



**Martin County
Community Redevelopment Agency
Minutes**

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

Monday, May 19, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	January 13, 2029
Vice Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Members	Michael Readling	January 13, 2029
	Saadia Tsafarides	January 13, 2029
	Jaime Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027
	Chuck Smith	January 13, 2027
	Cindy Hall	January 13, 2029

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
CRA Assistant Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus
Budget & CIP Coordinator	Shelby Baker

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0967 Draft Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2025
MOTION

* M. Readling motioned to approve the proposed April 28, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

** S. Tsafarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- J. Preast – We are losing our Martin County Digital History department because there is no grant after this December. Please consider writing a letter in support of continuing the operations for this department. On June 2nd, at the Palm City Cummings Library, there will be a meeting to brainstorm ideas on how to continue this department.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0972, CRA – Capital Projects Review for May 19, 2025

Susan Kores, CRA Director, presented the May 19, 2025, CRA Capital Projects review, highlighting the following projects: Rio CRA Streetscape Enhancement and Civic Center Design, CRA Investment Program.

J. Rolle-Taylor – The palm trees off A1A still have not been trimmed. The Unpaved Roads project is still at 30%. Have you heard of any updates?

J. Puerta – We submitted our comments back to the consultant and are waiting for the 60% plans.

S. Tsaftarides – We really should write the letter for support.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Our history shouldn't be lost.

MOTION

* C. Hall motioned to have staff write a letter for the CRA Board in support of having the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) find funding for the Martin County Digital History project

** M. Reading seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0982, CRA – Office of Community Development Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Operating Budget

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, and Shelby Baker, Budget & CIP Coordinator, presented the Office of Community Development's FY 2026 tentative operating budget that will be in front of the BOCC in July 2025. Operating costs have increased due to a 6% increase in salaries, including benefits, for a total of \$40,464.00.

MOTION

* C. Hall motioned to move that the Agency approve the FY 2026 tentative operating budget and recommend approval and final adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

** R. Sentell seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0970, CRA – 2025 Final Legislative Report

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, updated the CRA Board about the final status of HB 991, SB 1242, and CS/SB 110.

Agenda Item: 25-0984, CRA – Investment Program Project Completion - Applicant #013

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, presented the completion report for the Investment Program applicant #013, which includes a project summary and before-and-after pictures.

C. Smith – How does the budget work for this program?

J. Cox – Each CRA area decides how much they want to allocate towards this program during the CIP process.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Are these mailed out to the businesses? I know some businesses on Salerno Road that would like this.

J. Cox – Yes, I have an active list and mail them out.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- J. Preast – May is Historic Preservation Month. There is a schedule of more events still going on. We honored Saadia Tsafarides this past week as the 2025 Historic Preservationist of the Year.

2. MEMBERS

- S. Tsafarides – Thank you to the CRA and everyone for your assistance in being part of this honor.

3. STAFF

- S. Kores – This is Noehmi's last CRA Board meeting; she has taken a new job; we will miss her and wish her all the best.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

Date

Robert Krebs, Chair

Date

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