



**Martin County
Jensen Beach
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Jensen Beach
Community Center
1912 NE Jensen Beach
Blvd
Jensen Beach, FL

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

PRESENT

| Position | Name | Term Expiration |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Chairperson | Cindy Hall | September 11, 2026 |
| Vice Chair | Ron Rose | November 10, 2025 |
| Members | Jerry Compton | August 23, 2025 |
| | Rob Wire | May 3, 2028 |
| | Ann Kagdis | September 10, 2025 |

STAFF PRESENT

| Position | Name |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| CRA Director | Susan Kores |
| CRA Program Manager | Jana Cox |
| Assistant County Attorney | Frank Moehrle |
| Deputy Public Works Director | George Dzama |
| Capital Projects Administrator | Keith Baker |

***District 1 Commissioner Vargas in attendance

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-1034 Draft Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2025

MOTION

* A. Kagdis motioned to approve the proposed March 5, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

** J. Compton seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENT

1. PUBLIC - None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-1035, Jensen Beach NAC – Presentation of Parking Study – Maple Avenue Improvements – Crosswalk Concept.

Victor Cole and Marilyn Ventura, Representatives from DDEC, presented the report. The Committee was asked to listen and give recommendations on different aspects of the report.

C. Hall – Will the service trucks and service vehicles be able to get through on Maple?

V. Cole – We reached out to the restaurants, and this was taken into account. None of the improvements will impede truck access.

C. Hall – What about the RV traffic from Ocean Breeze?

V. Cole – The current right-hand turn coming from the roundabout going southbound on West End Boulevard making the turn radius is already unsafe. Going the other way makes it safer for larger vehicles.

J. Compton – Can you go left /south off Maple onto West End?

R. Rose – Yes, but there is one-way danger from West End onto the tracks preventing left turns.

Resident – I have timeshares on Hutchinson Island, and I send my clients to downtown Jensen Beach all the time. I want to make it nice for them. Can we install bollards to prevent the danger on the turn?

R. Rose – Can we do a crosswalk without losing any parking spaces?

Commissioner Vargas – We need to move the crosswalk further east and fix the drainage for these property owners. Lighting is very important, and we will be adding additional lights at the FEC roundabout.

R. Wire – So would we add a push button with lights near Crawdaddy's?

K. Adams – I am the owner of Bunkhouse Coffee. The one-way concept for West End Boulevard would be detrimental to businesses. The switch would cause 9 businesses to suffer and put a burden on our parking lots by the vehicles cutting through our lots. I also disagree with the raised crosswalk because it will cause drainage issues and the loss of parking spaces.

Mike – I own a restaurant in this area and the traffic pattern is already broken. Delivery trucks have issues turning around. We need two ways out; one way makes a problem.

K. Docherty – I am the president of Ocean Breeze Town Council. We have 500 homes in Ocean Breeze, and we have been asking for the one way on West End Boulevard and we need it. We also need lighting on West End Boulevard.

R. Rose - This is not the right solution for the community. Go back to the drawing board.

J. Galante – I am also a member of Ocean Breeze Town Council. The need for lighting on the roundabout is immediate. How will the Indian River Lagoon be affected regarding the drainage?

G. Dzama – Part of this project is to alleviate the drainage issues and we are implementing that portion of the project. The lighting will take some time to get a consultant to do a lighting study.

R. Wire – You might consider installing decorative paving to slow the traffic.

G. Dzama – We could bring ideas on patterns and colors. It is a stamping effect, not actual bricks.

Resident – Can we coordinate a business meeting to talk about this proposal and include the property owners?

R. Rose – No raised pavement on the crosswalk, need flashing lights, and the one-way circulation on West End Boulevard is a horrible idea. Those are my recommendations.

MOTION

* R. Wire motioned to move forward with the drainage and crosswalk portions of the project as presented by DDEC and Public Works

1. Agree to the crosswalk without raised pavement
2. Add flashing light indicators and sign with push button to the crosswalk
3. Explore adding decorative paving to slow down traffic
4. Not in favor of the one-way proposal for West End Boulevard at this time

** J. Compton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

Agenda Item: 25-1036, Jensen Beach NAC – Project Updates

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, updated various projects within the Jensen Beach CRA including Church Street, Bike Racks, Happenings "Around Town" and CRA Investment Program Videos.

MOTION

* R. Wire motioned to table the bike rack discussion and bring it back at a later date

** A. Kagdis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

COMMENT

1. PUBLIC

K. Docherty – Ocean Breeze will be installing 2 crosswalks on Indian River Drive in the next few months.

S. Adams – I have issues with palm trees that were planted on my neighbor's property blocking my view and airflow on the north side of our house. I believe the CRA plan states that the landscaping cannot exceed 4 feet.

J. Cox – As stated in the RFS 542977, Martin County Land Development Regulations do not regulate landscaping and planting for single family residences.

2. MEMBERS

J. Cox – Reminder the next NAC meeting is September 3rd, July meeting was cancelled.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager

Date

Cindy Hall, Chairperson

Date

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