



**Martin County  
Community Redevelopment Agency  
Minutes**

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

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

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**PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Chair	Rex Sentell	January 4, 2025
Members	Saadia Tsaftarides	January 4, 2025
	Jaime Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027
	Richard Kennedy	January 7, 2025

**ABSENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Vice Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Members	Cindy Hall	January 4, 2025
	Michael Readling	January 4, 2025

**STAFF PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Assistant Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Deputy County Attorney	Elysse Elder
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus
Urban Forestry Manager	Todd Warren

**\* 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: 24-0705 Draft Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024  
MOTION**

\* S. Tsaftarides motioned to approve the proposed February 26, 2024, meeting minutes as presented with the addition of Jaime Rolle-Taylor adding, *how can people get involved with the Innovation Hub project?* during member comment.

\*\* R. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC
  - None

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Agenda Item: 24-0704, CRA Capital Projects Review – March 25, 2024**

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, presented the March 25, 2024, CRA Capital Projects review highlighting Rio Bioswale, Palm City Place & Patio, Ripple Ribbon Cutting on 3/29 and Port Salerno Pelican Art Installation on 3/27.

S. Tsafarides – Why is the Golden Gate resurfacing project not moving forward?

S. Kores – We will look into it and get back to you.

### **Agenda Item: 24-0709, CRA – The Urban Tree Canopy in Martin County**

Todd Warren, Urban Forestry Manager presented an update on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Urban and Community Forestry Grant. The grant includes money for tree planting within a two (2) mile radius of the Hobe Sound Elementary School to enhance walkability for the neighborhood residents and school-aged children.

J. Rolle-Taylor – This is a great project I would love to see something like this in the Port Salerno CRA.

T. Warren – We do have money allocated to replacing trees in the CRA areas.

R. Kennedy – Is there any possibility for some of the CRA areas to buy trees, but have the Field Operations maintain it?

T. Warren – Yes that's something that we can do.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item: 24-0650, CRA Investment Program Application – 1930 NE Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach CRA**

Noehmi Lopez presented a Property Improvement Investment Program application in the Jensen Beach CRA area.

R. Kennedy – What is the square footage of the building?

L. Kurkechian – The square footage for the 1st-floor dental area is 1300 and the apartment upstairs is 800.

J. Rolle-Taylor – I love your color pallet. How do you go about choosing what colors you will use?

L. Kurkechian – I am leaning towards the light lavender color for the body of the house, the dark blue would be used for the deck and porch, the second story with the window would be in yellow.

## MOTION

\* R. Kennedy motioned to approve the CRA Investment Program Application as presented

\*\* J. Rolle Taylor seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item: 24-0778, CRA FY 2023 Annual Report**

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, presented the board with a draft of the annual report describing projects and initiatives in the County's six Community Redevelopment Areas during FY 2023. Comments are as follows: on the financial page adding *TIF is not an extra tax*, adding a small summary, and a learn more link.

R. Sentell – Will this annual report be available online?

S. Kores – It will go on the CRA website by March 31<sup>st</sup> and at the next CRA Board meeting in April we will have the printed version.

## MOTION

\* S. Tsafarides motioned to approve the FY 2023 CRA Annual Report

\*\* R. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**Agenda Item: 24-0751, CRA – Legislative Session 2024 Update – HB 7013**

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, updated the board on HB 7013 and the next steps in the process.

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC

- C. Cass - There is a project in the Golden Gate CRA, and the builder cleared his lot and it's been over two months and all the material is still on the side of the road. Also, what is the funding process for the CRA?
- S. Kores – TIF is estimated from the property appraiser's office, then administrative funds are allocated for the CRA operating budget, the remaining funds are used for capital projects and are allocated to each Capital Improvement Plan.
- J. D'Angelo – I am here to introduce Printed Patio located in Martin County, we are a company providing Concrete 3D Printing, for all applications including affordable housing to art pieces like planters or fountains.

2. MEMBERS

- S. Tsafarides – Someone on Amherst Street is building chicken coops. Can a letter be sent out to them?
- S. Kores – I recommend doing a Request for Service ticket so code enforcement can get involved.
- J. Rolle-Taylor – Who do we need to contact to get grants for sewer in Port Salerno?
- S. Kores – You would need to reach out the Utilities Department. Also, we are having the Utilities Department attend the next Port Salerno Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting.
- R. Sentell – I would like to say thank you to the CRA staff for organizing projects for each of the CRA areas.

3. STAFF

- None

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm

Recorded and prepared by:

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Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

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Date

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Rex Sentell, Chair

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Date

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