

Upper Captiva Community Panel By-Laws Workshop
Approved Minutes: June 17, 2011

Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM

Present: Panel Members Kristie Anders, Chair; Dave Tompkins, Vice-Chair; Rick Fox, Treasurer; Zeke McDonald, Secretary; Peter Aldrian (via conference call), Member; Dr. Margaret Banyan, FGCU Planning Consultant; Kathie Ebaugh, Lee County Department of Community Development; and members of the public.

Public Input

Bert Trapenese and Hart Kelley commented on the concept of the Island Council and potential relationship to the Upper Captiva Community Panel.

By Laws Discussion

Discussion regarding the need for detailed by-laws similar to Captiva Island. There was general agreement that they did not need to be detailed.

Purpose. There was general agreement that the purpose of the panel should be to enhance communication and serve as a point of contact with Lee County BoCC and departments.

Scope. Most agreed that the organization should be broad based with two broad areas of authority: 1) coordinate and communicate among island organizations and interests and 2) enhance communication and serve as a point of contact with Lee County BoCC, State of Florida, and federal government.

Membership. Discussion regarding whether one property /one vote or one person/one vote was most appropriate. The pros and cons for each were discussed. There was general agreement that it was best to be as inclusive as possible. Membership should be property owners, residents, and licensed business owners or their designees. There was general agreement that voting should be one person/one vote.

Director. Discussion ensued to identify various seats on the panel; which should be expanded to seven (7) members. The standing panel could nominate and select business and environmental representatives on staggered two-year terms.

Meeting concluded at 12:30pm