



**Martin County
Community Redevelopment Agency
Minutes**

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

Monday, April 28, 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
	Cindy Hall	January 13, 2029

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Members	Rex Sentell	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 3:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0927 Draft Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2025
MOTION

* M. Readling motioned to approve the proposed March 24, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- None

2. STAFF

- S. Kores – Saadia Tsafarides has been selected as the 2025 Martin County Historic Preservationist of the Year! Please attend the event scheduled for Thursday, May 15th, at 5 pm at the Elliott Museum. Historic Preservation month begins May 1st, the calendar of events and brochures can be found at the Administration building and online. The Kickoff event is also May 1st at the Stuart Heritage Museum at 5 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0929, CRA – FY2025 2nd Quarter Report

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, presented the 2nd Quarter Report (January, February, and March) for the fiscal year 2025. Highlights included CRA projects from all six areas, permit reviews, and events.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Is the lighting outside of New Monrovia?

J. Puerta – It's only in the New Monrovia area.

C. Smith – What is the status of the first Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Old Palm City Property project? When is the second bid opening?

S. Kores – We had one response, but the bidder was deemed unresponsive because they did not include the required information. The second bid opening is May 7, 2025.

G. Ehrler – Who is funding the lighting project for New Monrovia? I see the New Monrovia Park is getting redesigned. What could we do about the kids with disabilities so they can use the park and not need to go to Kiwanis Park in downtown Stuart?

J. Puerta – At the last Port Salerno Neighborhood Advisory Committee, I presented a report on the lighting project by the STA and the sheriff's report about the lighting. The park will have new accessible routes and a swing for the disabled.

MOTION

* C. Hall motioned to receive the FY2025 2nd Quarter Report as presented

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

Agenda Item: 25-0928, CRA – Capital Projects Review for April 28, 2025

Susan Kores, CRA Director, presented the April 28, 2025, CRA Capital Projects review highlighting the following projects: Golden Gate El Camino, Golden Gate Landscape Vision Pilot Project, Old Palm City Cornell Avenue, and Port Salerno Park Drive. Joy Puerta, Program Manager, presented the Port Salerno New Monrovia Park 100% design.

Agenda Item: 25-0930, CRA – E-Bike Safety

Joy Puerta, Program Manager, presented information on E-Bike safety, which includes E-Bike rules and traffic laws.

C. Hall – If e-motos are illegal, then why are they being sold?

J. Puerta – They could ride them on dirt or private property. I do suggest that if you see them in your neighborhood, call the Sheriff's office.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0930, CRA – Legislative Session 2025 Update

Susan Kores, CRA Director, provided a current status for SB1242 and HB991 that has been bundled and is now not just CRA but under Community and Economic Development, and is now referred to as CS/SB 110. It recently passed the House on Friday, April 25.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Is there anything we can do?

S. Kores – At this point, we have done everything we can do, and our lobbyist has also presented everything.

R. Krebs – What happens if CS/SB 110 moves forward?

F. Moehrle – Speaking with our lobbyist, she doesn't believe the Senate will take up that bill because they substantially changed it from what the Senate sent over to the House.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- G. Ehrler – Thank you board members for attending the meeting. I know you take time out of your busy schedule to hear me and everything. I really appreciate it.

2. MEMBERS

- M. Readling – Congratulations Saadia!

3. STAFF

- S. Kores provided updates to the board on the following: FY24 Annual Report, Charlie Leighton Park bid, Port Salerno septic to sewer, Alternative Compliance, and CIP. OCD operating budget will be brought to the CRA Board at the next meeting in May.
- J. Rolle-Taylor – Now that we have received the grant for the sewer, what are we waiting for?
- S. Kores – Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sends their grant paperwork to the County to be presented to the BOCC for signing. We are staying in touch with the Utilities Department.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm

Recorded and prepared by:

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Date

Robert Krebs, Chair

Date

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