

Upper Captiva Community Panel
Community Poll Fact Q & A

Q. Why form an independent panel now?

A. Many island residents believe that the panel should be selected by islanders and have an independent voice on the island from the UCCA.

Q. How does Lee County view the role of community panels?

A. Lee County staff and commissioners recognize the value of community panels as a way to work with communities to achieve their diverse visions. Upper Captiva is one of 14 community panels in Lee County including:

- Alva (Northeast Lee County)
- Bayshore
- Boca Grande
- Buckingham
- Caloosahatchee Shores
- Captiva
- Estero
- Greater Pine Island/Matlacha
- Lehigh Acres
- North Fort Myers
- North Olga
- Page Park
- Palm Beach Boulevard

Q. What does this mean for the current planning process?

A. Forming an independent panel will not stop or limit the current planning effort. The panel composition will be different (see below), but the agreement with Lee County will remain in effect.

Q. Does UCCA support forming an independent panel?

A. Yes. UCCA voted to support the move and still support the panel.

Q. Where can I read the proposed by-laws?

A. You can review the draft by-laws at:

<http://www.ucca1.com/communityplan/uccpdraftbylaws.html>

Q. What would the proposed by-laws do?

A. The new by-laws do a couple of things. It expands the number of representatives from 5 to 7. It also allows for at-large representatives who may have no organizational or interest affiliation.

Q. Who would elect members to the panel?

A. Anyone who owns property, or is a registered voter of, or owns a registered business (or designee) on Upper Captiva will be able to vote on new panel representatives.

Q. How many of the panel seats would be elected?

A. There are five positions that will be elected: one (1) environmental representative, one (1) business representative, and three (3) at large representatives.

Q. When would the panel transition if it decides to form an independent organization?

A. The panel anticipates beginning the election process in early 2012 and seating new members in the Spring of 2012.

Q. How long do I have to enter my opinion?

A. The panel anticipates closing the poll at the end of December 2011. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UCCPPoll> to enter your opinion.