



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

Blake Library
2351 SE Monterey Rd
Stuart, FL

Thursday, August 13, 2020

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Chandler Josie	September 10, 2020
Vice Chair	Edward Olsen	September 11, 2021
Members	Helen Fisher-Quintana	February 20, 2021
	Catherine Winters	September 11, 2021
	Jamie Rolle Taylor	February 20, 2021
	Cathy Harvey	February 20, 2021
	Karen Worden	January 28, 2023
	Ellen Asselin	January 28, 2023
	Marygrace Haluska	September 10, 2020

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Cathy Harvey	February 20, 2021

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Project Manager	Joshua Mills
CRA Development Specialist	Jana Cox
Principal Planner	Irene Szedlmayer

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – E. Olsen stated that he has a conflict of interest with the Park Drive project and will not be voting if there is a motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 20-0987 Draft Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2020

MOTION

- * C. Winters motioned to approve the proposed June 11, 2020 meeting minutes as presented
- ** J. Rolle Taylor seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - M. Rhodes – My comment is directed to the deputy in the room. We have a sailboat on the condo dock that we are trying to get moved.
 - Deputy T. Ludlow – We must take the proper steps. I will check into it.
2. MEMBERS - none
3. STAFF

- J. Mills – As a result of our last NAC meeting, I have investigated the divots in the road on 45th Avenue between Murray & Field. Our Public Works Department found some issues with the road base and are currently determining if this is a project we can complete in house or will require a subcontractor. I will keep following up and report back to you.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 20-0990, Alternative Compliance: 5693 SE Mercedes Street

Irene Szedlmayer, Principal Planner presented the alternative compliance.

- K. Worden – Are the setbacks going to be the same?
- I. Szedlmayer – The right side of the property is more than 5 feet and the left is in excess of what is required --- more than 5 feet.
- C. Winters – Is the additional 5 feet on the garage side?
- I. Szedlmayer – Yes, that is what it shows on the plan. The 50% required open space is more than any other CRA and is not justified for this plan. Most requirements for open space are 30% and this plan is a generous 44%.
- K. Worden – What are they doing to contain the stormwater?
- I. Szedlmayer – We have systems in place for infill lots. The Public Works Department will review the plan and make sure they put in swales, gutters, elevation etc. whatever is required to control the stormwater.
- H. Fisher-Quintana – I live next door to this property, will the reduction in open space affect my property?
- I. Szedlmayer – No, the setback requirements would still be the same.

MOTION

- * C. Winters motioned to approve the Alternative Compliance presented for 5693 SE Mercedes Street concerning open space
- ** M. Haluska seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 20-1000, Park Drive Update

Lisa Leonard from Bowman Consulting Group presented the update to the Park Drive project.

- K. Worden – What do the neighbors think of taking their parking away? Most residents park in their front yard on the sidewalk.
- J. Mills – We met with all the residents along Park Drive and they are aware of the change. The sidewalk must be moved as it creates a hazard due to cars parking on the sidewalk and forcing pedestrians into the street.
- B. Mariner – I am not worried about losing parking. My issue is the water being tilted from east to west. Why is the water diverted back to my side of the street?
- L. Leonard – This is the concept that the county engineer requested, as we will be collecting the water and providing water quality by holding it for a period.
- S. Kores – With the water being moved, this addresses a water quality issue as well.
- J. Mills – We are incorporating a curb and gutter system to compliment the tilt of the road towards a stormwater catch basin at the end of Park Drive. This is all being done in the name of water quality and will allow this area to be counted towards the County's BMAP (Basin Management Action Plan).
- B. Mariner – What are we doing about septic tanks?
- L. Leonard – There is a proposal for low pressure force main sewer to come through this area.
- J. Mills – Park Drive, along with the rest of the pocket, will be part of the grinder station program. When you choose to connect, Utilities will abandon your current drain field, install the grinder station, and maintain the whole unit in perpetuity.
- M. Konz – I do not see curbs on exhibits 2 and 3. Are you providing curbing? I would like to see benches along Park Drive as well.

- L. Leonard – This is a concept drawing, but we do have curbing in the swale area. We can add curbing if this is what the county engineer wants.
- J. Mills – We will not be adding benches along Park Drive, but we could add a park setting to the swale area and add benches.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 20-0988, Port Salerno Signs

Josh Mills, CRA Project Manager presented the update on the “Welcome To” signs for Port Salerno and the New Monrovia community. We are looking for recommendations on type of sign you would like to see and keeping both of these signs uniform to Port Salerno.

- J. Rolle Taylor – First and foremost we need to consider the materials we are using for these signs and the longevity of it.
- H. Fisher-Quintana – I would like to give you a report on the history and meaning of the New Monrovia sign. The sign was the result of a contest that was held, and I would like to see the concept stay the same. I would like to make sure the sign lasts, and that maintenance is performed to make the sign last.
- C. Josie – This sign is over 20 years old, but it started to deteriorate and weather after only 7 years. We need to make sure we find materials that are going to last.
- C. Winters – I am on board with making these signs better. Now that we have a budget and CIP, moving forward we need to take care of these signs.
- K. Worden – I love the sign and would like to keep it. Could we put it up higher?
- C. Josie – Could it be bigger and placed on a monument sign like the one you showed us in Golden Gate?
- J. Mills – This project will need to be subcontracted out, and that is something I can look into. As we address the welcome to sign for Port Salerno and New Monrovia, I would like to keep at least one element of uniformity like the pilings that currently exist, signifying the connection of all of Port Salerno.
- M. Haluska – I worked for a sign company and we can weatherproof it. Have we thought about getting the community involved in raising funds?
- M. Konz – What about the signs in Rocky Point? Can they ask us to fund their signs as well?
- J. Mills – Rocky Point is not in the CRA.
- J. Rolle Taylor – From the budgeting standpoint, can we replace one sign at a time?
- J. Mills – That is how I see it being done.
- S. Kores – Keep in mind that you do have neighborhood enhancement funds available in your CIP.
- C. Josie – I think we all agree that we want to keep unity between these two signs.
- J. Mills – I will come back to this committee with all the information, probably not next meeting, but hopefully in December.

Susan Kores, CRA Manager presented the update on affordable housing as discussed in the June 11, 2020 Port Salerno NAC Meeting. The RFP for affordable housing will go out in the very near future and includes 8 lots located on SE Railway Avenue & SE Geraldine Street. The initial department to review the RFP will be the Legal Department and it then goes to Purchasing. The bids will be posted on the program called “Demand Star” and you are welcome to the informational flyers I have brought with me tonight.

Susan Kores, CRA Manager presented the update on the public art replacement and repairs in Manatee Pocket. The Public Art Advisory Board has agreed to fund half of the \$30,000 estimate provided by the artist, Walt Posten. Walt is here tonight to answer any questions this committee might have for him. If you remember at the last NAC meeting, you overwhelmingly agreed to the pelican theme for the box tops and we are asking you to agree to fund the rest of the \$30,000 or roughly \$15,000 that will come out of The Neighborhood Enhancement Budget. The funds available as of this date are \$47,000 so we have plenty of money to fund this project.

- M Worden – What is the timeline for this project? Can we consider putting in tables?
- S. Kores – The timeline is longer than we would hope, but sometime next summer. We would not consider putting in tables as this is not part of the art project.

- C. Josie – What material are you using for longevity?
- W. Posten – The pillars, made to look like wood pilings, will be made of stainless steel that will not deteriorate. The pelicans will be the same. I can come back with drawings if you let me know what detail you want.

MOTION

- * M. Haluska motioned to approve the funding presented by S. Kores and move this project forward. Would like to see color renderings of the pelicans and bigger pictures.
- ** J. Rolle Taylor seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Alternative Compliance: Seaward Boat Storage

Irene Szedlmayer, Principal Planner presented the alternative compliance concerning the number of trees required on the site plan. The property owner will be planting 27 trees and preserving 3 pine trees, requesting approval of this alternative compliance.

- A. Ford – I can see saving the pine trees, but they do not do well around construction.
- I. Szedlmayer – We have a landscape architect on staff with Growth Management. They will be required to protect the root zone.
- M. Konz – A 4-foot fence will not hide all the boats. What about a 6-foot fence?
- I. Szedlmayer – Personally, I would rather see the boats rather than the boat trailers. I don't believe the code will allow a 6-foot fence.

MOTION

- * M. Haluska motioned to approve the Alternative Compliance as presented.
- ** E. Olsen seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - M. Konz – For the water project on Broward Street, I would like to know if my residence is part of Phase I or Phase II. J. Mills spoke to Ms. Konz after the meeting and showed her the map.
2. MEMBERS - none
3. STAFF - none

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Recorded and Prepared by:

Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

Date

Chandler Jose, Chair

Date

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