



Martin County

Hobe Sound

Neighborhood Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Banner Lake Club, 12212 SE Lantana Ave, Hobe Sound, Florida

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Vice Chair	Emily Thorsen	September 11, 2029
Members	Mike Banas	February 22, 2029
	Mary Gavin	February 20, 2027
	Susan Butler	September 11, 2026
	Mitchell Miller	January 28, 2027

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Robert Krebs	September 11, 2026
Members	Robin Sexner-Cole	April 18, 2026

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Specialist	Dianne Racek
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
District 3 Commissioner	Blake Capps
Commission Aide - District 3	Colleen Pachowicz

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

CELEBRATION OF BANNER LAKE LIGHTING INSTALLATION

The Sheriff's Office, MC Traffic Division, MC Code Enforcement, CRA Staff, former Commissioner Harold Jenkins and members of the Banner Lake community were thanked for their perseverance and dedication to getting the project complete. It looks great!

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 26-0261 HOBE SOUND NAC - APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, MEETING

MOTION

* S. Butler motioned to approve the proposed September 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0262, HOBE SOUND NAC – 2026 MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, January 14, 2026
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- Wednesday, November 18, 2026 – moved out one week due to Veterans Day Holiday

MOTION

* M. Gavin motioned to approve the proposed NAC dates for 2026 as presented

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

Agenda Item: 26-0265, HOBE SOUND NAC – CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

* M. Gavin motioned to elect Mike Banas as the Chair and Emily Thorsen Vice-Chair for Hobe Sound NAC for 2026.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0263, HOBE SOUND NAC – STAFF UPDATES

Jana Cox provided updates on the Unpaved Roads project, Hobe Sound murals, Dixie Stormwater & Streetscape project, and Sun Trail.

NAC members briefly discussed the train landscaping project.

COMMENTS

1. Public-

G. Miller – I am glad that the lights were completed, but what about the areas that are still not lit, such as the park area? There are still dark sections, and the trees block the lights on Lantana. There are also some poles with no lights installed.

M. Gavin- Are we going to be installing more of the wraps?

J. Cox- I will check into adding more wrapped electrical boxes to Hobe Sound.

E. Thorsen- Any updates on the Lares presenter returning to the NAC?

J. Cox- Not currently.

G. Miller- I am concerned about the project happening near the school.

M. Gavin- If you go online, you can see all the dates and information about the project, including milestone updates.

J. Cox- Growth Management is the department providing updates for this project.

E. Thorsen- Can we have someone from Growth Management attend one of the NAC meetings, or at least provide information on what is expected for 2026?

J. Cox- There are several factors involved in project development, including revisions to staff reports, the development review process, and the applicant's own actions.

M. Miller- For the townhomes on Dixie, the applicant is expected to submit a building permit next week.

W. Scott- I am deeply concerned about the traffic on Neptune and near Pine School. I have grandkids and kids who are at risk because of the speeding, and this needs to be addressed now—before a child gets hurt or killed. Police need to be present, issuing tickets, and stopping the speeders.

J. Cox- We need a speed study completed, and once that is done, we can move forward with resolving these issues. Let me do some research and follow-up with you.

G. McClain- This is a serious issue. I can't even get out of my driveway.

T. Green- We hear your concerns. This is not a new issue for Martin County; the entire county is experiencing problems with traffic, speeding, and motorists not stopping for school buses. We can certainly place an officer in the area, but tickets alone do not stop speeding, and an officer cannot be present all the time.

W. Scott- We need support. A child could be killed.

T. Green- We cannot ticket our way out of the problem. That's not an effective long-term solution.

Commissioner Capps- Martin County's growth rate is low—around 2%. Tomorrow, I'll be discussing these issues and development signage at the Chamber's Breakfast. Much of the

speeding traffic likely comes from St. Lucie and Palm Beach counties. While Martin County has managed growth well, property owners have rights, and we can't prevent development altogether. Minor site developments don't even go before the board.

M. Banas- They meet the code and are under 50 units.

Further discussion ensued among the NAC members, the presenter, the Sheriff's Department, and county staff regarding upcoming developments, traffic-control measures, traffic patterns, speeding, speed bumps, hazardous streets, children walking to or waiting at bus stops, police presence, the possibility of conducting a traffic study, and additional lighting.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Dianne Racek, Community Development Specialist

Emily Thorsen, Vice-Chair

Date

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