were to be sent to county staff for review and adoption.
- **April:** The first "Monday After The Masters" golf tournament to benefit the panel was held at South Seas. At the panel meeting, discussion continued on the LDC amendment process with the focus now on existing septic system regulations by both the county and state in hopes of determining where any new language could be inserted or proposed language could be amended. One portion of the proposed LDC amendment draft on OSDTS regulation was amended, and two others were deleted. Signage regulations were also discussed, with some changes in the proposed language approved. Panel funding was also an agenda item, with options being brought up for future review.
- **May:** Property owners on Laika and Wightman Lanes came to the panel seeking assistance in mediating issues between residents and adjacent businesses on a number of persistent

concerns, which had already been discussed with county staff. After discussion, the panel opted not to take an immediate role but urged homeowners to meet with businesses to explore issue and potential resolution. On the pending LDC amendment, sign regulation language was further revised based on county review and panel discussion. The issue of code enforcement was broached, with a request for more information at a future meeting.

- **June:** The LDC amendment was heard by the Local Planning Agency with general success, and was on course for review and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. An interpretation question on the revised building height language and a conflict between the Plan and the Code was resolved. Some questions concerning bike/ped safety and the flashing light on Captiva Drive were raised, and the issue of code enforcement was again discussed as to process and initiation. Representatives of the Captiva Fire District and the Lee County Sheriff's Office were asked to attend as necessary to provide updates. Due to lack of a quorum, the July meeting was cancelled.
- **August:** The panel received an update on damages from Tropical Storm Debbie, mainly in the form of accelerated beach erosion and some road concerns near the Jensen's Curve. With approval from the LPA, the LDC amendments would move on to the county commission at a late August or early September hearing, which was discussed. Also at issue were rental terms affecting the rest of the island, in light of the proposed new language for the RSC-2 zoned properties of the Gold Coast. Based on panel and public input, the panel discussed item for its future agenda, culling a list down and identifying whether the issue was a short-term or long-term discussion.
- **September:** With the final public hearing on the LDC amendment set for Sept. 11, the panel reviewed a change in the septic language proposed by county staff. While some criticized it as too tepid, the panel ultimately voted not to object to the proposed change prior to adoption. A discussion on panel priorities continued. With panel openings and pending term limits, looking at potential new panel members and any conflicts with other island groups was discussed.
- **October:** With commission approval of the Captiva LDC amendment, that long phase of planning was finally complete. With that, discussion turned to the next phase, with initial comments about the availability of county grant funding for a new cycle. (This also resulted in a review of how other panels around the county operate and are funded.) County staffers also presented a code enforcement workshop to discuss the process and steps to enforce. Panel priorities would be an agenda item in November, and the panel agreed to form a committee to review its bylaws for possible amendment in 2013.
- **November:** The Captiva Fire District began offering monthly updates at panel meetings, with a discussion on plans to replace the current station with a new building. To understand changes in the sign regulations, the panel reviewed a letter from planner Max Forgey that summarized the pertinent major changes; it was approved after discussion. Panel priorities were discussed with input from the public present and through panel members. A 2013 budget and schedule was initially discussed. The Bylaws Committee began its meetings after this panel meeting.
- **December:** There was extensive discussion on county funding options and ensuring that the island was receiving its fair share – particularly given issues in TDC funding that could impact beach management funds. In response to questions raised during the public e-survey about island priorities, a bike/ped staffer with the county would be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss options to enhance safety on the island. A lengthy discussion on panel finances led to the need to develop proposals for both expenses and revenues in 2013, which would be discussed at upcoming meetings once the potential and timing for county funding was explored. Panel priorities were discussed, with the need for a new mission or focus as a centerpiece.

2013

- **January:** A new effort to review and update the Captiva Plan is launched, with four areas of focus suggested: A plan for the Village; landscaping; historic preservation; and how to provide appropriate (county) government services to the island. The Bylaws Subcommittee continued its work on a draft.
- **April:** Discussions with county staff on funding and the scope of the plan revisions continued, with community workshops planned to address these issues: updating the Lee Plan, economic and demographic changes, the Village, landscaping, historic preservation and bike/ped safety. The Bylaws Subcommittee presented its proposed revisions for initial panel discussion, in advance of an expected October vote. First “Monday After The Masters” event held.
- **August:** The first draft of a proposed community survey is reviewed and discussed. County funding for the Captiva Plan update was approved by the commission in early September.
- **October:** After continuing review, a final draft of a community survey was approved for distribution. After additional subcommittee discussion, a bylaws vote was rescheduled for December.
- **December:** Community workshops for the plan update were proposed for the first four months of next year. The community survey results were discussed with the panel and public. After extensive discussion, proposed bylaws change to the way panel members are appointed (to make it a panel function solely) fails to win a supermajority vote for approval.

2014

- **February:** First planning workshop held. First “Welcome Back” cruise held.
- **March:** Second and third planning workshops held. Bylaws Committee meets to discuss total number of panel members.
- **April:** Fourth planning workshop held.
- **May:** Results from workshops discussed with panel, plan to move forward with initial plan update draft over the summer for fall review.
- **September:** As part of plan update, county code enforcement staff and island rental agents invited to panel meeting to discuss vacation rentals options.
- **October:** Representations from South Seas Island Resort make first presentation on proposed redevelopment plans concerning employee housing (140 units) and redeveloping those units as new condos at the north end. An additional presentation is set for January.
- **December:** After review of proposed plan language, a special workshop is scheduled for January for panel members to more thoroughly discuss and revise draft. The panel voted to enlarge the number of seats to 11.

2015

- **January:** Representatives from South Seas Island Resort continued their presentation on proposed redevelopment involving elimination of 140 employee housing units and construction of 112 condo units at north end. A number of resort owners attended to address their concerns about redevelopment, impact on amenities and parking, Gulf views,

access road and more. Following the regular meeting, the panel held a plan update workshop.

- **February:** Another presentation on South Seas redevelopment was held, with follow up questions from the January session plus discussion on traffic, development impacts, Planation Drive. Another plan update workshop was held following the regular meeting.
- **March:** South Seas representatives were back to answer panel question on proposed redevelopment, as well as audience questions on density, traffic, internal road and amenities impacts. The Bylaws Committee presented its proposals for changes, which included increasing panel number to 11, staggered three-year terms, streamlined nominations and vacancies process.
- **April:** The “Monday After The Masters” annual event was cancelled, with a move of the “Welcome Back” to the fall planned. Future panel priorities were discussed as a means to guide future work. Discussion of efforts to seek county support for a pedestrian walkway from Andy Rosse Lane to South Seas were discussed; due to the backlog of county projects awaiting funding, other options will be pursued. South Seas representatives again fielded questions on the proposed redevelopment plans. A plan update followed, with approval of the draft LDC amendments resulting.
- **May:** Panel priorities were finalized and volunteers assigned for each task.
- **June:** Representatives from LCEC (electric) and Lee County (wastewater) presented on options to improve or upgrade services to the island. A committee to look at wastewater options was formed to conduct fact-finding on the options. Discussion on mangrove removal and mitigation and options for notification.
- **August:** A final draft of the proposed Captiva Plan update was presented. In advance of having a representative from Florida DEP attend an upcoming panel meeting, questions were solicited on mangrove regulations, removal and mitigation.
- **September:** Presentations by LCEC (electric) and Florida DEP (mangroves).
- **October:** County staff’s comments on the Captiva Plan amendments were extensively discussed. A panel workshop to develop a more nuanced response is set for the following month, as is a meeting to include representatives of Lee County and FGUA to discuss wastewater. (That meeting was subsequently moved to December.)
- **November:** The plan workshop was held following the regular meeting, where staff comments were discussed and either accepted or revised.
- **December:** A revised plan update was discussed and approved. The 11th panel member was appointed, to be seated in January. The regular meeting was followed by a presentation on wastewater issues by FGUA and Lee County.

2016

- **January:** A presentation on the potential impacts of sea level rise on the island. Discussion of the negotiations with county staff on the Captiva Plan amendments. Follow-up efforts on wastewater planned, including meeting with Sanibel and FGUA officials.
- **February:** Representatives from LCEC discussed recent outages, reliability and why lines were undergrounded at S curve. Another revision of the Captiva Plan update was presented and reviewed. A proposed revision to the bylaws affecting how panel members are appointed or elected was presented and discussed, with further review and an April vote planned. A wastewater discussion included questions about FGUA plant and capacity, density impacts and Sanibel’s concerns; the committee set a schedule of meetings and

studies to determine next steps. Discussion on vacation rentals and working with agencies on impacts.

- **March:** Discussion of FGUA plant issues, meeting with Sanibel. Pursuing county funding for a wastewater study of the island to capture information and current status. The final Captiva Plan application was readier for submittal, with a plan for encouraging adoption discussed.
- **April:** A vote on the proposed bylaws changes on member selection was held; following extensive discussion, the amendment failed to achieve the required supermajority support. Bylaws committee will be re-formed once county contract on plan update is fulfilled to look at panel structural issues. The Wastewater Committee updated the panel on its efforts. Panel voted to support seeking county funding for a wastewater management study. Committee will continue fact-finding, including meeting with land use experts on density control options. Plan update submitted in mid-March, will look at possible LDC changes resulting from new objectives next.
- **September:** Updates on a variety of efforts, including drafting language to better control island density. Sea level rise symposium set for January, with a reception at South Seas to follow.
- **November:** Discussion on how to include language in Captiva Plan to control density resulted in outreach to a planner to discuss options. Finalizing plans for the SLR symposium. A scope for the proposed wastewater study was reviewed.
- **December:** Representatives from SCCF, the City of Sanibel and the federal government made extensive presentations on water quality and the variety of influences that impact it. The Captiva Plan update was scheduled for county hearings beginning in February.

2017

- **January:** Planned David Depew made a presentation on his proposals to strengthen density controls in Captiva Plan. First hearing on Captiva Plan update now set for March. LCEC representative discussed recent reliability upgrades. Lee DOT will fund a new survey of Captiva Drive from Andy Rosse Lane to Hagerup Park to accurately depict right-of-way and possible impediments to walkway. The SLR symposium was held later in the month.
- **February:** LCSO officials explained the need to quantify parking rules affecting Chapel by the Sea to ensure proper enforcement. In the wake of SLR symposium, panel approved further research and formation of a committee for fact-finding.
- **April:** Review of county revisions to Captiva Plan, extensive changes that watered down language and ignored community input. County staff explained this was a change of direction for county overall, not specific to Captiva... to realign what language is in Lee Plan and what's moved to LDC. Options, motivations and strategy to move forward based on the community's concerns was discussed.
- **May:** The unexpected resignation of Captiva's librarian and the potential loss of that full-time position lead the discussions, with presentations by the library board and county staff. There was an update on meeting with county commissioners and staff on Captiva Plan update. Dealing with invasive species focused more on iguanas, discussions with state and Sanibel to determine options. Wastewater study funding approved by county.
- **June:** Discussions on working with county on iguana trapping and removal. Presentation by representatives from Sanibel's Community Housing & Resources Inc. on affordable housing options. Revised plan language and supporting analysis were submitted to county staff. Only

one respondent (TKW Engineering) to RFP for wastewater study. Improving panel communications and online presence discussed.

- **August:** Progress and revisions in Captiva Plan and code language and analysis reviewed and revised. TKW to be hired by county for wastewater study. Survey of Captiva Drive for walkway completed, will be reviewed to identify options and problem areas. The rental letter developed to address overbooking has been distributed and will be posted online. New librarian introduced.
- **October:** A review of how the island fared in Hurricane Irma. Two commercial redevelopment projects (Tween Waters, Sunshine Café) made presentations. New librarian was shifted to part-time, then quit.
- **November:** A new librarian has been hired, will be introduced in December. Discussion on parking rules at beach parks, patrol and enforcement. The latest Captiva Plan update made it through county review, goes to commissioners in late November. A plan and schedule to develop LDC language was outlined. Website redesign was discussed as part of a presentation by a web designer. Controlling speed on Captiva Drive discussed. Met with LCEC engineers on equipment relocation for Captiva Drive walkway. A request to the county to permit a septic system seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) on North Captiva was discussed.
- **December:** Captiva Plan language approved by commissioners, transmitted to state for review. LDC topic areas and schedule for draft and input reviewed. The CCCL permit issue was discussed in more detail, including changes in county regulatory language over time and glitches that could cause issues with regulation. A panel position opposing the permit and county's abandonment of CCCL authority approved. Wastewater study is under way.

2018

- **January:** A community survey to help guide LDC development was reviewed, and a timetable laid out. Review of actions taken concerning CCCL permit for North Captiva, resulted in county staff pulling item from agenda and looking at revising language. DOT study on Captiva Drive complete, will present findings next month?
- **February:** The long-awaited Captiva Plan update approved by commissioners. LDC community survey draft reviewed and finalized, to be sent out this month. A proposal from planner David Depew to strengthen plan language on overdevelopment was discussed, and will be revised to right-size for panel's needs. Revised county language on CCCL permitting was discussed, happy it strengthened prohibitions. Met with other utilities on Captiva Drive walkway to ascertain issues and costs. An LDC workshop on beach issues was held after/between the regular meeting.
- **March:** Discussion of revised Depew proposal, zoning inventory to assess potential redevelopment issues. Discussed continuing to require financial disclosure forms from panel members, required to secure future county funding; final decision was to continue with financial disclosures. County restored 1978 CCCL as line of prohibition, review of process to get there. DOT study showed general compliance with Captiva Drive speed limits, issue may be more roadside hazards pushing bike/ped traffic into traffic lanes, plus distracted drivers. A LDC workshop on traffic, transportation and parking was held after/between the regular meeting.
- **April:** A representative from Lee County Mosquito Control reviewed a pilot project on mosquito control planned for the islands. LDC workshops to date were reviewed, and a

presentation by planner David Depew later in the month was discussed. Results from the community survey were presented, and next steps were discussed. A Community Foundation of the Islands grant for website update was approved, following a similar grant for planning services last year. The preliminary wastewater study was reviewed by county, revisions under way.

- **May:** Review of LDC workshops, Depew briefing, community survey, to help develop plan to move forward. Contract with planner Max Forgey to conduct research, Depew to work on strengthening language. Website redesign in review. Discussion of how to inform islanders about storm prep and impacts now that hurricane committee has dissolved.
- **June:** Plan for research and fact-finding for LDC language development reviewed, based on workshops and survey but narrowed down to panel-critical issues to start. Options for iguana control discussed, as was how to reach certain island stakeholders and financial support/status.
- **July:** Request for county funding of panel work rejected by staff, looking at options to put it in front of commissioners. An initial overview of the TKW wastewater study was provided.
- **August:** Two variance requests were heard. Impact of red tide and algae bloom (and dead fish discussed. After discussions with commissioner, panel will submit request for \$35,000 in county funding to county commission for approval, even though county has not budgeted for community planning. A more thorough summary of the TKW wastewater study was distributed and discussed.
- **September:** Addressing the red tide/blue-green algae impacts extensively discussed, with possible advocacy actions and options. Final TKW study saw few changes, next steps discussed including posting study, community workshop. The need for an engineered design for the Captiva Drive walkway was discussed to ascertain actual property needs and walkway options. A review of how other areas in Florida addressed septic-system regulation and inspection was made.
- **October:** Panel voted to be an intervenor (and put an attorney on retainer) in legal efforts to improve Lake Okeechobee release schedules to protect estuary and improve water quality. Progress on code research detailed, with plans to bring items to November meeting.
- **November:** New owners of Island Store introduced. Update on Lake O intervention efforts. All the code research done over the summer was provided to panel members for review. Wastewater Committee met with representatives of City of Sanibel, FGUA, updated panel on findings. Community presentation on TKW study set for January.
- **December:** Discussion and review of summer's water quality crisis, steps taken and what to do next. County funding deemed unlikely, but county staff wants panel to continue its LDC work. LDC discussions on beach vegetation, straws, beach paraphernalia, beach cleanup, beach tents and canopies, mangroves. TKW wastewater presentation set for Jan. 23, 7 p.m., at Community Center.

2019

- **January:** LDC discussion continued, on noise, events at private homes, Blind Pass Bridge fishing. Upcoming workshops reviewed. Groundwater study proposal expected, will review at future meeting. Hurricane Committee resurrected due to post-Irma issues, especially coordination with Sanibel/county on reopening causeway and keeping property owners informed.

- **February:** Having an attorney on retainer discussed, tabled. Review of process to form and fund Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) to fund panel efforts and other tasks; also at pursuing Tourist Development Council (TDC) funding for certain activities. Presentation from iguana trapper on services and scope. LDC discussion on water and air pollution, septic, fertilizers, rat poisons, overcrowded rentals, leaf blowers, golf carts. Review of proposed groundwater quality study proposal. Funding options for Captiva Drive walkway design discussed.
- **March:** State water quality issues discussed. Iguana control program discussed, outreach to property owners planned to assess access. Lake Okeechobee flow issues reviewed. LDC discussion on rat poison, pesticides, building, signs, lighting, single-family home rentals, clear-cutting, architecture. Groundwater study approved to pursue. Firm selected for Captiva Drive walkway design, funding options to be explored. Sea Level Rise Committee formed, support position funded.
- **April:** Agreed to a trial contract with a trapper to address a growing iguana problem on the island. LDC discussion on mangrove regulation, stormwater flooding, bike/ped safety, utilities, trolleys. Groundwater study contract and scope discussed.
- **May:** First code of some LDC language presented and discussed, along with a plan for panel review and community input. Proposed parking language presented and discusses, need to codify Chapel by the Sea parking situation to protect deputies when enforcing. A letter to property owners potentially impacted by the rules was approved. Initial findings from the groundwater sampling study was discussed. Contract with Johnson Engineering for the walkway design along Captiva Drive was approved. Initial discussion of SLR Committee research.
- **August:** After completing trial trapping for iguanas, panel opted to pursue county funding to continue effort due to numbers being captured and removed. Discussion of regulating fishing on Blind Pass bridge. Discussion on extending the golf cart zone to Tween Waters Inn was tabled to November to allow more residents to participate. Comments on LDC draft from panel members collected, updates back to panel in the fall. Initial findings from the groundwater study did not indicate septic systems were a major contributor to pollution, full report due in the fall. A request for funding for the SLR Committee was delayed to a later meeting pending more details.
- **September:** Extensive presentation on SLR Committee funding, discussion of next steps, focus and involved of CEPD. Panel agreed to interim funding until this effort could be integrated with CEPD's bayside plans. Review of options for iguana eradication funding, including how other communities have handled. Panel voted to pursue MSTU petition support from county, continue funding eradication in the interim. Longer review of groundwater study, septic systems not a major contributor to groundwater pollution but majority of system may not meet current permitting standards for separation from water table; small lot sizes in Village also an issue for proper filtration. LDC suggestions and updates in process, will review in upcoming meeting. Long-time panel member Dave Jensen announced his departure from the panel and the island.
- **November:** Extensive presentation by David Tomasko of his groundwater study findings, including how they compared to nine-year-old SCCF study and Sanibel studies. This was followed by a presentation by FGUA operators on the wastewater treatment capacity of that plant, and Doug Eckmann with TKW on that wastewater analysis. Options for a collection system at least serving the Village were discussed. The first phase of LDC update review was held, covering beach furniture, straws, variances, fertilizers, beach walkovers,

noise pollution. Iguana eradication was now funded by the county pending approval of an MSTU to pay for eradication in the future. Extensive discussion of expanding the Golf Cart one to include Tween Waters Inn.

- **December:** Presentation by Sanibel Community Housing Resources, looking for support to include Captiva workers in program. How to proceed with iguana MSTU approval process was reviewed, drive to be launched to target securing sufficient petitions by April 1 to show community approval so county can form unit. County funding eradication until MSTU decision is made, will be repaid if unit is formed. Fishing and bike/ped safety on Blind Pass bridge discussed, county reticent to ban fishing but willing to look at bike/ped options in roadway to enhance safety. Review of LDC update continued, including vegetation, signs, parking, septic regulations, dark skies regulations. Wastewater discussion focused on likely need for collection system in Village, possible septic regulations to improve performance and filtration. A public workshop on the issue and studies was planned for January or February, along with discussion of a straw poll.

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