



# Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers, Martin County Admin Building  
2401 South East Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida

**Monday, July 28, 2025**

## PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	January 13, 2029
Vice Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Members	Michael Readling (arrived 3:17 pm)	January 13, 2029
	Saadia Tsafarides	January 13, 2029
	Jamie Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027
	Chuck Smith	January 13, 2027
	Cindy Hall	January 13, 2029

## ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
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## STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Director	Susan Kores
CRA Specialist	Dianne Racek
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Coordinator	Elise Raffa
CRA Assistant Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

## DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST None

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 25-1161 Draft Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2025

## **MOTION**

\* S. Tsaftarides motioned to approve the proposed May 19, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

\*\*C. Hall seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMENTS**

- PUBLIC - None

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Agenda Item: 25-1160 CRA CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW - JULY 28, 2025**

Susan Kores provided a monthly review of active capital projects and an introduction of new projects.

### **Agenda Item: 25-1162 CRA - FY 2025 3RD QUARTER REPORT**

Joy Puerta provided a review of the 3rd Quarter Report for FY 2025. This update is presented by staff to apprise the Agency of ongoing efforts in all six CRA areas.

### **Agenda Item: 25-1167 CRA - RESILIENT MARTIN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT**

Amy Eason, Environmental Resources Engineer with Martin County Public Works, presented Resilient Martin and the exposure risk of Martin County through a Vulnerability Assessment, and its effects on the local communities throughout Martin County. This assessment includes sea level rise, storm surge, rainfall, and combination flooding as well as exposure, vulnerability, adaptive capacity, and sensitivity thus allowing for recommendations, community engagement, and planning.

J. Rolle Taylor- Do future sewer and drainage projects in Port Salerno consider the issues with flooding and stormwater management?

S. Kores- As part of the CIP process, each project must be evaluated and rated for resiliency.

A. Eason- With this assessment, I'm taking all the CIP projects along with their resiliency ratings and listing them in the vulnerability assessment. This makes the projects eligible for grant funding through the Resilient Florida program.

R. Krebs- The Hobe Sound stormwater project will be a part of this as well?

A. Eason-Yes, assistance will be provided in developing the scope.

**Agenda Item: 25-1177 CRA-GOLDEN GATE LANDSCAPE VISION PROJECT REVIEW**

Joy Puerta presented an overview of the proposed landscape improvements in the Golden Gate CRA. The improvements will include enhancements along SE Dixie Highway medians, SE Bonita Street, SE Clayton Street, SE Delmar Street, and SE Birch Avenue. This project will serve as a pilot to incorporate a landscape vision in each CRA area, consistent with their respective community redevelopment plans.

R. Krebs- Regarding resilience and heat gain that was mentioned earlier—does that factor into the design?

J. Puerta- Yes.

M. Readling- What is wrong with the vegetation and shrubs in the median?

J. Puerta- Vehicles can't see the pedestrians.

M. Readling- How can you address the issue with the lights?

J. Puerta- I think its an educational process as well.

J. Puerta- I will be bringing this back with the recommended plant selections.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item: 25-1163 CRA - GOLDEN GATE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW**

Yuen Deng, Principal with DDEC presented initial design ideas, which include sidewalks/pathways, landscaping, on street parking, trees, lighting, traffic calming and road repaving. CRA staff, with the assistance of our consultant, is exploring preliminary concepts for potential grant purposes.

S. Kores- Build grants, what kind of dollars are we talking about for something like this? And do we phase it?

Y. Deng- Build grants are high-dollar grants, and there's usually a matching requirement. For example, you can use the construction of El Camino as a match. These grants are very competitive statewide and tend to fund big projects. The planning document we're preparing acts as a playbook, so you can pull segments for resiliency grants or state appropriations, like for gateway features.

J. Puerta- Even if we don't get this grant, we'll have plans at 30%, so we can phase the work and seek other funding sources.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 25-1164, CRA PROJECT/PROGRAM UPDATES**

Susan Kores provided project/program updates to the Board.

BOCC agenda items

Properties in the CRA

Budget Workshop and future dates

Martin County Digital History Project

CRA Investment Program completion videos

R. Krebs- That small triangular area between the red line and the building on the left—is that part of the creek?

J. Pastorius- It does not belong to the county.

S. Kores- It's important because now we have access to the creek.

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

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Dianne Racek, Community Development Specialist

Date

Robert Krebs, Chair

Date

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