



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

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	January 4, 2025
Member	Richard Kennedy	January 7, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Lopez
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Coordinator	Elise Raffa
Senior Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Poprawski
Assistant County Administrator	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 Mooring Field 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. Tsafarides – 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. Reading 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. Reading 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 don'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 we would be providing permit application and fees. The construction is up to Mr. Graham.
- G. Ehrler – Are you mandating city sewer and water?

2. MEMBERS

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.
- C. Hall – Is there a dollar amount that is being requested?
- G. Stokus – A \$30 million grant amount is being requested.

MOTION

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

** C. Hall seconded, and the motion carried 6-1, with J. Rolle-Taylor dissenting

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

Date

Rex Sentell, Chair

Date

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