



Martin County

Art in Public Places

Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers, Martin County-Admin Building
2401 South East Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida

Monday, September 22, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Vice Chair	Michael Readling	January 13, 2029
Members	Rex Sentell	January 13, 2029
	Saadia Tsaftarides	January 13, 2029
	Jamie Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027
	Chuck Smith	January 13, 2027

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Members	Cindy Hall	January 13, 2029

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Specialist	Dianne Racek
CRA Coordinator	Elise Raffa
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record
comment**

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 4:08PM

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 26-0079, Draft Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2025

MOTION

*M. Readling motioned to approve the proposed July 28, 2025; meeting minutes as presented.

**S. Tsafarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - None

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 26-0092, AIPP- Program Manual Review and Program Overview

Elise Raffa, Community Development Coordinator, presented an overview of the Draft Program Manual, the 2026 Program Budget, and provided a general update on the Arts in Public Places Program, prior to the BOCC's consideration of the item on October 7, 2025.

COMMENTS

R. Krebs- Are the book benches going to Hobe Sound?

E. Raffa- Yes. At the library.

R. Sentell- Are they being made in Stuart?

E. Raffa- Yes, by Printera Inc.

C. Smith- Tell me more about the box wraps.

E. Raffa- Palm City's utility boxes feature Dr. Sentell's bird photos. We'd like to expand this countywide.

R. Krebs- Hobe Sound has one at Bridge and Dixie showing the old train station—an easy way to improve something mundane.

S. Tsafarides- I'd love to see a mural on a Golden Gate building that highlights the area's history.

*S. Tsafarides motioned to approve the AIPP manual and budget as presented to go before the board.

**R. Sentell seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0080 AIPP Program/Project Updates

Elise Raffa, Community Development Coordinator, provided an update of the public art projects for Palm City Place and Patio, Manatee Pocket Mooring Field Upland Facility, and Hobe Sound Public Library.

COMMENTS

R. Krebs- Do you know what the theme of the mural will be?

E. Raffa- They are planning a nature-themed mural that combines reading with the local flora and fauna, and a call to artists will be issued soon.

R. Krebs- Will there be announcement on social media when the sculpture arrives?

E. Raffa- Yes, and the artist's website includes a geo-tag to show the sculpture's location once it arrives.

R. Sentell- For the Hobe Sound mural, nature-themed books with animals and native plants would be a great idea.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC –

N. Turrell- This is an exciting year for Art and Public Places. Through our biannual Martin Arts magazine, we'll highlight these projects and promote their value. We're grateful for the strong support at the prior commission meeting, which exceeded expectations. Thank you.

2. MEMBERS –

J. Rolle Taylor- Can we collaborate with Parks and Recreation to use the unused pedestals at the New Monrovia Park for a kids' art project?

E. Raffa- That could be a great idea, something maybe Parks and Recreation would like to do. I will bring this to Joy's attention to see if it's a possibility.

J. Rolle Taylor- I would also like to see a mural put in place.

3. STAFF

S. Kores- Please vote for Palm City Place and Patio, one of three finalists in the American Planners Association People's Choice Award, by Friday the 26th. Check your email for the link and encourage others to vote.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Dianne Racek, Community Development Specialist

Date

Robert Krebs, Chair

Date