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**Martin County
Old Palm City
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes**

**Palm City Community
Center**
2701 SW Cornell Ave.
Palm City, FL 34990

Monday, April 21, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	September 11, 2025
Members	Jane Landrum	October 24, 2027
	Colleen Pachowicz	April 19, 2026
	Chuck Smith	September 11, 2025
	Douglas Legler	September 11, 2025
	Mike Searle	September 11, 2027

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Vice Chair	Chris Pinkston	May 9, 2027
	Oscar Torres	September 11, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
Assistant CRA Manager	Jordan Pastorius
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Lopez
County Commissioner District #5	Edward Ciampi

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 25-0919 – OPC NAC Minutes for February 17, 2025

MOTION

* M. Searle motioned to approve the proposed February 17, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0920 – Cornell Avenue Streetscape and Pocket Parks Design

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Community Development Manager, presented several options for the NAC to discuss and provide feedback. Joe Capra, Project Engineer for Captec Engineering, answered questions from the committee. The committee unanimously voted to go with option 5; shifting the road west and keeping the sidewalk on the east.

R. Sentell – How wide is the project?

J. Pastorius – 50ft wide right of way.

C. Smith – Jane, how important are the trees on the east side of the project?

J. Landrum – It's very important, it helps with shade.

J. Landrum – Is lighting beneficial for this project? From what I read, burglars prefer a lighted area, so they know how to move around and not get caught.

C. Smith – Is there enough existing water?

J. Capra – There is plenty especially having a nearby river.

C. Pachowicz – How wide are the sidewalks going to be?

J. Pastorius – minimum 6ft wide.

D. Legler – I would like to see the sidewalk have as much distance away from the roadway.

Commissioner Ciampi – If the committee here wants the #5 option, why are we looking at the other ones?

J. Pastorius – The Public Works Department recommended not shifting the road west.

Commissioner Ciampi – I will talk to the Public Works Department.

Agenda Item: 25-0921 – Art in Public Places Opportunity

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Community Development Manager, presented the opportunity to place a unique public art piece by internationally renowned artists Gillie and Marc, known for their animal, human-animal hybrid, and abstract sculptures displayed worldwide. The art piece would be located at Palm City Place and Patio.

J. Landrum – I like the idea, but not this particular piece.

C. Pachowicz – I agree with Jane. The Patio is already beautiful in its unique way. I feel this art piece is too busy and will take away from the Patio.

Ciampi – I had concerns about this art piece, but once I went to their website and found how beneficial it would be to us to have a world-renowned art piece at The Patio.

MOTION

* J. Landrum motioned not to move forward with the AIPP opportunity art piece.

** C. Pachowicz seconded, and the motion failed.

MOTION

* M. Searle motioned to move forward with the AIPP opportunity art piece.

** C. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-2 with J. Landrum and C. Pachowicz dissenting.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- Commissioner Ciampi – An investor has bought the property where the ice cream shop is and is looking to bring Papi Chulo’s Tacos. Please thank Commissioner Capps, the Charlie Leighton Park project almost didn’t pass. The next Patio Playlist event will be this Saturday.

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2. MEMBERS

- M. Searle – Can something be done about 36th Street? We keep getting potholes and it’s making our road look terrible.
- Commissioner Ciampi – I am working on that with the Public Works Department.

3. STAFF

- None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:



Noehmi Lopez, CRA Specialist

6/16/25

Date



Rex Sentell, Chair

6/16/25
Date

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MARTIN COUNTY
Community Redevelopment Agency

Old Palm City Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting
Sign-In Sheet – Monday, April 21, 2025
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