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Martin County  
Port Salerno  
Neighborhood Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Port Salerno Civic Center  
4950 Anchor Avenue  
Port Salerno, FL

Thursday, December 12, 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
	Cathy Harvey	February 20, 2025
	Leonard Lee	September 10, 2028
	Jim Peck	September 10, 2028
	Casey Cass	February 20, 2025

**ABSENT**

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Christina Ardigo	September 10, 2025

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

**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: 25-0430 Draft Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2024 MOTION**

\* E. Olsen motioned to approve the proposed October 16, 2024; meeting minutes as presented.

\*\* L. Lee seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC

- J. Rolle Taylor – Please welcome Casey Cass. He is the new Port Salerno NAC member.
- C. Josie – The Christmas Jamboree was great, thank you to everyone who came. There needs to be speed control on Murray Street from 45<sup>th</sup> Street to 47<sup>th</sup> Street. We need a pedestrian crosswalk on Cove Road by Front Ave. Also, could we get a PR highlight for the New Monrovia signage?
- M. Mahoney – There has been speeding on Anchor Avenue. Could we get speedbumps? Could we get a crosswalk by Gilberts Coffee Shop? There is one there currently that needs to be restriped.
- G. Ehrler – The county is trying to buy 4070 Salerno Road. Do you know any information about it? Will this item come back to the committee for review?
- S. Kores – About a year ago there was a line item for property acquisition in our CIP. That no longer exists, so the CRA cannot purchase it. If the county purchases property, it does not come to the NAC for review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 25-0432 – Port Salerno New Monrovia Lighting**

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager, provided a presentation for New Monrovia lighting. A request has been forwarded to the Sheriff's Office to update the lighting study.

C. Cass – How do we go about getting more lighting?

J. Puerta – We will wait for the updated report that will be conducted by the Sheriff's Office in the new year. Once we receive it, we will reach out to the FPL.

E. Asselin – Are all the sensors on the poles being checked? I have been trying to call in the areas that have been dark when I go by.

C. Josie – Between 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Railway on Geraldine and Cove Road please check on the streetlights. Also Flounder north of Seaward Ave. If there is a walkway, it should provide lighting. Who provides maintenance of LED lights, FPL?

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 25-0434 – Port Salerno NAC Project Updates**

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on the following projects: Cove Road Sidewalk project, New Monrovia Park, Mooring Field Upland Facility, Park Drive Improvements, and the Banners on Dixie Highway. Craig Seger from Captec Engineering answered questions about New Monrovia Park.

C. Cass – Are they leveling out the field at the New Monrovia Park? Who will be responsible for the park after the project is completed?

J. Puerta – Yes, it's part of the plan. The Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible.

S. Kores – For any additional repairs or maintenance requests, the public can use the RFS (Request for Service) system and enter a ticket on the Martin County website.

L. Lee – Besides New Monrovia Park is there any more land for another park?

S. Kores – There's Wojcieszak Park, but not sure of any others.

J. Rolle Taylor – New Monrovia Park's plan is unsafe for kids with the swales being tripping hazards between the basketball court and the sidewalks.

J. Peck – I have entered RFS tickets in the past and had a quick turnaround time.

G. Ehrler – Please note when it rains the swales at New Monrovia Park are dry and on the west side it puddles up. This needs to be addressed.

- C. Cass – Do the contractors that get awarded get graded?
- S. Kores – As part of the close-out process staff is responsible for completing a contractor evaluation form that will go to the contractor and the county.
- C. Cass – Did you know the Post Office in Port Salerno is going away? The County is in a land swap with Georges Way.
- E. Asselin – We can't use the tables by the Mooring Field while it's under construction.
- C. Josie – Who maintains all the courts and who repairs them? What is the lifespan of the park's equipment? Could we get the RFS link as a QR code? New banners that were put up, will they last?
- C. Seger – It's typically about 20 years for the lifespan.
- J. Puerta – Banners were made with a thicker material and UV resistance. As part of my Community Pulse email, I will add the information with a QR code.
- C. Smith – When turning onto Cove Road from Ebptide Avenue, the trees are blocking my view and I can't see the traffic.
- J. Puerta – A RFS has already been received and Traffic has evaluated the area and it meets the clear zone requirements.
- C. Cass – Could we get bike racks for New Monrovia Park? Has staff engaged with the community that visits the park?
- J. Puerta – Yes, we can add a bike rack to the project. When this project started, staff walked the community with Chandler Josie, and he spoke with the parents and everyone that goes to the park to ask for input.

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC

- None

2. MEMBERS

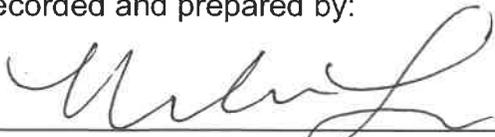
- C. Harvey – The street I live on, Flounder Avenue, needs to be added to the unpaved roads list.
- K. Worden – By the Christmas tree on Salerno Road, the trees need to be trimmed.
- L. Lee – Need more parks in Port Salerno. Do we have more land for parks?
- J. Rolle Taylor – At the CRA meeting they requested support for a grant for Brightline and I'm frustrated that letters aren't asked for sewer.

3. STAFF

- S. Kores – Provided information on Habitat regarding funding for roofs damaged from the storms.
- S. Kores – Introduced Frank Moehrle, Assistant County Attorney, that will be the new CRA attorney.

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Recorded and prepared by:

  
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 Noehmi Lopez, CRA Specialist

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2/13/25  
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Jaime Rolle Taylor, Chair

Date

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