

Captiva Community Panel

MINUTES

Oct. 13, 2009

Gordon Hullar notes from October 13, 2009 Captiva Community Panel meeting

The meeting was opened at 9:15 a.m. and roll taken. In attendance were Sandy Stilwell, Harry Silverglide, Rod Gibson, Rick Hayduk, Jim Boyle, Mike Kelly, Dave Jensen and Gordon Hullar. Absent were Rene Miville and Nathalie Pyle.

For some unexplained reason (but most likely because we didn't know how to use the recorder), the recorder did not function properly and we have no recorded notes from the meeting. Following are the notes I took to remind me of key decisions and actions I need to take prior to leaving on vacation October 17. I welcome additions and corrections from the other Panel members present.

I will be on vacation in the Mideast and not available for the Nov. 10 meeting, so I will ask Sandy to chair the meeting.

Sandy Stilwell gave the Finance Report. During the October 2008 through September 2009 period we had income of \$48,124 and expenditures of \$54,718. Current account balance is \$14,362. At current spending levels we will need to generate some income prior to our April 2010 fund raising event. (NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, adjustments were made to the accounting which affected these figures noticeably. The revised P&L will be presented to the panel at the Nov. 10 meeting.)

A motion was made and approved to send out a fund-raising letter to our mailing list asking for donations to cover our costs between now and the April fund-raiser. This letter would also communicate the date of the April fund raiser and ask people to put it on their calendar.

Mike Mullins CEPD

Two very dangerous things are happening that could have a very negative impact on Captiva resulting in major damage to our beaches and a major loss in the value of our property and the success of the tourist based commerce on the island.

There is a major effort by some Members of Congress, led by Sen. Tom Coburen from Oklahoma, to challenge the entire process of beach renourishment and any federal funding to support same. We, and all other areas where beaches are renourished, need to take this very seriously and do whatever we can to prevent the catastrophic effect on Captiva of not renourishing our beaches.

The effort for offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico has huge backing and will be very difficult to stop. Big Oil is spending huge sums of money to convince all of the decision-makers that huge revenues will flow to the state of Florida if drilling in the Gulf of Mexico is allowed. All the known data from areas that have allowed offshore drilling indicates that offshore drilling will likely cause oily substances accumulating on the beaches (in addition to being an eyesore) which will have an enormous negative impact on the attractiveness and beauty of Florida beaches. There appears to be no recognition of the huge negative impact this will have on tourist revenue and the value of property along the Gulf of Mexico.

It was reported that the Lee County Tourist Development Council has funded the second year of the Water Quality Study, and Commissioner Tammy Hall is to be commended for the key role she played in making this happen. Panel members present voted unanimously to have a letter sent to Commissioner Hall thanking her for her support, and a letter to be sent to all the county commissioners thanking them for their support of this important study.

Dave Depew did an excellent review of the proposed Land Development code and the basis for what is in the current draft. By looking at draft #9, which shows all the changes from current, it is possible to quickly see what changes are proposed. We did not discuss the proposed code language. Unfortunately, we had less than half as many copies as there were people in the audience so it was difficult for most people in the audience to follow the conversation. This was a serious mistake even though the audience was very polite and did not complain. All the Panel members have received drafts #9 and #10 by e-mail. We agreed to post both drafts on our Web site so that this information will be readily available to anyone that is interested.

We agreed that the LDC plan forward would be to set aside full panel meetings, preceded by workshops, to discuss the code and finalize each section of the code as follows:

Oct. 27	Mangrove and Water Quality Workshop	Mike Kelly to lead
Nov. 10	Mangrove and Water Quality discussion and Panel approval	
Nov. 24 approx	Height workshop	
Dec. 8	Height discussion and Panel approval	
Dec. 22 approx	Signs workshop	
Jan. 12	Signs discussion and Panel approval	
Jan. 26 approx	Estate zoning workshop	
Feb. 9	Estate zoning discussion and Panel approval	

There was no discussion of when we will discuss and approve the remaining sections of the LDC.