



Martin County
Hobe Sound
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

8980 SE Olympus St
Hobe Sound, FL

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

PRESENT

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, Term Expiration. Lists Robert Krebs, Christian Nelson, Emily Thorsen, Robin Sexner-Cole, Mitchell E. Miller and their respective terms.

STAFF PRESENT

Table with 2 columns: Position, Name. Lists Jana Cox, Noehmi Lopez, Susan Kores.

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

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0052 Draft Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2024

MOTION

- \* E. Thorsen motioned to approve the proposed July 10, 2024, meeting minutes as presented
\*\* C. Nelson seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

- 1. PUBLIC
• D. Owens – Is there an update for the streetlights in Banner Lake?
• J. Cox – We are waiting for an update from FPL.

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item: 25-0054, Hobe Sound NAC – Access to the Arts - MartinArts

Tori Hill, MartinArts Administrative Coordinator along with Chandler Josie provided a brief presentation on the Access to the Arts Program. The program’s objective is to enhance arts programming and outreach within underserved communities in Martin County, i.e., those facing economic challenges, people with physical/intellectual disabilities, veterans and others. The Committee members and the community participated by completing a short survey after the presentation.

E. Thorsen – Can you tell us about the project you mentioned at the historic Stuart High School campus building?

T. Hill – It is located on the east end of the main downtown corridor and is one of the few remaining buildings from the 1920s. The site will be a backbone for the arts. The vision is to increase access to the arts by hosting art camps, art studios, rented space for artists, café space, an auditorium, and workshops.

R. Sexner-Cole – I am part of a jazz band and would love to participate and be part of the MartinArts Sunset Concerts.

**Agenda Item: 25-0053, Hobe Sound NAC – CRA Architectural Design Standards**

Dana Little, Urban Design Director and Jessica Seymour, Principal Program Coordinator from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council presented the 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.

B. Krebs – Are these styles a guide for developers or can they use other styles not on the list? How will the styles be regulated to the developers? What if they don't want to use what is listed?

D. Little – The styles presented will be the standard styles for all the CRA areas. We recommend the developers to first talk to their CRA Program Managers and if they don't see one that fits for them, they could do an alternative compliance application.

S. Kores – If an applicant decides to do an alternative compliance application, it will need to be approved by a public body like the CRA Board, Local Planning Agency, or Board of Zoning Adjustment.

E. Thorsen – I don't see how Art Deco and Classical would fit for Hobe Sound. Are these styles both for residential and commercial areas?

D. Little – Yes, it would apply to both residential and commercial.

M. Miller – The Ranch style should be removed as it is a vague style and wouldn't fit in the Hobe Sound CRA.

R. Sexner-Cole – I would keep the Mission style.

J. Haggor – Why are we limiting it to these styles?

D. Little – This update will make it more flexible for developers.

**MOTION**

\* M. Miller motioned to move forward with all the presented styles, except the Ranch style

\*\* R. Cole-Sexner seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item: 25-0055, Hobe Sound NAC – Staff Updates**

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on various projects within the Hobe Sound CRA including the Train Station relocation status, Mural Program, and a new Investment Program participant in the CRA.

N. Serenyi – The mural #28 dedication celebration has been changed to Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> more details to come.

E. Thorsen – Is the Wawa project not happening? What is going there instead?

J. Cox – The Wawa is no longer interested in this location. It is my understanding that The Boys and Girls Club is using this building for their corporate offices.

M. Miller – What is the status of the PBS Headquarters project?

J. Cox – They made some changes to their driveway, and they are continuing through the development review process.

E. Thorsen – How about the project we heard about at our last NAC meeting? The townhouse project near Banner Lake?

J. Cox – The project is still in the development review process.

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC

- C. Adams – I live off Gomez Avenue and, on my way home I take SE Dixie Highway/A1A. Can it be beautified by bringing some landscape or trees along the road?

- E. Thorsen – In our Neighborhood Enhancement budget line item maybe we can use it and see what could be done?
2. MEMBERS
    - None
  3. STAFF
    - None

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

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Date

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Robert Krebs, Chair

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Date

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