MARTIN COUNTY
Community Redevelopment Agency

Martin County
Port Salerno
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Port Salerno Civic Center
4950 Anchor Avenue, Port Salerno, Florida

Thursday, December 11, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Jaime Rolle Taylor	February 20, 2029
Members	Karen Warden	January 28, 2027
Members	Ellen Asselin	January 28, 2027
	George Gottuso	February 20, 2029
	Jim Peck	September 10, 2028
	Casey Cass	February 20, 2029

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Members	Leonard Lee	September 10, 2028
Vice Chair	Edward Olsen Jr.	September 10, 2029

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 26-0366 Draft Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2025

MOTION

* K. Worden motioned to approve the proposed October 9, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

M. Mozzachio – Lives on SE Capstan Ave in Port Salerno. Disappointed that trees were removed at the corner of SE Capstan Ave and SE Compass Way. The residents were not notified.

M. Latzman – Lives on SE Compass Way. 5 mature pine trees were removed. We have met with Mr. Gorton from Public Works and Commissioner Heard. No one was notified. We must do better at notifying the public when projects take place.

K. Worden – I have a tree in my yard with pine beetles, could this be the reason they were removed?

M. Latzman – No, they were cut down with no evidence of decay. Public Works admitted that they were removed in error.

G. Ehrler – Mr. Ehrler read an email that he sent to Commissioner Heard, regarding her comments to improve Port Salerno at the 11/18/25 BOCC meeting. He noted that the NAC has been working hard to accomplish the same goals.

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item: 26-0367, PORT SALERNO- MARTIN LOAN FUND OVERVIEW

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

COMMENTS

G. Gottuso – Do you hold your own loans? What are your underwriting standards? What form of guarantees do you require?

P. Skyers – We are like a bank. Our underwriting standards are stringent, and we take equity in a home, customer lists and contract credibility into account when approving loans.

J. Rolle Taylor- Could businesses take advantage of your program for the CRA Investment Program?

J. Puerta – Yes, this could be a great source of funding for a business to apply for the loan and use it towards the CRA Investment Program and pay the loan off when they are reimbursed.

C. Cass – As a businessman, I get emails everyday offering funds to launch my businesses. I will personally finance the CRA Investment Program for businesses that need the cash.

P. Skyers – I encourage you to come in with business proposals and we can help you create an equity pool.

C. Cass – I need more information and urge you to be cautious, that's all.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0368, PORT SALERNO-2026 MEETING DATES

Joy Puerta, Community Development Program Manager, presented the 2026 meeting dates noted below:

- Thursday, February 12
- Thursday, April 9

- Thursday, June 11
- Thursday, August 13
- Thursday, October 8
- Thursday, December 10

All meetings will be held at the Port Salerno Civic Center, 4950 Anchor Avenue, Port Salerno – 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

MOTION

* C. Cass motioned to approve the 2026 Port Salerno NAC 2026 Meeting Dates

**G. Gottuso seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item: 26-0369, CHAIR / VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Jim Peck was voted unanimously to serve as Vice Chair and Jamie Rolle Taylor was voted unanimously to return as the Chair for the Port Salerno NAC in 2026.

Agenda Item: 26-0370, PORT SALERNO-PROJECT PORTAL WEBSITE

Joy Puerta, Community Development Program Manager, presented the Portal Website and demonstrated the steps to visit the site for Martin County Projects.

COMMENTS

M. Mozzachio – Are the plans included on the website?

J. Puerta – Yes, the plans are available.

G. Ehrler –I looked up the Port Salerno Peninsula on the portal and was able to print out any reports or plans that you see. The projects are back logged as you can see by the printout, this project was approved in 2014.

M. Latzman – This is all helpful and good. I must reiterate that Public Works needs to communicate. The trees were on private property and the public right of way, and no one spoke to the owners.

Agenda Item: 26-0371, PORT SALERNO-REQUEST FOR SERVICE

Joy Puerta, Community Development Program Manager, presented and demonstrated the Request for Service Application utilized by Martin County for residents to enter their requests.

COMMENTS

M. Mozzachio – I previously lived on Cove Road near Seabranch Park. The culvert was failing, and the guardrail was falling. I entered an RFS to make Public Works aware of this and their answer was not to my satisfaction. What is your recommendation should I resubmit the request?

J. Puerta – Yes, resubmit it.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0372, PORT SALERNO-STAFF UPDATES

Joy Puerta, Community Development Program Manager, presented updates to the Committee on the progress for the New Monrovia Park, Public Outreach Timelines, the Cove cross access and SHIP information. A picture of the Mooring Field Glass Mosaic was also included in the presentation.

COMMENTS

K. Warden – I have not received letters regarding the Sewer Project.

S. Kores – Briefly explained when the letters would be sent from utilities.

K. Warden – Will there be a ribbon cutting for the Mooring Field artwork?

S. Kores – We will have a celebration coordinated with Parks Department.

C. Cass – I want the New Monrovia Park to be nice for the residents. Is the basketball court material specialized?

J. Puerta – It is a concrete base with a specialty surface that is used in all the Martin County parks. The contractor is responsible for following the plan and it is clearly stated. We are also installing the benches that follow the Martin County Standards. The contract is 120 days from the Notice to Proceed.

G. Gottuso – New NAC member introduced himself and relayed some background information on his experience and desire to help the community.

C. Cass – Expressed appreciation for Commissioner Ciampi and his support of Wojo Park.

Commissioner Ciampi – Martin County Parks funded Wojcieszak Park, I just allowed them to put my project behind it.

J. Rolle Taylor – The driveway discussion for the Cove project, I would like to add that it floods, and it is a very busy intersection.

M. Mozzachio – Is New Monrovia Park staffed and can we market it?

C. Cass – Go to the Parks Advisory Board. You will see that they have a robust marketing program.

M. Mozzachio – I also met with Zach Hughes and discussed marketing the programs within his department. Could we work with the school district? Talk to tourism? What do you suggest?

S. Kores – You could talk to the school board if you wish.

M. Latzman – I did not receive any of the mailers for these projects.

G. Ehrler – 4018 SE Salerno Road has installed a structure with no permit. 4088 Commerce also has a shed without a permit.

J. Puerta – I will check into this and get back to you.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Jana Cox	2/12/26
Jana Cox, Program Manager	Date

	2/12/24
Jaime Rolle Taylor, Chair	Date

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Thursday, December 11, 2025-6:00pm

Sign in and print your name.

Add your email address if you want to receive electronic communication.

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