

Captiva Community Panel

MINUTES

May 11, 2021

Attending: Jay Brown, Linda Laird, John Jensen, Mike Mullins, Antje Baumgarten, Tony Lapi, Michael Lanigan, Mike Kelly, Bob Walter

Audience: 16

Meeting convened at 9 a.m. Introductions Discussion about minutes, consensus was a summary with transcript afterwards. April 13 minutes approved (Lapi/Jensen) unanimously.

LCSO: Deferred

CFD: *Pawul:* Verizon Coverage is terrible lately. South Seas tower damaged, repairs under way. Considering small cell tower on island. Make presentation at panel meeting. Possibly three sites between Village to Wulfert. *Brown:* June meeting? *Pawul:* Troy Dunning, business development and strategic planning with Verizon, will touch base after meeting tomorrow. Looked at switching to First Net, not great either. *Laird:* Will this improve ATT service? *Pawul:* Verizon only. *Brown:* All on same tower? *Pawul:* Don't know who is or is not on tower.

CEPD: *Riebert:* Bid went to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, bond counsel will be Mark Raymond, worked with both before. Timeline: July 2021 for start of project, goes through October 2021. November, apportionment project tentative hearing. *Lanigan:* Status with state and county funding. *Riebert:* State \$6 million, county cost-share of remainder. 21% of project. *Lanigan:* County status, paid 30%-40% last time? *Brown:* Negotiations under way, not adequate opening offer. *Jensen:* Total cost? *Riebert:* \$15.6 million. *Munt:* GLDD bid for 600,000 cu yd sand. \$16 per cu yard of sand, up or down 25%, change orders possible. County based on recreational percentage, 55.9% or remainder. *Lanigan:* What is county number? Paltry number. *Mintz:* Not available. *Lanigan:* Unimpressive attendance by Nelson. *Brown:* Summary. *Mullins:* Facts are changing as we proceed, don't make any assumptions on project. *Mullins:* Ruane call. Technical issues. Panel attendance not mandatory as long as we get CEPD reports. Plan to talk further with Sanibel to get facts clear on project. *Jensen:* Previous project cost? *Mullins:* \$20 million. Don't have complete cost on project, \$15 million is dredging only. Sand cost is low enough we may decide to take more than expected. Design & engineering also needs to be factored in. Mobilize late July, sand placement early August onward to early October. *Laird:* Less than previous? *Mullins:* Less than anticipated. Stars in alignment to lower costs. *Lanigan:* State 21%, leaves 79% for county, feds and property owners. *Mullins:* Not productive discussion while in negotiations. *Lanigan:* County is lowballing us. State percentage is the same. *Mullins:* Premature to ask some of these questions. *Brown:* Still negotiating with county. *Lanigan:* Asking as taxpayer. *Mullins:* Board has not had chance to review county documents yet. *Laird:* Sanibel comment? *Mullins:* Assumed Sanibel would come on board. Recommended using sand from pass rather than from us. Explained process, Sanibel turned it down but put money aside in case. Need to reach out to them due to lower cost of sand. Sanibel used to get sand for free, now being asked to pay for some of it.

Lusk: *Baumgarten:* Introduction of Jennifer Lusk. *Lusk:* New assistant principal at Sanibel Schools. Captiva resident and with school district for 16 years. Proud of teachers and students. Provide as much of a tradition school year as possible. Looking for smooth transition in new administrator. Embracing new style of learning. New standards curriculum will hit youngest classes. K-3 first, 4 onward will change annually. Looking for community support for learning support items. Excited with progress students are

making. *Brown*: How many Captiva students? *Lusk*: Don't know. Two-thirds of students from islands. Looking to grow, employees family members who work on island. *Baumgarten*: Will send out info on how to support school.

Hurricane: *Pawul/Sawicki*: *Sawicki*: Turtle nesting season back, mind the ordinances. Will be doing lighting survey with code enforcement. Check your lights and address issues ahead of the curve. *Pawul*: Mini-hurricane prep discussion. Prep for people who will be on island, prepare yourself (checklist of needs), heed the warnings for mandatory evacuations. Speed bump for storms. Don't come back too soon. *Sawicki*: Stages are: Assessment, recovery and rescue, security. Had to switch to security too soon after Irma when Sanibel opened access. Each storm event is unique, affects how resources are allocated and shape of our response. *Pawul*: Post-storm info the biggest question. We don't know more than you in immediate aftermath. Looking at social media options post-storm – Facebook, Next Door or website. Security of list, use list that is correlated to owners. Issue of what info we can distribute. Drone, possible as long as we are not too specific. *Sawicki*: Chief goal is to stabilize the island. Contact rental management on status of property if in program. *Brown*: People just want to know general condition of island. Challenge to provide that without providing info to people with nefarious purposes. *Sawicki*: Lee EOC.com, link through CFD website. Distribute to list after meeting. Presentation. *Sawicki*: Pre-register for special needs evacuation if you need that. *Pawul*: If you are not evacuating, let CFD or LCSO know so we can check that property early. *Sawicki*: Tell us how many and who is staying. If they issue a mandatory evacuation, leave. They don't issue those lightly. Not a fun time to be on Captiva following a major storm. Leave and let us work on getting you back as quickly as possible. *Pawul*: Once we have distribution method, will work with CCP and CCA to distribute. *Lanigan*: Closed communications loop with Sanibel on reopening? *Sawicki*: I believe so. Will not follow same process after Irma. *Lanigan*: 2016 passes still in force? *Pawul*: Think so, will update. Assessment process explained. Damage, occupied or not. Input to software we can upload. *Sawicki*: Charley, analog process and very slow. Now, immediately uploaded once assessment is done. *Pawul*: Description of EOC process on assessment and resource allocation. *Sawicki*: List of hazards post storm before CFD has cleared a property – power, septic, damage, etc. Always available to answer questions before a storm event.

Code: *Mintz*: Background on code submission. LDC and ordinance amendments separated on request of staff, more related to conduct: noise, straws, fertilizer, parking, septic regulations. Have agreement on all but two LDC changes. Compromises in the works on both. Hope to have final version of county approved language by June meeting. Review by panel for final approval. Hope they will proceed through committees with staff and attorney support. Requested ordinances proceed as is. Chair will move them. Some pushback on straws ordinance. Hope to have timetable as well. *Baumgarten*: Status on golf cart ordinance. *Mintz*: Discussion with DOT for objections. *Brown*: Blind Pass? *Mintz*: Community Development and attorney did not have favorable response, political issue rather than policy issue. Safety discussions under way at county level. Some progress possible on a trial closure to assess impact. *Lanigan*: RSC? *Mintz*: Under discussion, reserve for June meeting. *Lanigan*: Safety has always been paramount issue for bridge. *Mullins*: County passed new pedestrian safety rules, could solve Blind Pass bridge issue as well.

Nominating Committee: *Brown*: Background, CPOA to name replacement for Miville. CCA, Brown not termed out and can be reappointed. Panel, Mullins termed out. Lapi will chair committee. *Lapi*: Committee members will be Jim Piggott Jon Rosen, and Jeff Brown, will set up Zoom meeting over the summer. Motion to appoint committee members as discussed (Mullins/Baumgarten), unanimous. *Lanigan*: Last year committee named candidates then sought community input on nominees. Do it before nominations are made. *Brown*: Can bylaws allow that? *Lapi*: Send out announcement before committee

meets. *Mintz*: Individuals can still submit direct to panel if committee opts not to nominate. *Lanigan*: Be more inclusive, a lot of talented people who want to serve. *Mullins*: Look at diversity issues? *Lapi*: Committee will look at that. Unanimous.

Sign: Defer. *Jensen*: Have painting of old pole, will reach out to Miville to look at it.

Wastewater: *Brown*: County approved \$100K funding for study, MOU between panel, Sanibel and county. Is it reflected in minutes? Met with Kimley Horn on work plan, established milestones to review progress and make adjustments. Late June: evaluation of alternative methods to central collection – STEP, gravity, low pressure. Will present basic concept of collection system they suggest. July: Complete review of all package plants and their requirements. Late Sept. prelim design draft of system. Late November, cost estimate for system. December: results of ways to allocate costs among owners. January: final report. Initial meeting with Sanibel last week to organize city contribution in project. *Lanigan*: Share timeline with panel? *Brown*: Will write it up, from 15-page work document.

SLR: *Laird*: Contract signed, lining up speakers. Tom ???, Milbrandt, Lee DOT on drainage, Citizen science committee to understand flooding issues. Document and vulnerabilities. SECOORA grant, tidal gauges on Captiva and Sanibel, San police dock, possibly on Sunset Captiva dock for Captiva. Easy to use website, three day predictions. Need \$500 to purchase, expect donations to panel will fund effort. Motion to fund gauge. (Mullins/Jensen) *Jensen*: What does that cover? *Laird*: Only one. CEPD has agreed to do installation and minor maintenance. \$500 for five years. Unanimous approval. *Laird*: Rodenticide, volunteer committee formed. Spurred by eaglet death on Captiva. Brochure developed, plan to put info in newspapers. Would like some funding from Captiva if possible, have Sanibel funding already. Would panel like to support this work? *Baumgarten*: Meaning? *Laird*: Panel logo on postcard, donate some money for mailing. *Brown*: Donee org, not donor org. Hate to establish precedent for donations. *Laird*: Will go to CCA, What about logo on card? *Mullins*: Is it a 501c3 org? *Laird*: Not organization, volunteer committee. *Mullins*: Would donations to CROW be allocated to group? *Laird*: Could probably make that happen. *Lapi*: Good recommendation. Go through the right channels and they'll develop the money they need. Panel should stay away from it. *Mullins*: Get details of mission made to panel. *Brown*: Sounds right, but may be counterarguments we're not familiar with. Discussion. *Jensen*: Get info out in a different way. Go to papers? *Laird*: Use list and contact newspapers. Felt postcard would be effective. *Mullins*: Supportive of cause, invite them to speak to panel and send up something in writing. Might donate as individuals. *Laird*: Use panel as forum to reach out to Captiva.

Stormwater: *Brown*: Sent white paper on stormwater management, objectives and how to organize for that. Overlap with SLR and wastewater committees, some unique work besides. Meeting to immediate follow SLR Committee meetings. Propose to form stormwater committee, Laird to chair, Brown and Mintz on committee. Motion to form committee (Laird/Jensen), unanimous. *Mintz*: Update on making Roosevelt Channel manatee zone all year. County working on three areas – Roosevelt one of them. Ordinance under review. Hope to have it in place by Nov. 15 when current zone ends.

Golf cart: *Baumgarten*: Coordinating video on golf cart safety. What is status of draft ordinance? *Mintz*: Next meeting?

Iguana: *Gooderham*: Packet has final numbers and breakdown by zone. By the deadline, we received just over 400 petitions of the 575 we needed, so the unit will not form. Looking at the breakdown, even if we had excluded South Seas we would have not made the necessary number of petitions... but would have been closer. Options? Do nothing, of course. Fund it short-term from annual donations. Look at trying to form a smaller unit, perhaps excluding South Seas; county would have to recalculate the numbers to develop a new assessment. Start again in the fall, hopefully with vaccinations we would be able to plan

in-person events which are crucial to garnering support. Discussion of issue with alfredo using a gun to trap on the resort. *Brown*: Do we need to resolve this at this meeting? *Mintz*: Find out what Sanibel is doing. Speak to BoCC again. \$25K MSTU inappropriate. Many who supported but did not get around to signing petition. Another way to address it. Form subcommittee to pursue options. *Brown*: Jensen to head up committee to develop recommendations. *Jensen*: Will get some committee members, talk to Sanibel and Marco and Boca. *Mintz*: Will work with you on county.

Communications and development: *Gooderham*: Ann's not here, two things to report. List of donors in packet, mostly sea level rise donations. Also, TJ Walker is close to having the new website up for the committee to review, so hopefully will have more on that at the June Meeting. With the current website in limbo, you may notice some glitches, bad links, etc. Working to keep it running until the new one is up.

Captiva Drive: *Mintz*: Background of project status. There of six properties have signed. Negotiating with one, reached out to new owner on one, will be following up in person with final property.

Brand: *Baumgarten*: Trying to schedule date to produce golf cart video.

Financial: *Gooderham*: Cash position strong, as shown in packet. Working to get sea level funding in hand, all the private donations and CCA are in. Contracts for SLR study and sewer design study have been signed.

Public comments: Listed *Brown*: Do during course of discussion? *Baumgarten*: Should be recognized at that time, at the end of each agenda item.

Mullins/Lapi motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

-- *Ken Gooderham*