



**Martin County
Rio
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes**

**Vince Bocchino
Community Center
Langford Park
2369 NE Dixie Hwy
Jensen Beach, FL**

Thursday, January 23, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Adam Guzi	September 10, 2028
Member	Debra Harsh	September 11, 2027
Member	Susan Jones	April 20, 2026
Member	Jamie Newhart	September 11, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Michael Reading	September 11, 2025
Vice Chair	Richard Kennedy	September 11, 2026

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
Assistant CRA Manager	Jordan Pastorius
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0325 Rio NAC Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2024

MOTION

- * J. Newhart motioned to approve the proposed September 26, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.
- ** D. Harsh seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- Deputy Adams – St. Lucie Terrace is still on our radar, and we are monitoring it. The fence is back up and we will continue to monitor. We had an initial meeting with the new district 1 commissioner hoping for a smooth transition.

- H. Martel – I would like to request a streetlight be installed on the west end of Alice Street. It is dark near the park and would be nice to see this area lit up to make it safer.
- J. Pastorius – I can contact FPL to see if they can install a cobra light to illuminate the area.
- J. Preast – The Rio Civic Center will be hosting a meeting on December 4th at 4:00 pm with Josh Simon speaking about the Rio Town Center Project. Our next flea market will be December 7th.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0326, Rio NAC 2025 Meeting Dates

The following dates were approved for the 2025 Rio NAC meetings.

January 23, 2025

March 27, 2025 *** (tentative location changed to Log Cabin Senior Center)

May 22, 2025

July 24, 2025

September 25, 2025

November 20, 2025

All NAC meetings take place at 6:00 PM meeting at The Vince Bocchino Community Center, 2369 NE Dixie Highway, Jensen Beach unless otherwise noted ***

J. Preast – Please send me a list of these meetings so that I can update the Rio Civic Center calendar.

MOTION

* J. Newhart motioned to approve the dates as proposed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0327, Rio NAC Chair and Vice-Chair

The committee voted to retain Adam Guzi as Chair of the Rio NAC and Rich Kennedy as the Vice-Chair for the 2025 calendar year.

Agenda Item: 25-0328, Rio Benches and Bike Racks

JoLynne Jensen, President of the Rio Civic Club, presented the idea and expressed an interest in adding more mosaic tile benches and bike racks in the Rio CRA. The organization feels that purchasing and installing 5 more benches will complete the work that has been done with Phase I and Phase II of the project. The Rio Civic Club will donate \$6,000 to this project with hopes of adding new benches and bike racks from the railroad tracks along 707 down to the arch. The artist, Mia Lindberg attended the meeting and brought a sample of the new design for the bike racks and also provided a design concept drawing.

D. Harsh – Do we have the funding to compete this project?

J. Pastorius – Yes, we have funds in our Neighborhood Enhancement fund as well as Creative Placemaking.

A. Guzi – I think it would be a great idea to tie these into the bus stop areas and provide seating there. It might be beneficial to install a new bench and bike rack on Alice Street at the park.

J. Jensen – We would be happy to have 5 new benches and bike racks. Could we ask the artist on Sumner Ave to put a bench and bike rack in his yard?

M. Lindberg – 5 more would complete our neighborhood. We are planning to use bright colors for this 3rd series including yellows and terra cotta. The racks are made of stainless steel and the benches will be the same.

MOTION

* J. Newhart motioned to direct staff to request proposals for additional park benches and bike racks (up to 5) utilizing funding from the Neighborhood Enhancement funds and allowing the donation of \$6,000 from The Rio Civic Club.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0329, Rio CRA Projects Update

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Manager provided updates on Dixie Hwy Streetscape, the Civic Center Property Redevelopment, and the Crosswalks.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- None

2. MEMBERS

- D. Harsh – After serving on this committee for over 20 years, I am going to be passing the baton to others and resigning from the NAC.

3. STAFF

- J. Pastorius – Thank you Debra for your hard work and dedication for the Rio CRA and serving on this committee. We will miss you!

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Jana Cox, Program Manager

Date

Adam Guzi, Chair

Date

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