

**Captiva Community Panel**  
**MINUTES**  
**Jan. 12, 2010**

**Attending:** Jim Boyle, Ron Gibson, Rick Hayduk, Gordon Hullar, Dave Jensen, Mike Kelly, Rene Miville, Nathalie Pyle, Harry Silverglide, Sandy Stilwell Silverglide

**Audience:** 10

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. Having previously reviewed the Dec. 8 minutes, panel members unanimously approved them on a motion by Hullar (Boyle second).

**Officers:** Hullar offered an explanation of the process and the reason for the delay of an election from the December meeting. The 2010-2011 slate was announced:

- President: Sandy Stilwell Silverglide
- Vice president: Rick Hayduk
- Secretary: Jim Boyle
- Treasurer: Mike Kelly

Additional nominees were solicited from the panel and audience, and none were offered. The slate of officers was adopted by acclamation. Stilwell Silverglide took over chairing of the meeting.

**CEPD update:** Kathy Rooker announced that the celebration of the Blind Pass opening would be held on Friday, Jan. 15. All are invited, and the off-site parking and trolleys setup was explained. She noted that DEP officials were attending, and the district wanted to show them the local support for this project. A new CEPD newsletter was out, send us your email address to get e-version. Discussing the performance of 2005-2006 project, a survey had been done and shoreline changes were noticed. Beach width was 75.5 feet when the project was completed, now the average width is 47 feet. this means a retreat of 10 feet per year on average. Rooker said the opening of Blind Pass had impacted the southern end of the project area, but engineers hope an ebb shoal will form and return some of the sand to the beach. She said the district was looking at alternatives for the next beach project in a few years.

**Water monitoring:** Mark Thompson. Update on Year 1, plans for Year 2. (The presentation will be available online at the panel Web site.) Overall, water quality was good, estuary side worse than beach side due to rate of flushing, enterococci bacteria was higher after rainfall events. Chlorophyll OK on average, higher on estuary side and higher in the wet season. Samples were from both fixed stations and transect samples. When asked where are the areas of poor quality, Thompson noted that it varied based on the item being targeted for measurement. For nitrogen, since Captiva better flushed than Sanibel the

numbers lower...but it was hard to draw conclusions re: fertilizer. Sanibel waters are viewed as impaired by DEP, the city has had to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load plan for the entire island for nutrient runoff. Nitrogen levels dropped with the Blind Pass opening. Ammonia nitrogen...on par with state levels, lower than Sanibel and refuge..again due to runoff and flushing. Phosphorus levels were good in the entire area, better than state averages.

Bacteria levels were good overall, higher after rainfall; the lab is looking at areas of concern. Nutrients good as well, some areas of concern at golf courses and stormwater outfalls. More intensive sampling was planned in areas of concern. An Enterolert system had been added in Year 2, which was an in-house analysis looking at DNA with concentrated sampling around problem areas. Looking at optical brighteners, helps to ID laundry detergent source for runoff. Asked about the impact from cold snap, Thompson said they don't know what to expect, this is a unique circumstance. Water clarity is good and dissolved oxygen is high, it's just too cold for the fish to survive. Among the items the analysis will be looking at are source evaluation and land use evaluation, to discern cause for higher levels; possible transport mechanisms for bacteria to beaches; and groundwater as a potential source. Thompson also noted that oyster reefs are to be built in Clam Bayou starting Jan. 28. Volunteers needed every Tuesday after that.

**LDC:** Max Forgey with Morris-Depew and Associates offered a report on the Jan. 7 workshop on RSC-2 zoning and height restrictions. On the RSC-2 discussion, consensus was they did not want to split rentals in more than one unit properties, but to allow caretakers renting units on properties. New draft language will come back for the Feb. 9 panel meeting. On heights, consensus seemed to be to allow two stories or two livable floors, sloped roofs to be encouraged with some roof articulation to be allowed. A map with zoning overlaid with FIRM map and topographic maps to be developed for the next meeting. Other issue will be signage, workshop later in January. Mike Mullins asked that if the net results create nonconformance for island properties, how would they propose handling them. Forgey said 40% mass/coverage is the current county rule, will look at options to encourage issues in the Village. Harry Kaiser asked how high is the tallest house on Captiva?

Kelly offered an overview explanation of the LDC effort. He said no one wants tall houses on Captiva, looking at two living levels. A workshop to discuss both issues further was suggested for Tuesday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m., at South Seas, and they hope to invite builders who have worked on the island to discuss how we're doing this. David Depew clarified that a 20% restriction in items above the height limitations was not in current code, but was something from an earlier draft we proposed. Paul Garvey said the workshop date conflicted with the CCA general meeting. Pyle asked if the workshop could move to the afternoon if possible. There was a discussion of buildback issues, and limits as to what can be grandfathered.

**Hurricane preparedness:** Doris Holzheimer asked islanders to save the date of Feb. 8 to attend two SkyWarn training sessions. First 10-11 a.m. would be an intro session, then 11 a.m.-noon would be the advanced training necessary to maintain Storm Ready certification. She will send flyers to be distributed to island lists. A committee meeting would be held tomorrow (Jan. 13), and she would have more information for next month's meeting. She said the country could face a more normal hurricane season next year. Info was online at mycaptiva.info.

**Budget/bylaws:** Gooderham offered a brief summary of the 2009 budget and overview of the 2010 proposed budget, which included all contract work and the grant revenue that would pay for them by reimbursement. Gibson made a motion to approve the 2010 budget as submitted (Hullar second), with unanimous approval. Gooderham then offered a brief explanation of proposed bylaws change, which would codify the panel selecting its own officers as had been done in past two years, while the nominating committee would still be responsible to nominate panel members for approval to serve. He also explained the amendment procedure, which requires sufficient notice and means the panel will vote on revisions at its March meeting.

**Finances:** Stilwell Silverglide offered a brief explanation of the current financial statement. Gooderham noted that the agreement letter with Lee County for community planning funds had been resubmitted to the county Monday due to the county's desire to change some of the content in the first agreement. Once it was approved (it would likely be heard by the county commission in early February), the panel could request an immediate \$5,000 in seed money and then begin the reimbursement process for what had been spent on planning so far as covered by this agreement.

**Fund-raising:** Hayduk suggested a fund-raising committee meeting Jan. 15 after the Blind Pass celebration, volunteers and interested parties welcomed at 1 p.m. at South Seas Resort? He reminded everyone of the planned April 8 festival event, perhaps with some private events to be scheduled beforehand.

Silverglide noted that it was important to disseminate this new water quality information to the public, DEP, city, etc., and hoped that a plan to pursue that would be developed. Miville took issue with Tourist Development Council funding being terms as county money, since it was collected from tourist rentals and that redirected back to the various projects that would benefit the tourism industry in general. He hoped it was understood that there was a benefit to the TDC for water quality studies in terms of tourism.

Kelly said the date for the next LDC workshop would be the week of Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, and perhaps Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> could still work. Miville said an afternoon meeting was better for him, and that he would check with builders who might be willing to attend.

Stilwell Silverglide asked the panel to extend its thanks to Gordon Hullar for his service as president the past two years, which was met with a round of applause.

There being no further business, the panel meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

— ***Ken Gooderham, administrator***