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**Martin County
Community Redevelopment Agency
Minutes**

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

Monday, November 25, 2024

PRESENT

Position
Vice Chair
Members

Name
Robert Krebs
Cindy Hall
Michael Readling
Saadia Tsafarides
Jaime Rolle Taylor

Term Expiration
January 27, 2027
January 4, 2025
January 4, 2025
January 4, 2025
December 31, 2027

ABSENT

Position
Chair
Member

Name
Rex Sentell
Richard Kennedy

Term Expiration
January 4, 2025
January 7, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position
CRA Director
CRA Specialist
CRA Program Manager
CRA Program Manager
CRA Coordinator
Senior Assistant County Attorney
Assistant County Administrator

Name
Susan Kores
Noehmi Lopez
Jana Cox
Joy Puerta
Elise Raffa
Sebastian Poprawski
George Stokus

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0293 Draft Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2024
MOTION

* C. Hall motioned to approve the proposed October 28, 2024, meeting minutes

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0294, CRA – Capital Projects Review (November 25, 2024)

Susan Kores, CRA Director, presented the November 25, 2024, CRA Capital Projects review highlighting the following projects: Golden Gate El Camino, Hobe Sound Mural #28 Dedication “The Beat Goes On”, Sound Brewing in Hobe Sound, Port Salerno Sidewalk Connection, Port Salerno Park Drive Improvements project, Port Salerno Banners, Jensen Beach snowflake installation, MartinArts Award for the OPC Ripple-Eco-Art project.

J. Rolle-Taylor – At the next Port Salerno meeting could we get an update on the upland facility project and Park Drive project?

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 24-1194, CRA Investment Program Completion – 3485 SE Dixie Highway

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, presented the completion report for Bob’s Barber Shop, Investment Program applicant #011, which includes quotes, before-and-after pictures, and a completion video.

J. Rolle-Taylor – I would like some brochures. I have some businesses in mind that could benefit from this Investment Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0296, CRA Investment Program Application – 11690 SE Dixie Highway

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, presented Investment Program application #13 in the Hobe Sound CRA. Applicant spoke about the history of the building.

S. Tsaftarides – Have you applied to the Historic Preservation Board for designation?

P. Marten – It might be listed on the Martin County designation building list.

MOTION

- * M. Readling motioned to approve the CRA Investment Program application #13 as presented
- ** C. Hall seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item: 25-0308, CRA Board Meeting Dates for 2025

The board reviewed, discussed, and approved the CRA Board meeting dates for 2025.

2025 CRA Board meeting dates:

January 27, 2025

February 24, 2025

March 24, 2025

April 28, 2025

May 26, 2025 / needs to be reviewed

June 23, 2025

July 28, 2025

August 25, 2025

September 22, 2025

October 27, 2025

November 24, 2025

December 22, 2025 / needs to be reviewed

MOTION

- * M. Readling motioned to approve the CRA Board meeting dates for 2025 and bring back reviewed dates for May and December

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- F. Graham – I have 2 ½ acres of land in New Monrovia and have been trying to build homes there but have been accused of building homes that are too expensive. I see you have money for private businesses, but you don't have money to put in water. I am being told I have to install 340 feet of water line to supply the homes and I have to buy each line at \$2,500 per house. I don't understand why we can't get public water like everyone else in the County.
- B. Krebs – The Investment Program you are referring to is for commercial businesses not residential.
- J. Rolle-Taylor – Why are there no water lines currently there? It's odd that all around the property has water lines, but he doesn't.
- S. Kores – Utilities usually doesn't put water lines on vacant property. Any builder that wants to build would be responsible for adding their lines. The County has talked to Mr. Graham and Utilities has agreed to do the design and the CRA will pay for the permit. The construction is up to Mr. Graham.
- G. Ehrler – Are you mandating city sewer and water for Mr. Graham?
- S. Kores – There is a possibility he could use well or septic and we have been talking to Mr. Graham about his property since 2017.

2. MEMBERS

- None

3. STAFF

- S. Kores – If there is anyone interested in being chair or vice chair, please let staff know. Please take a picture of yourself in your CRA area or contact the office and we can come out to take your picture for the 2024 Annual Report. I am asking the Board to authorize a support letter for Martin County's proposed station grant request.
- C. Hall – Why is the CRA sending a letter of support when it's not being proposed in a CRA area?
- S. Kores – The county is looking for supporters/organizations that would benefit from the train station.
- J. Rolle Taylor – I would like to withhold until we meet with the Port Salerno NAC and get the community's input.
- C. Hall – Is there a dollar amount that is being requested?
- G. Stokus – A \$30 million grant amount is being requested.

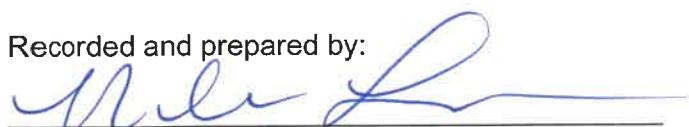
MOTION

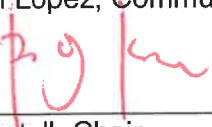
* S. Tsaftarides motioned to authorize the Board to send a letter of support for the proposed grant request.

** C. Hall seconded, and the motion carried 4-1, with J. Rolle-Taylor dissenting

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Recorded and prepared by:


Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist


Rex Sentell, Chair

1/25/25
Date

1/27/25
Date

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Community Redevelopment Agency Board – Sign In



**MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2401 SE MONTEREY RD. STUART
Monday, November 25, 2024 – 3:00 pm**



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