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Martin County
Community Redevelopment Agency
Minutes

Commission Chambers
Martin County Admin Bldg.
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996

Monday, January 27, 2025

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Lopez
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Coordinator	Elise Raffa
CRA Assistant Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0587 Draft Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024
MOTION

* C. Hall motioned to approve the proposed December 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented

** M. Readling seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

E. Asselin – Sarah Heard announced at the last Board of County Commissioners meeting on January 16, 2025, that we should get rid of the CRA Board. When we got the CRA back in 2016 we lost a lot of grants. We don't see her at any CRA or NAC meetings. She doesn't seem to do anything to help Port Salerno even during the hurricane/tornado, but we did have other district commissioners rolling up their sleeves. She wants the commissioners to run the CRA, which will not be beneficial to our area.

J. Preast – I suggest the Chair of the CRA Board hold a meeting with her to discuss what her reservations are and make some improvements. She mentioned she would bring it up in a month but hopefully by meeting with her we could avoid that.

G. Ehrler – Thank you everyone for being here today. I don't understand why Sarah Heard wants to get rid of the CRA other than the fact she has other motives. Thank you again for all your hard work.

S. Kores – Welcome back Board Members. Please welcome Chuck Smith the new member, Mike Reading Vice Chair, and Bert Krebs our new Chair. Thank you Dr. Sentell for your service as Chair.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0589, CRA – FY2025 1st Quarter Report

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager presented the 1st Quarter Report (October, November, and December) for the fiscal year 2025. Highlights included CRA projects from all six areas, permit reviews, and events.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Could the graphs be different colors between the blues?

R. Krebs – Thank you Joy. All the projects you mentioned enhance our quality of life.

Agenda Item: 25-0588, CRA – Capital Projects Review (January 27, 2025)

Susan Kores, CRA Director, presented the January 27, 2025, CRA Capital Projects review highlighting the following projects: Hobe Sound Dixie Stormwater and Streetscape, Train Station relocation, and Port Salerno Park Drive Improvements.

S. Tsafarides – When is the El Camino project going to start?

S. Kores – We are waiting on DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) to give us the Notice to Proceed.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Could we add a line item for Septic to Sewer?

S. Kores – It's not a CRA Capital Project. We will be funding a piece of it.

C. Hall – The Jensen Beach CRA is working on reviving the Church Street parking. Will it get back on the capital projects sheet if it becomes a project?

S. Kores – Yes it will get back on the Capital Projects sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0590, Golden Gate Neighborhood Improvements - Vision Concept

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager, presented the potential neighborhood improvements in Golden Gate including sidewalks/pathways, landscaping, on-street parking, trees, lighting, traffic calming, and unpaved roadways. Staff is requesting a recommendation to move forward with preliminary concepts for potential grant purposes.

S. Tsafarides – How much are you trying to get?

J. Puerta – As much as we can get.

S. Tsafarides - Are sidewalks going to be included?

S. Kores – That will be determined once they conduct the study and see how much right of way we have.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Will this grant cover everything above ground that is listed?

J. Puerta – Yes.

R. Krebs – Could it include landscape?

J. Puerta – Yes.

J. Rolle-Taylor – We still have our pending project for sidewalk and lighting in Port Salerno. Maybe this could be part of it too.

MOTION

- * M, Readling motioned to move forward with the grant
- ** C. Hall seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None
2. MEMBERS
 - S. Tsafarides – There is a Greek festival on January 31, February 1st and 2nd. Please attend.
3. STAFF
 - S. Kores –
 - i. Architectural Design Standards goes in front of the Board of County Commissioners tomorrow January 28, 2025. We invite you to come and speak about it, send an email to the commissioners or call the commissioners.
 - ii. At the last BOCC meeting it was brought up for the BOCC to take over as the CRA Board. I plan to meet with Commissioner Heard if anyone here would like to do the same, please let me know. I recommend we send a letter that would be drafted by staff and brought back to the next meeting. If anyone wants to meet with any other commissioner that would be a great idea too.
 - iii. The Request for Proposal for the Palm City Property is also on the agenda to sell and redevelop. It will go out for a minimum of 3 million dollars.
 - R. Sentell – If you look at each of the areas and see the improvements not sure why they would start questioning what we've done in the past. If it wasn't for all the staff, we wouldn't be able to get where we are today.
 - S. Tsafarides – Its only one commissioner that is talking about it. If it's not broken why fix it.
 - J. Rolle-Taylor – Commissioners cannot always attend the meetings. That's why we are here to make sure the community has input.
 - C. Smith – Commissioner Ciampi is always on top of Old Palm City.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

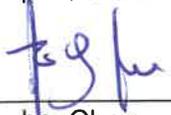
Recorded and prepared by:



 Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

3/12/25

 Date



 Robert Krebs, Chair

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