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**Martin County
Hobe Sound
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

8980 SE Olympus St
Hobe Sound, FL

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Robert Krebs	September 11, 2026
Vice Chair	Emily Thorsen	September 11, 2025
Members	Mike Banas	February 20, 2029
	Robin Sexner-Cole (arrived 6:21pm)	April 18, 2026
	Mary Gavin	February 20, 2027
	Susan Butler	September 11, 2026

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Mitchell E. Miller	January 28, 2027

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Specialist	Dianne Racek
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
District 3 Commissioner	Blake Capps

*** Indicates a motion ** Indicates a vote *** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-1119 Draft Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2025

MOTION

* M. Banas motioned to approve the proposed May 15, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item: 25-1122, Hobe Sound NAC – FLORIDAYS CONTINUING PROJECT REQUESTING TEXT AMENDMENT

R. Krebs, Hobe Sound NAC Chairperson, announced that this presentation was pulled from agenda due to continued discussion with staff and will not be heard today.

Agenda Item: 25-1120, Hobe Sound NAC – RESILIENT MARTIN PRESENTATION ON MARTIN COUNTY’S VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Amy Eason, Environmental Resources Engineer with Martin County Public Works, presented Resilient Martin and the exposure risk of Martin County through Vulnerability Assessment, and its effects on the local communities throughout Martin County. This assessment includes sea level rise, storm surge, rainfall, and combination flooding using Virginia Key/NOAA data analysis present day, and future dates including 2040/2070/2100. The assessment measures exposure, vulnerability, adaptive capacity, and sensitivity thus allowing for recommendations, community engagement, and planning.

COMMENTS

M. Borkowski– I didn’t see anything regarding septic tanks—are those included in your planning? Do you make any recommendations or include that in your assessments?

A. Eason – Absolutely. We conduct Natural Resources (NR) assessments, and septic systems are part of that process. How they are being impacted today, 2040, 2070, so yes that is part of the assessment.

E. Thorsen- Is the Sewall’s Point/North Point Road project part of your current work? Is this something you see happening in Gomez?

A. Eason- Sewall’s Point/North Point Road is something we’re currently negotiating as part of a potential joint project in the future.

E. Thorsen – Has it been closed for a very long time?

A. Eason- That I don’t know.

E. Thorsen- So when you mention raising the road in a place like Gomez, what does that look like?

A. Eason- It really depends on how much the road needs to be raised. For example, on MacArthur Boulevard, we raised it by about 2.5 feet. On another project, Mockingbird Lane in Palm City, we raised it by over 4 feet. So, it varies.

K. McCray- How deep is the ground water table in Martin County? Has there been saltwater intrusion into the fresh water because of the differences in pressure?

A. Eason-One of the projects that I am working on is Golden Gate North where we have salt water that is coming in from the river and changing the storm water treatment area vegetation. So, it is occurring.

K. McCray- As far as under the groundwater is it limestone here? Is it porous or sandier?

A. Eason- It is porous and sandy. We have a superficial water table and a deep-water table that is redefining the area and pushing in, part of the recommendation is to provide more studies and our utilities dept is looking into that.

E. Thorsen- Does your program include runoff? People are doing yard fertilizer like Tru Green is that something that comes into play with this.

A. Eason- We do have a fertilizer ordinance in Martin County, so there are certain times that you are allowed to do that. This study doesn’t consider that.

S. Cromwell- Along Gomez there are a lot of HOA communities that are private. Are you covering that as well?

A. Eason- Yes, the vulnerability assessment shows those areas, it’s the entire county.

S. Cromwell- And can you make recommendations?

A. Eason- We will do what we can as a county. We will work with the HOA’s to adapt, and it might be a simple code change.

S. Graham- You mentioned lift systems and septic systems. Does South Martin Regional Utilities interact with this area? How does that relationship work with you?

A. Eason- The vulnerability assessment is county wide and includes all municipalities. We will be cross referencing SMRU.

S. Graham- If you point out vulnerabilities in Hobe Sound which is serviced by SMRU, do you help fund that?

A. Eason- The funding is for the vulnerability assessment and the adaption. SMRU will be able to use our assessment and studies to present to funding sources like Resilient Florida, it will not be the county funding the fixes to their system.

M. Gavin- Is this report available online?

A. Eason- The 2021 version of the report is currently available on our website.

M. Gavin- You mentioned that you use the Virginia Key data vs the local data, why is that?

A. Eason- Florida Statute says we need 19 years of data, and that is what Virginia Key offers.

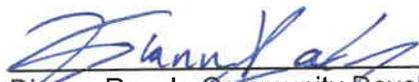
COMMENTS

- 1. PUBLIC – none
- 2. MEMBERS – none
- 3. STAFF

J. Cox- Pictures of the utility wrap were shared. Please come to the next meeting with ideas for the other utility boxes in Hobe Sound. The latest CRA Investment Program completion of Diamond Garage video was shared.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:



 Dianne Racek, Community Development Specialist



 Robert Krebs, Chair

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