

North Captiva Community Panel Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2007  
Upper Captiva Fire House

Present- Panel Members Peter Aldrian, Kristie Anders, Richard Craven, Rick Fox, David Tompkins.

Attorney Bob Pritt

Guests Margaret Banyan of Johnson Engineering Inc and Jim Mudd of Lee County Department of Community Affairs.

Members of the public- Mark & Becky Kahler, Marcia Andrews, Louis McDonald, William Powell, Ralph & Kate DeMarco, Maxine Otis, Richard Pepper, Howard Kuhlin, Peter Yang, John & Marian Fuller, Tom Levin, Josiah Drummond, Cora Ogle, Arthur Mason, Zeke McDonald, Horst & Kirsten Eylerts, Garfield Clark, Sarah & Mike Rapp, Bob Maynard and others that did not sign in.

Peter Aldrian did an audio recording of the meeting.

Chairman Craven called meeting to order at 11:45 am

Formal part of the agenda was postponed until after Margaret Banyan's presentation introducing the process of the project.

The public was asked about the communication efforts. 500+ letters were mailed to owners as listed in the Lee County Tax Collectors role. Some stated they had not received the letter.

Hard copies of the survey were distributed and people were encouraged to take part in the online survey <http://surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=218923286433>. The survey is linked to a computer's ISP address so as to get just one survey per person. After questioned, Banyan said that each adult member of the household may fill out the survey and this may require one online and one hardcopy. Surveys were due by February 28, 2007.

Anyone without a hard copy in hand or unable to utilize the Internet was asked to contact Margaret Banyan at 239-461-2450. Further questions could also be addressed to Margaret at [mbanyan@johnsoneng.com](mailto:mbanyan@johnsoneng.com)

Issues would then be given to the panel to be sorted and listed by priority and effectiveness. Each panel meeting is open to the public and public notice is required through local newspaper notice, posters and mass email.

The proposed amendments to the Comp Plan are due by September 28, 2007. After County review it would be sent back to the panel for discussion with community input and a report from the Panel would be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners.

Jim Mudd, Lee County DCA explained that the \$5,000 seed money had been given to the Upper Captiva Civic Association for use by the Panel, primarily for attorney and consultation fees. An additional \$46,000 was coming and potentially another \$50,000 would be available in the future for implementation and modifications to the Lee County Code if necessary.

Banyan reported that currently the project is in the data collection phase and a community input workshop would be held today. A second workshop is scheduled for the March 17, 2007 meeting.

The public was asked to split into groups of 5-7 people to brainstorm the following:

Where do people see the island 20 years from now?

What are the island's biggest threats?

What are the islands greatest opportunities?

Who is not here that should be? I.e. other groups or stakeholders

The following is a summary of the groups' reports:

20-year vision- peace, tranquility, quality environment, with shared environmental ethic  
Living in harmony with nature, more year-round residents, more redevelopment, multi-family dwellings in commercial areas, less investor driven, possible build out and world class environmental quality.

#### Biggest threats

Lack of appropriate signage, lack of access, overcrowding, water/sewer, garbage, lawlessness/crime, threats to natural resources, physical safety, safety to wildlife, labor pool, hurricanes, pest animals, septic, higher taxes, few services, ingress/egress.

#### Greatest opportunities

Establish evacuation plans for all hazards, mainland parking, community spirit, elimination of exotics, dining, groceries, remoteness, excelled nature-based recreation opportunities, improved respect by rentals and property managers, non-gated community, unpaved, quality common usage, increased green space, attract people who appreciate island for what it is, water quality guidelines on easements.

#### Additional Stakeholders

NCIC, realtors, Barnacle Phil's rep, property mangers, builders, service providers, utilities, airstrip, roads, Fire Department, DEP- State Park, and Lee County Sheriff.

The public and Panel was reminded of the Panel's requirement to meet in the Sunshine but most members of the public departed at the end of the workshop phase of the meeting.

The panel approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer reported see funds were deposited into the UCCA account. Discussion was made that some payment to JEI would be in order shortly.

Panel brainstormed their own stakeholder list:

Keith Baker, red Anders, Mark Self are repair/handymen  
Hart Kelly, Fuzzy Jeffers, Brian Brillhart, Gary Walker, Island Girl Charters, Gordon Bigger, Lee County, Chief Pepper, Arthur Mason, Barbara Miklavcic, Jane Henderson, Robin Hathy

A suggestion was made but the panel agreed that no incentives should be offered to complete the survey.

Limited discussion was given to a website with simple design and a place to post announcements, minutes and pertinent information. It should bare bones with help of Civic Association. A good example is [LehighAcresPlanning.com](http://LehighAcresPlanning.com). It also includes email contact information, volunteer opportunities as

The Panel decided to use the Dave Tompkins designed Community Panel logo in all new correspondence, posters, website and other publications to build identity apart from UCCA.

The goals of the next meeting were discussed.

A cursory look at the comments from today's workshop indicated that six stations of emphasis should be set up for public input. The major topics in each category would be listed by Banyan in preparation for the meeting. One panel member would be at each station to discuss concerns plus assistance from county staff and Fire Chief Pepper. Each member of the public would be given a limited number "dots" allowing them to affix them on the topics they felt most important for the panel to discuss or take some action. The community members could rotate to the six stations with ten minutes at each station for discussion. Banyan will facilitate.

The station assignments are as follows:

- Law enforcement, fire and government relations- Lee County's Matt Noble & Jim Mudd, Fire Chief Pepper
- Environmental Concerns- Kristie Anders
- Architecture and Design- Dave Tompkins
- Waste, Water and Sewer- Rick Fox
- Roads, Easements and Right-of-Ways- Peter Aldrian and Bob Pritt
- Island Access- Richard Craven

Next meeting is at Safety Harbor Club House at 1 pm. (I think)

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm