



**Martin County
Port Salerno
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Port Salerno Civic Center
4950 Anchor Avenue
Port Salerno, FL

Thursday, June 12, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Jamie Rolle Taylor	February 20, 2025
Vice Chair	Edward Olsen Jr.	September 10, 2025
Members	Ellen Asselin	January 28, 2027
	Leonard Lee	September 10, 2028
	Jim Peck	September 10, 2028
	Casey Cass	February 20, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Members	Karen Worden	January 28, 2027

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-1052 Draft Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2025
MOTION

* E. Olsen motioned to approve the proposed April 10, 2025; meeting minutes as presented.

** C. Cass seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- T. Kogl – Prior to the meeting start, Ms. Kogl distributed a 4 page handout to all referencing the April 22, 2025, BOCC meeting agenda item 25-0853 and an Interlocal Agreement with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Her concern is a complete streets design concept for SE Dixie Hwy and SE Cove Road to SE Jefferson Street

and making it a 4-lane highway. This information has been entered into public record and attached to these minutes.

- J. Puerta – As far as the Office of Community Development is concerned, we do not have any information regarding the complete streets design concept being a 4-lane highway section and will do some research on this subject.
- G. Ehrler – As I recall, the 4-lane concept is part of the innovation hub road report.
- G. Ehrler - I have entered RFS 543953 regarding the banner poles in Port Salerno and the issue is not resolved.
- J. Puerta – I will investigate and get back to you.
- H. Jackson – Please consider removing the hill at New Monrovia Park.
- J. Rolle Taylor – People in the community want it to stay.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-1053 – Port Salerno – E-Bikes

Joy Puerta, Community Development Program Manager presented information on E-Bike safety, which included E-Bike rules and traffic laws. The NAC and the public listened to the presentation, and asked questions.

- J. Rolle Taylor – Are these E-Bikes allowed on the sidewalk?
- L. Lee – What if the hedge is overgrown and will not allow sight for cars?
- J. Puerta – Put in an RFS and the hedge will be trimmed by our Field Operations Division of Public Works.
- C. Cass – Why the Sheriff's office would allow 28 mph is beyond me.
- Y. Davis – If a 16-year-old causes an accident, who is at fault?
- C. Josie – You mentioned an ordinance, does Martin County have one?
- J. Puerta – No.

Agenda Item: 25-1055 – Project Updates

Joy Puerta, Community Development Program Manager presented updates on New Monrovia Park, New Monrovia Neighborhood Improvements, New Monrovia Unpaved Roadways and Manatee Pocket Mooring Field Mosaic. The NAC and the public listened to the presentation, discussed, and asked questions.

- C. Josie – Why are we waiting until after the festival to start the New Monrovia Park Project? You can do it in phases.
- J. Puerta – The park project is already at 100% design; the neighborhood did not want us to start until after the festival.
- L. Lee – Are you prioritizing sidewalks? We could use sidewalks east of Ebbtide and east on Lee Street.
- J. Puerta – These can be considered in our next sidewalk project.
- C. Cass – Why are you putting in a pavilion?
- J. Puerta – Parks recommended a covered pavilion instead of a picnic table without shade. Parks is paying for the pavilion.
- J. Peck – Do we need to vote on the unpaved roads project?
- J. Puerta – No.
- J. Peck – I like the pavilion idea, people like shade.
- J. Rolle Taylor – Can the sidewalk be moved to the other side for the unpaved roadway project?

- J. Puerta – I can ask the consultant, but the houses are on the east side.
- G. Ehrler – Can we write a letter to the commissioners asking them to put all our funds in unpaved roads?
- C. Josie – Are there any other pending projects that are going to get in the way of the New Monrovia projects that are pending?
- J. Puerta – The only thing that was being discussed is not a CRA project. The Mooring field pavilion is a Parks funded project. During the CIP presentation in February 2025, there is a sidewalk project along Cove Road between SE Driftwood Avenue and SE Front Street and a Dixie Park sidewalk project that will be coordinated with Capital Project's Neighborhood Restoration Project. However, the New Monrovia Park project is already fully funded, and the New Monrovia Neighborhood project and Unpaved Roads project are funded in both the 2026 and 2027 CIP.
- C. Josie – Does the grant for sewer expire?
- J. Puerta – I will research it and get back to you. In my experience, the grants are for 3 years.
- Y. Owens – Where are the sidewalks going to be in the New Monrovia neighborhood?
- J. Puerta – The sidewalks are shown by the green lines on the slide along Geraldine St, 47th Ave, Railway Ave, Arthur St, Palmetto Rd, Mercedes Ave and Colee Ave.
- C. Cass – Georges Way was never brought before this committee. It was only until Susan Kores mentioned it was a drainage issue that it was discussed with the NAC.
- J. Puerta – That is incorrect, as I have said in the past and offered you documentation from past meetings, Georges Way has been discussed several times with the NAC including the 2024, 2025 and 2026 CIP presentations.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- T. Dillard – I represent the Martin County Taxpayers Association. Do you feel CRA funds are being well spent?
- Audience – yes.
- G. Ehrler – We prioritized New Monrovia and now we are getting these projects finalized. In 2 years, we need to prioritize unpaved roads and make sure we have projects in the pipeline. Don't give up.

2. MEMBERS

- C. Cass – Are you calling me a liar? You're a liar!
- J. Puerta – I did not call you a liar. I was only clarifying that Georges Way was discussed with the NAC.
- J. Rolle – That is correct, Georges Way was discussed with the NAC.
- C. Cass – Why would we be spending money for a road that is going to be swapped for the Post Office property?
- J. Puerta – You mentioned this before and no one at the County that I talked with knew anything about this. If you could provide additional information this would be beneficial.
- C. Cass – Everyone knows about this deal, it's common knowledge.
- E. Asselin – I brought copies of the Hometown News with the Salerno Colored School article. You are welcome to take a copy.

3. STAFF

- None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Recorded and prepared by:

Jana Cox, Program Manager

Date

Jaime Rolle Taylor, Chair

Date

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