



**Martin County  
Rio  
Neighborhood Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**Blake Library**  
2351 SE Monterey Rd  
Stuart, FL

**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

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**PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Chairperson	Michael Reading	September 11, 2021
Vice Chair	Adam Guzi	September 10, 2024
Members	Estanislao Field	September 11, 2021
	Debra Harsh	September 11, 2023
	Richard Kennedy	September 11, 2022
	Jill Pinkham	September 11, 2021

**ABSENT**

Members	Joann Gaieski	September 11, 2021
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**STAFF PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
CRA Project Manager	Jordan Pastorius
CRA Development Specialist	Jana Cox

**\* Indicates a motion**

**\*\* Indicates a vote**

**\*\*\* For the record comment**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 21-0125 Draft Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2020**

**MOTION**

- \* E. Field motioned to approve the proposed September 24, 2020 meeting minutes as presented
- \*\* A. Guzi seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMENTS**

**1. PUBLIC**

- J. Angelico MCSD – We are monitoring some reckless driving taking place at the Jensen Beach causeway. Car clubs seem to be organizing gatherings and they are not legal without a permit. We are monitoring the situation and they have been mostly cooperative, just wanted you to be aware since it is so close to Rio. We are monitoring the skateboard incidents reported at the last NAC meeting and have not noticed any new graffiti or damage to the benches.

- D. Harsh – We should require the perpetrators to fix the damage and reprimand them in front of their parents.
- J. Angelico – We have not been able to catch them in the act.
- J. Preast – The Rio Nature Park clean-up is Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:30 am. Please bring your own gloves and gardening tools if you have them.
- R. Cook – Is anyone attending the City of Stuart meetings or can we get a reporting of what they are building in Rio? My main concern is the conservation areas and stormwater runoff. Where is this water going to go if we keep getting rid of green space?
- A. Guzi – I would like to be briefed on the City of Stuart projects as well.
- D. Harsh – The more we take away our wetlands, the more stormwater and flooding we will have.
- J. Pastorius – I can talk to the City of Stuart about their projects and get back to you but I advise that if you are interested in the City of Stuart's projects that you reach out to them.

## 2. MEMBERS

- D. Harsh – We should rethink Rio and the fact that it is developing too fast.

## 3. STAFF - none

## NEW BUSINESS

### Agenda Item: 21-0126, Potential Creative Placemaking Project

Jordan Pastorius, Sr. Project Manager presented some ideas for potential creative placemaking projects and opened it up for discussion.

- E. Field – For these projects, are you looking at the west side of the road?
- J. Pastorius – We could do a pilot program and start there, or we could do both sides of the road.
- E. Field – Have you investigated cost yet?
- J. Pastorius – I have not investigated cost. I wanted to have this discussion before moving forward.
- A. Guzi – We would like to have more information for sure. If the decision is the living wall, who would maintain it?
- J. Pastorius – I did have some preliminary discussions with our Field Operations Department. They would maintain the plants and would have a say in picking out the types of plants that we would use.
- J. Preast – The Rio Civic Club has worked with some of these walls in the past. My concern is keeping plants alive in this area. We currently have issues keeping the plants in the medians alive. My suggestion would be mosaics.
- A. Guzi – From a cost aspect, I would like to see art students from the local high schools get involved. This would cut down on cost and allow students to be involved in the community.
- R. Kennedy – Could Art in Public Places provide any funds?
- J. Pastorius – It would come from our Creative Placemaking budget.
- R. Kennedy – If we are considering Eco Art, could we provide some greenery around the skate park?
- M. Readling – My view is that art is high on the list for this project and living walls are low on the list.

### Agenda Item: 21-0128, 2021 Rio NAC Meeting Dates

Jordan Pastorius, Sr. Project Manager presented the dates for 2021. The committee has a conflict with the March date and decided to change the meeting from March 18<sup>th</sup> to March 4, 2021.

## MOTION

\* R. Kennedy motioned to approve the proposed 2021 meeting dates revising the March meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup>

\*\* E. Field seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

### **Agenda Item: 21-0129, 2021 Rio NAC Chair and Vice-Chair**

R. Kennedy nominated M. Readling to continue as Rio NAC Chair and the vote was unanimous.

R. Kennedy nominated A. Guzi to continue as Rio NAC Vice-Chair and the vote was unanimous.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Agenda Item: 21-0130, Creative Placemaking: Benches and Bike Racks on Dixie Hwy**

Jordan Pastorius, Sr. Project Manager reported on the new benches and bike racks that are being installed in Rio. The discussion came up in the last Art in Public Places meeting to add these benches to the AIPP inventory and consequently the Public Art Advisory Committee would maintain them along with the current benches in Rio.

- R. Kennedy – This looks great and turning over the maintenance to AIPP is a good idea.

#### **MOTION**

\* A. Guzi motioned to add the new benches to the AIPP inventory so that they can be maintained by our Public Art Program

\*\* E. Field seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

- J. Preast – I just want to point out that these bike racks will be different from the ones we have now.

### **STAFF UPDATE**

#### **Agenda Item: 21-0131, Staff Update**

Jordan Pastorius, Sr. Project Manager reported on the acquisition of 1226 NE Charlotte Street and that it will be presented to the CRA Board for approval November 23, 2020.

#### **MOTION**

\* R. Kennedy motioned to notify the CRA Board that the Rio NAC supports this acquisition

\*\* E. Field seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

- J. Preast – I strongly recommend approving the acquisition of this property.

### **COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC - none

2. MEMBERS

- R. Kennedy – Would it be possible to approve golf carts in the CRA? I am thinking of the new development coming in and the need for this.
- J. Pastorius – I believe there was a BOCC discussion on this subject in a recent meeting.
- J. Pinkham – We will have a lot more traffic in Rio when the new development comes and 707 is way too busy for golf carts.
- R. Cook – We need to get people to walk and bike.
- E. Field – I am not fond of this. Could we discuss the roundabout and what is happening there?
- M. Readling – The roundabout is discussed at most of the Public Art meetings. The decision to not replace the art has something to do with the new development and their involvement in the roundabout. We need to consider that if we add art to the roundabout, it might be moved in two years and we would need to move the art.
- J. Pinkham – We have been waiting 20 years for this, can you guarantee that this will be done in two years?

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

MOTION

\* R. Kennedy motioned to adjourn

\*\* E. Field seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded and Prepared by:

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Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

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Date

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Michael Readling, Chair

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Date

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