



# Martin County

## Rio

### Neighborhood Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Vince Bocchino Community Center - Langford Park  
2369 NE Dixie Hwy, Jensen Beach, Florida

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

## PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Adam Guzi	September 10, 2026
Members	Jamie Newhart	September 11, 2029
	Hannah Martel	November 01, 2029
	Travis Waddell	September 11, 2027

## ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Vice Chair	Richard Kennedy	September 11, 2026
Members	Michael Readling	September 11, 2029

## STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
Assistant CRA Manager	Jordan Pastorius
CRA Specialist	Dianne Racek
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Agenda Item: 26-0291** RIO NAC APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 25, 2025

## **MOTION**

\*T. Waddell motioned to approve the proposed; meeting minutes as presented.

\*\* J. Newhart seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

## **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

## **COMMENTS**

### **PUBLIC**

Deputy Paladino – I am here in lieu of Deputy Adams. I am usually at Old Palm City NAC Meeting.

D. Harsh- For the past few days, Sheriff's units have been driving through Jensen Beach and our neighborhood. Were they looking for someone, and is that now resolved?

Deputy Paladino- It is just regular patrol traffic. Nothing unusual.

B. Kocur- I live next door to 1330 Dixie Highway and I am concerned about a new resident holding frequent garage sales.

A. Guzi- You should contact code enforcement if you suspect any violations or law enforcement if you suspect any criminal activity.

J. Jensen- The Rio Civic Club annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 4:00 PM. Todd Weissing will update us on St. Lucie River health, and Leo Rapetti will report on the septic-to-sewer conversions. There is great concern about speeding on Dixie Highway

and nearby side streets, many of which lack posted limits, and would like to explore ways to address this.

A. Guzi- Which streets specifically because a lot of these roads are dead ends?

H. Nation- Delivery drivers often speed on Sylvia Ave., making it unsafe. The legal limit is 25 mph, but most ignore it. The civic club is proposing a “20 is Plenty” project. Sylvia Avenue and many other streets have no signs.

A. Guzi- What has helped-and I know this from my own street-is reporting delivery drivers, whether it is Amazon, FedEx, UPS, or others. This has made a difference. We are not involving law enforcement, but it has slowed down the speeders.

A brief further discussion took place among the NAC members and the public regarding speeders and possible solutions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 26-0292, RIO NAC LIGHT POLE BANNERS**

Jordan Pastorius presented to the NAC potential design options and installation of new light pole banners within the Rio 707 corridor. The NAC reviewed available concepts and provided direction to staff regarding next steps.

## **COMMENTS**

H. Martell- Is that \$6,500 per year?

J. Pastorius- The holiday ones are \$3,300, because they are already made. The new ones are \$6,500.

H. Martell- Every year you pay that, or just as long as they last.

J. Pastorius- Yes, as long as they last.

H. Martell- Are they taken down during a hurricane?

J. Pastorius- Not necessarily.

H. Martell- Did we do the holiday one's last year.

J. Pastorius- No, the year before.

J. Newhart- That \$3,300 is for the installation and repairs.

J. Pastorius- The installation, repairs, and removal.

J. Preast- How quickly can the holiday banners be put up?

J. Pastorius- A purchase order will have to be issued, so a couple of weeks.

J. Preast- I would say keep them up until the end of January. The other banners that we have are faded out. We may want to go with a different font and color. I think since we have the banners, and the money, it would be lovely for Rio.

D. Ressa- How many banners are there?

J. Pastorius- Fifty.

D. Ressa- That's sixty bucks a pole.

J. Pastorius- That is for manufacturing them, the labor for installation and removal, installation of brackets that are missing.

Further discussion took place among the NAC members and public, over the holiday banners placement, cost, and how festive it would be in coordination with the other holiday decorations throughout Rio and Jensen Beach.

D. Harsh- For the annual banners the O looks like an S, that needs to be changed and the brighter the colors the longer it will last.

A. Guzi- These are the exact ones that we have up now.

J. Jensen- I've never been able to read Rio on the banner.

A. Guzi- We could hire a new graphic designer.

A further brief discussion ensued among the NAC members, staff, and public over the cost, design, style, and colors of annual banners.

## **MOTION**

\*J. Newhart motioned to have the holiday installation completed during the week of December 1-6, 2025, and remain up through the end of January 2026. If not completed by then, it will not be installed.

\*\*H. Martel seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

\* H. Martel motioned to have the annual banner graphics revised for both brighter colors and the design of "Rio".

\*\*T. Waddell seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item: 26-0293, RIO NAC- 2026 MEETING DATES**

- Thursday, January 22, 2026
- Thursday, March 26, 2026
- Thursday, May 28, 2026
- Thursday, July 23, 2026
- Thursday, September 24, 2026
- Thursday, November 19, 2026 (moved back a week b/c of Thanksgiving)

**MOTION**

- \* T. Waddell motioned to approve the proposed NAC dates for 2026 as presented.
- \*\*H. Martel seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**Agenda Item: 26-0294, RIO NAC 2026 – CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS**

**MOTION**

- \*H. Martell motioned to elect Adam Guzi for Chair.
- \*\*J. Newhart seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.
  
- \*A. Guzi motioned to elect Travis Waddell for Vice Chair.
- \*\*H. Martell seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item: 26-0295, RIO NAC – STAFF UPDATES**

Jordan Pastorius provided updates on Rio Marine Village, Dixie Highway Streetscape Concept Plan, and Rio Civic Center Concept Plan.

**COMMENTS**

- A. Guzi- At the County Commission meeting on November 4, they mentioned that the Rio Marine Village is expected to break ground in the first quarter of 2026.
- J. Preast- On November 18, Peter Walden the project manager indicated that the project is in active discussion and expected to advance in the first quarter.
- A. Guzi- What phase do they plan to do first?

J. Preast- It was indicated that they are doing it all at once, but things could have changed.

A. Guzi- Attending Winterfest will give everyone an opportunity to give feedback.

J. Jensen- What happens if the Winterfest is cancelled again like the Fall Fest?

J. Pastorius- We will have to adjust accordingly.

J. Preast- I am concerned that since our current site has no storage, the new site might not either. Our indoor flea market is a major community event, and we need at least a 10x10 space. This space is essential for events like this, and I believe it should be a priority. I'm bringing it forward for your consideration.

D. Ashley- I am concerned about the S-curve since it's the main entrance to the River Club. Can we give a quick overview for everyone here tonight?

J. Pastorius- The S-curve plans include crosswalks at the River Club entrance and a raised intersection to improve safety. They are still preliminary and available for community review and input.

A. Guzi- We will see this again at our January 22, 2026, meeting as well.

J. Pastorius- And at Winter Fest. If your HOA decides on a raised intersection, please, send me the results.

N. Ballard- Will there be sidewalks by Mrs. Peters?

J. Pastorius- Yes, it is being discussed. There are some issues with the width of the right-of-way.

J. Preast- They were unwilling to donate the right-o-way.

J. Pastorius- With this project it may be possible for the road to shift a little to get sidewalk on both sides.

Further discussion occurred among NAC members, the public, and staff regarding the S-curve design plans, crosswalk locations and features, speeding, and potential additional sidewalks.

## **COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC- none
2. MEMBERS- none
3. STAFF- none

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

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Date

Adam Guzi, Chair

Date

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