



**Martin County
Community Redevelopment Agency
Minutes**

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

Monday, January 22, 2024

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	January 4, 2025
Vice Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Members	Saadia Tsafarides	January 4, 2025
	Cindy Hall	January 4, 2025
	Michael Readling	January 4, 2025
	Jaime Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Richard Kennedy	January 7, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Assistant Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Senior Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Poprawski

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: **24-0486 Draft Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2023**
MOTION

- * C. Hall motioned to approve the proposed December 18, 2023 meeting minutes
- ** S. Tsafarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

PUBLIC

- S. McGinnis – I don't agree with the CRA parking requirements. I would like this board to consider changing them to make sure safety is provided to all pedestrians.

STAFF

- S. Kores – I would like to move agenda item 24-0531 to the beginning.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 24-0531, CRA – 1st Quarter Report

Jordan Pastorius, CRA Assistant Manager presented the CRA FY 2024 1st Quarter Report. The presentation included all CRA area updates, events, and permit overviews.

Agenda Item: 24-0530, CRA Capital Projects Review – January 22, 2024

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, presented January 22, 2024, CRA Capital Projects review highlighting Golden Gate El Camino Trail, Rio Bioswale, Old Palm City Ripple, Palm City Place and Patio.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 24-0367, CRA Investment Program Application – 4625 SE Dixie Highway, Port Salerno

Jana Cox, Program Manager, presented a Property Improvement application 008 in the Port Salerno CRA.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Is landscaping involved?

C. Sandoval – We have done the majority of our renovation in the past that included stucco, painting, and landscape.

MOTION

* M. Reading motioned to approve the CRA Investment Program Application as presented

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 24-0560, CRA - 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE, HB 7013

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, provided the board members with a memo summarizing HB 7013 - Special Districts, which could have a direct impact on Florida CRAs.

R. Krebs – Can you use the same information on both reports?

S. Kores – Yes, the information can be redundant.

COMMENTS

STAFF

- S. Kores – A memo was issued from Samuel Amerson, Utilities & Solid Waste Director to Don Donaldson, County Administrator regarding the Port Salerno/New Monrovia sewer system. The memo was read in full by Susan Kores.
- J. Rolle-Taylor – We need to push to find other grants for this project.

PUBLIC

- G. Ehler – In Port Salerno we want to use our CRA money towards New Monrovia for sewer hookups, water, streetlights and sidewalks. CRA and Board of County Commissioners minutes are always behind posting on the county website. I ask for an update on the tasks completed by BusinessFlare for the Innovation Hub project.
- C. Cass – Our priority in Port Salerno is New Monrovia. We need sidewalks, lighting and possibly cameras for the entrances.

MEMBERS

- S. Tsafarides – There has been a lot of homeless people in some of the Golden Gate lots and I wanted to see if we can get them cleared out?
- S. Kores – We can't clear those private lots, but we can reach out to the private owners about it.
- J. Rolle-Taylor – Can we get some clarification about Mr. Ehler's comment about Innovation Hub project not going through the Port Salerno NAC? Is the CRA funding that project?
- S. Kores – The Innovation Hub project is a Martin County project that was directed by the Board of County Commissioners. We did bring it to the NAC as a presentation since part of it goes into the Port Salerno Area. The CRA is not funding any parts of the project.
- S. Tsafarides – Please join us on February 2nd and 3rd for a Greek Festival in Hobe Sound.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm

Recorded and prepared by:

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Date

Rex Sentell, Chair

Date

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