



Martin County
Old Palm City
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
 Palm City Community Center
 2701 South West Cornell Avenue, Palm City, Florida

Monday, December 15, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	September 11, 2029
Vice Chair	Chris Pinkston	May 9, 2027
Members	Jane Landrum	October 24, 2027
	Chuck Smith	September 11, 2029
	Douglas Legler	September 11, 2029
	Mike Searle	September 11, 2027
	Oscar Torres	September 11, 2029

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Colleen Pachowicz	April 19, 2026

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
Assistant CRA Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Program Manager	Jana Cox
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
County Commissioner District #5	Edward Ciampi

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 26-0402, OPC NAC APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 18, 2025

MOTION

* C. Pinkston motioned to approve the proposed August 18, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 26-0403, OPC NAC – MARTIN LOAN FUND OVERVIEW

Paul Skyers with InclusiFi presented opportunities for Martin Loan Funds including Launch, Growth and Impact Funds.

Agenda Item: 26-0404, OPC NAC – CORNELL AVE STREETScape PROJECT

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Manager, Office of Community Development, presented the substantial final design for the project.

COMMENTS

O. Torres – Will the area get muddy?

J. Pastorius – Depends on the season and how much rain we get.

D. Legler- There will be a curb there, correct?

J. Pastorius – Yes and a swale.

C. Smith – Just remember that we want to install trees that require little or no maintenance.

J. Pastorius – What is your opinion regarding the Pigeon Plum?

C. Smith – I like them, and they are a medium sized tree.

C. Wernlund – I live at 2969 Cornell, and I do not want the 8' sidewalk. Let the residents decide.

R. Pelosi – Please don't put in trees that shed their leaves.

R. Pelosi – Where are we with the sewer funding? Utilities is telling me that it is not funded.

E. Ciampi – The grant funds are there. Once the bids go out, we will know how much each homeowner will have to pay. I am trying to speed up the sewer project.

Y. Wirta – I am from the TC Rowing Club, and it is confusing when a streetlight is not working. Who will be maintaining the streetlights for this project?

J. Pastorius – You are right it can be confusing. The county will be maintaining these.

S. Wernlund – I also live on Cornell, and I do not want the 8' sidewalk. You are taking away yardage from my property.

R. Sentell – We have had multiple meetings to discuss this. We have 50' of right of way to work with and safety was a deciding factor as well. The sidewalk will be used by walkers, bike riders, and will be a benefit to the community.

R. Voth – I also was not aware of this project until recently. I looked for the minutes and could not find anything referring to the approval of the 8' sidewalk.

J. Pastorius – The minutes are available on the Martin County Website after they are approved at the next meeting and posted. A draft of the minutes is distributed with each new agenda.

C. Pinkston – This is the 4th meeting in a row that we have discussed this project. As a property owner, you know what you purchased and what the possibilities are when you have county right of way. This will be a benefit to the community and will provide a walkable area for all.

Agenda Item: 26-0405, OPC NAC – FY27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Manager, Office of Community Development, presented and discussed the FY27 Capital Improvement Plan for the Old Palm City CRA.

C. Pinkston – Can you explain the CRA Investment Program a little more and the 30k that you are putting there?

J. Pastorius – The CRA Investment Program is for commercial businesses in the CRA areas that qualify. Applications and submittals are reviewed by my office and reviewed by the CRA Board for approval. Each CRA has taken advantage of this program, and the results are outstanding.

D. Legler – In the Neighborhood Enhancements category, what kinds of projects would be included in that?

J. Pastorius – This category is flexible and can be used for smaller projects. An example would be if we needed to put in a sidewalk to aid in access, add a bench, or install a streetlight. These funds can be used for those types of smaller projects.

C. Pinkston – Do we have any flexibility in moving these funds around? If we put all our funds in the Cornell Ave project, we might need the funds before it is built in 3 years.

J. Pastorius – The funds are flexible.

MOTION

* M. Searle motioned to approve the proposed FY 27 Capital Improvement Plan and forward it to the CRA Board for review.

**O. Torres seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0406 OPC NAC 2026 MEETING DATES

The 2026 meeting date were presented and discussed. All of the dates were approved with the exception of December 21, 2026, which will be moved to December 14, 2026. See the dates below.

- Monday, February 16
- Monday, April 20
- Monday, June 15
- Monday, August 17
- Monday, October 19
- Monday, December 14

MOTION

* D. Legler motioned to approve the 2026 OPC NAC meetings dates.

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

Agenda Item: 26-0407 OPC NAC 2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Rex Sentell was nominated and voted unanimously to continue as chair for the OPC NAC in 2026. Chris Pinkston was nominated and voted unanimously to continue as vice chair for the OPC NAC in 2026.

COMMENTS

1. Public - None

2. Members

C. Pinkston – I serve on the PRAB (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) and would like to explore a healthy fitness trail in our CRA. We could partner with Parks and provide places for connectivity throughout the community. Each station would have an exercise apparatus or station to educate. Could we add this to our project list for next year?

J. Pastorius – We have discussed greenways in the past and I will bring it back for discussion in February.

J. Landrum – I like the idea.

Y. Wirta – Please keep in mind that this is South Florida and shade will be needed in these areas.

3. Staff –

J. Pastorius – Thank you to the committee for serving in 2025, we look forward to a successful 2026. Happy Holidays.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Jana Cox, Program Manager

Date

Rex Sentell, Chair

Date

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