



**Martin County
Port Salerno
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Port Salerno Civic Center
4950 Anchor Avenue
Port Salerno, FL

Thursday, April 13, 2023

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Jaime Rolle Taylor	February 20, 2025
Members	Mary Beth Konz	September 10, 2025
	Karen Worden	January 28, 2027
	Cathy Harvey	February 20, 2025
	Jim Peck	September 10, 2024
	Ellen Asselin	January 28, 2027
	Edward Olsen Jr.	September 10, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
	Chandler Josie	September 10, 2024

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Felix
CRA Program Manager	Jerome Small
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus
Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Fox

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 23-0689 Draft Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023 MOTION

* E. Olsen Jr. motioned to approve the proposed February 9, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

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

COMMENTS

PUBLIC

- M. Rhodes – Is there an update for the Mooring field?

MEMBER

- J. Small – The Manatee Pocket area will include 40 moorings; the opening date will be in the summer of 2023. All the anchors have been installed for the mooring buoys as well as the regulation buoys. The Dock construction contract has been awarded to UESI. The upland facility is currently in the cone of silence right now. If you need additional information, please reach out to Jessica Garland with Coastal Management at 772-288-5795.

MOTION

* M. Konz motioned to have Jessica Garland stop by the next Port Salerno NAC meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 23-0690, Port Salerno NAC – Priorities for SPARC Funds

Jerome Small, CRA Program Manager, led the discussion with the NAC Committee. The programs and projects that may be funded with SPARC revenue were discussed. The Committee voted unanimously to hold back on identifying priority projects until funding is available.

K. Worden – Didn't we put the SPARC program on hold until there is an update about Florida East Coast railroad lease?

S. Kores – The SPARC program cannot be put on hold because it is a CRA-wide program.

K. Worden – Is there an update on the railroad lease?

S. Kores – Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council has been hired to come up with some different concepts. Once the engineering plan is complete, we can apply for the FEC railway lease.

G. Stokus – A program like this can help pay for the FEC railway lease.

M. Konz – I don't understand where people would park if we barely had any parking, and why we would allow this program to give us money to build more density? We don't need more density we need a parking lot.

S. Kores – This program is part of our code and applies to all six CRAs. You can recommend not to push this program forward by going to the CRA Board meeting and the Board of County Commissioner meeting.

M. Konz – How much will the parking spots cost?

S. Kores – We are proposing \$24,600 per space not per year, which will go along with the property. Also, in my experience, I have spoken with CRAs all over Florida and they have told me types of programs like this work in small and big cities.

J. Peck – We should wait until we have money to decide how to spend SPARC funds.

K. Singleton – We all agree things do take time to get done but let us begin working on something so the start date doesn't move further back. The committee is losing an opportunity to vote on something from the list now.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 23-0691, Port Salerno NAC – Project Updates

Jerome Small, CRA Program Manager, presented updates on the New Monrovia Park sidewalk replacement, bike racks, and the banners along Dixie Highway.

J. Peck – How old were the banners that were replaced?

J. Small – The banners have been installed for a little over a year.

Agenda Item: 23-0693, Port Salerno NAC – Port Salerno Park Drive and Seaward Street

Michael Uhazie from Bowman Consulting presented project options to the committee members for the Park Drive and Seaward Street project.

J. Peck – How many parking spaces are proposed on the Park Drive project? How many parking spots are currently there today?

J. Small – There will be 18 angled and 2 parallel parking spots on the east side for a total of 20 spaces.

S. Kores – Will the Dock Authority have parking for the vehicles to perform work based on these plans?

E. Olsen Jr – Our Dock Authority Board reviewed and approved these plans. We also have the Dock Authority Master here, Lita Daggett, if you have any questions.

M. Konz – Will the parking spots on Park Drive be open to the public or will a permit be required for residential use after 5 PM?

G. Stokus – The parking spots are and will remain open to the public. The lease with the Dock Authority is a sovereignty-submerged land lease that does not include parking.

J. Peck – When it comes to restricting parking, can we look into that now or will we have to wait until parking is built?

G. Stokus – We will have to wait until parking is built, then the parking restriction determination would come from Martin County BOCC and Martin County Sheriff's Office.

J. Peck – Why can't we move the road closer to the homes?

G. Stokus – Realigning the road to move it closer to the houses costs much more than adding sidewalks.

T. Davis – Why is the speed limit on Seaward Ave going to be 30 MPH? It is a residential area and needs to be lowered to 25 MPH.

M. Uhazie – 25 MPH is the existing speed limit for the street, there will be no speed limit change. You will need to contact Martin County Traffic Division to see if the speed limit can be lowered.

G. Stokus – My recommendation is to reach out to Commissioner Heard's office to lower the speed limit. She wants to hear from the constituents to begin the process. The long process includes a presentation, traffic study, public meetings, and surveys.

G. Byrd – Would the County consider turf block pavement?

M. Uhazie – It is an option; however, it is much more expensive to purchase and maintain, however it does provide better water quality.

G. Byrd – I don't see a use or need for the dumpster on the west side of Park Drive, especially if they are blocking the view from the walkway to the boardwalk. I also see there will be an additional dumpster on the proposed plan that we don't need.

L. Daggett – We maintain that dumpster and they are for our fishermen. In the past, we have found the dumpster overflowing when it was used by the residents. We tried locking the dumpster, but it became an issue and we had to leave it open. As for the additional dumpster on the plan, it will be needed if it will be utilized by residents.

E. Olsen Jr – The Dock Authority will be working with the County on relocating the dumpster.

K. Worden – Can we get the bushes that are located between Bayview Street and Seaward Street cut?

G. Stokus – I am currently working on that with the Fire Rescue Department.

M. Konz – In the bioswale area can we get a platform area that will go over it for parking or add benches around it?

M. Uhazie – The retention area you are referring to stays wet and I would suggest not adding parking over it, however adding benches around it should be fine.

- M. Konz – Can we have the dumpster away from the resident’s view?
- L. Daggett – We can have it relocated where it’s not visible to the residents behind the Port Salerno sign that will be enclosed.
- D. Buckey – We do not want upgrade 3, which includes on-street parking on Desoto Avenue.
- G. Byrd –Can we get a copy of the proposed lighting spec sheet?

MOTION

- * J. Peck motioned to recommend the Minimum Project Elements – Park Drive as presented.
- ** K. Worden seconded, and the motion carried 6-1, with M. Konz dissenting.

MOTION

- * J. Peck motioned to recommend Upgrade 1 as presented.
- ** E. Asselin seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION

- * J. Peck motioned to not recommend Upgrade 2 as presented.
- ** K. Worden seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None
2. MEMBERS
 - E. Olsen Jr – Thank you, staff, for taking the time to put the Park Drive and Seaward Street project together.
3. STAFF
 - None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Recorded and prepared by:

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Date

Jaime Rolle Taylor, Chair

Date

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