



Martin County
Port Salerno
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Port Salerno Civic
Center
4950 Anchor Avenue
Port Salerno, FL

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Jaime Rolle Taylor	February 20, 2025
Vice Chair	Edward Olsen Jr.	September 10, 2025
Members	Karen Worden	January 28, 2027
	Ellen Asselin	January 28, 2027
	Christina Ardigo	September 10, 2025
	Cathy Harvey	February 20, 2025
	Leonard Lee	September 10, 2028

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Jim Peck	September 10, 2028

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Lopez
Senior Assistant Attorney	Sebastian Poprawski
CRA Director	Susan Kores

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

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0217 Draft Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2024 MOTION

- * E. Olsen motioned to approve the proposed August 8, 2024; meeting minutes as presented.
- ** C. Ardigo seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- J. Rolle Taylor – Thank you to everyone who made it out to the Bahamian Festival it was a great turnout. Please welcome our new NAC member Leonard Lee.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0218 – CRA Port Salerno Architectural Design Standards

Dana Little, Urban Design Director and Jessica Seymour, Principal Program Coordinator of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council provided a presentation for the updated proposed CRA Architectural Design Standards for all six Martin County CRA areas. This effort has been undertaken to update and codify the design standards for clarity and predictability of use by architects, builders, property owners and staff, and to continue to implement the vision of well-designed communities that celebrate their distinctive identities and contribute to the overall sustainability of Martin County.

J. Rolle Taylor – Its great there are more options for design standards now. Is Art Deco part of the current design standards for Port Salerno?

J. Seymour – Yes, it's on the current one.

J. Rolle Taylor – If a builder doesn't see a style they like, could they apply for an Alternative Compliance?

J. Seymour – With the updates there will be a wide range of options, but yes builders can still apply for Alternative Compliance and go through the proper process.

L. Lee – Will affordable housing have to select a style?

J. Seymour – Any applicant would need to select a style.

M. Dawn – I'm in the process of building a house in the CRA and concerned the roof slope for my bungalow home will be too restricted by the new guidelines.

D. Little – The current guidelines are far more restricted, but with this update it won't be.

MOTION

- * C. Ardigo motioned to recommend approval for all the Architectural Design Standards
- ** E. Olsen seconded, and the motion carried 6-1 with Ellen Asselin dissenting

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0219, Port Salerno 2025 Meeting Dates

The committee reviewed, discussed, and approved the Port Salerno meeting dates for 2025.

Meeting dates: (2nd Thursday every other month)

Thursday, February 13

- Thursday, April 10
- Thursday, June 12
- Thursday, August 14
- Thursday, October 9
- Thursday, December 11

MOTION

- * C. Harvey motioned to approve the Port Salerno meeting dates for 2025 as presented
- ** E. Olsen seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0220 – Port Salerno NAC – Project Updates

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on the following projects: Cove Road Sidewalk project, New Monrovia Park, New Monrovia Neighborhood Improvements, Mooring Field Upland Facility, and Light Pole Banners on Dixie Highway.

L. Lee – Is drainage part of the improvements to the New Monrovia Park?

J. Puerta – There is a retention area being included that will take care of the drainage and it can still be walked on.

L. Lee – Some streets are dark, could we get some lighting?

S. Kores – Please send over the specific streets that you would like to see lighting to Joy.

C. Harvey – In the past, I reached out to FPL to get lighting on my street, and they installed a light pole and light for us. FPL maintains it, but we pay for the electric bill. It’s about \$10 extra on our light bill every month.

K. Worden – When is Leo Repetti from the Utilities Department coming back to the NAC? Is there an update for the Park Drive?

J. Puerta – The Park Drive project is not out for bid yet but should be by the next NAC meeting.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- P. Grien – The cabbage trees along Dixie Highway need trimming it has been 3 to 4 years since they last did it.

2. MEMBERS

- L. Lee – Thank you Martin County for getting to our neighborhood as soon as the storm passed and cleaned our streets from all the debris.

3. STAFF

- S. Kores – Thank you everyone for being able to make it out for the meeting tonight.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, CRA Specialist

Date

Jaime Rolle Taylor, Chair

Date

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