



**Martin County
Jensen Beach
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Jensen Beach Community
Center
1912 NE Jensen Beach Blvd
Jensen Beach, FL

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Position
Chairperson
Vice Chair
Members

Name
Jerry Compton
Ann Kagdis
Ron Rose
Cindy Hall

Term Expiration
August 23, 2025
September 10, 2025
November 10, 2025
September 11, 2026

Position
Member

Name
Robert Wire

Term Expiration
May 4, 2024

Position
CRA Program Manager
CRA Manager
CRA Specialist
Senior County Attorney
Growth Management Director

STAFF PRESENT
Name
Jana Cox
Susan Kores
Noehmi Felix
Sebastian Poprawski
Paul Schilling

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 23-1160 Draft Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2023

MOTION

- * C. Hall motioned to approve the proposed June 28, 2023, meeting minutes as presented
- ** A. Kagdis seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

PUBLIC

- M. Glynn – Rest in peace Pete Price. After reviewing the Riverlight project there is no need for it here in Jensen Beach. There will be no seagrass, attached shoreline, or real public open green space. Instead of this project, we need more parking spaces. There is no need for additional slips when the slips we have at the end are not being used.
- T. Riedel – This development will raise home rates and it will not stop. Protect the people who want to keep this town small. We need to be active.
- J. Yurillo – I am an active community member. They are not listening to us, please be the voice for the people. This project will destroy everything.

- K. Dore – I am opposing this development. The homes they are planning are all cookie-cutter homes.
- F. Dore – In my opinion, this is a bad idea. It will cause more pollution and damage to Jensen Beach.
- C. Balducci – Please shut down this project and do not consent.
- J. Neeson – Leave us alone man.
- I. Gomes – We came to Jensen Beach for the outdoors. Where will all the animals go if there is no place for them?
- A. Macphersen – I'm one of the organizers for Quit Messen with Jensen. This project is not a place for Jensen Beach to turn into another Tradition.
- A. Dixon – There have been more creatures going through my community and there will probably be more when this project starts.
- S. Devser – I am not local, but I'm concerned with evacuation and first responders getting through all the traffic that will come with the project.
- L. Lafferty – I grew up in Hobe Sound and our family had to move because property values kept going up and we couldn't afford to live there. This project is not giving back to the community.
- T. Garrido – Where would people who visit parks be able to park?
- J. Jacobs – I can't afford to live here. I work five jobs what about us locals?

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item: 23-1161, Jensen Beach NAC – Growth Management Development Review Processes

Paul Schilling, Growth Management Director, presented the process, time frames for new property development in the CRA and answered questions from the committee and audience.

- K. Sullivan – I visited Ocean View, and it reminded me of Brooklyn.
- J. Jacobs – The people who will buy the homes are bringing remote income.
- J. Jensen – When the Rio Marine Village project was in review, the developer engaged the community and listened to what we wanted. This project can be the same. Instead of protesting this development, let them know what you want. We can all work together.
- D. Katz – Manatees have been dying from the loss of seaweed. Will there be something done about this if the development gets approved?
- A. Macphersen – Does Riverlight fit the CRA vision? The Riverlight project is using the SB102 to its advantage. These developers are taking advantage of our community.
- P. Schilling – The Riverlight project is not using SB102.
- T. Garrido – I am a teacher and our classrooms overflowing.
- S. Ward – I applied for a permit, and it took two years to approve.
- T. Pine – The Rio Marina Village project is the biggest pollution project passed by the BOCC. Will Riverlight be the same?
- J. Ballard – How many people who will buy the new homes will be permanent residents?

Agenda Item: 23-1162, Jensen Beach NAC - Investment Program Completion

Noehmi Felix, CRA Specialist provided the CRA Board with the Investment Program applicant #001 project completion. The presentation included the scope of work, project elements, cost breakdown, before and after pictures.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 23-1163, Jensen Beach NAC – Project Updates

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on various projects within the Jensen Beach CRA including sidewalk safety enhancements, Interactive Crosswalk and other traffic safety signs, mural suggestions, and the status of The Vault aka Pineapple Passage.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- None

2. MEMBERS

- R. Rose – The Martin County Legislative Delegation Meeting will be holding its annual public hearing on Thursday, October 5th from 9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Indian River State College Chastain Campus, Wolf Technology Center, 2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997.
- C. Hall – I find it disheartening that for the last 10 years we have been working hard for the Jensen Beach CRA with little or no support from the public. You are showing up to the NAC meetings now that you want to protest a new development. In the past, you were not willing to put the time in and express what you do want. Start showing up to these meetings on a regular basis, let us know what you want.
- A. Kagdis – During Jamin Jensen, please remember to stop by and check out the history museum of Jensen Beach on the lower level of this building.

3. STAFF

- None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Felix, CRA Specialist

Date

Jerry Compton, Chair

Date

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