



**Martin County
Rio
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes**

**Vince Bocchino
Community Center
Langford Park
2369 NE Dixie Hwy
Jensen Beach, FL**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

PRESENT

Position

Chair

Vice Chair

Members

Name

Adam Guzi

Michael Readling

Debra Harsh

Richard Kennedy

Rachel Heid

Jamie Newhart

Term Expiration

September 10, 2024

September 11, 2025

September 11, 2027

September 11, 2026

November 1, 2025

September 11, 2025

ABSENT

Position

Member

Name

Jessica Ross

Term Expiration

April 20, 2026

STAFF PRESENT

Position

Assistant CRA Manager

CRA Specialist

Name

Jordan Pastorius

Noehmi Lopez

* 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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 24-0796 Rio NAC Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2023

MOTION

* R. Kennedy motioned to approve the proposed November 16, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- Deputy Adams – Everyone please be cautious we have been receiving numerous calls about scammers posing as the Martin County Sheriff's Office about warrants issued to them.

- J. Preast – Carly Batts from the Public Works Department has a grant for tree plantings in Martin County can we see if Rio could be part of this? Where do we stand with the Rio Marine Village?

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 24-0797, Welcome to Rio Sign Beautification

Jordan Pastorius, CRA Assistant Manager, reported back to the committee with the process on making changes to the Welcome to Rio sign. The committee recommends to table this item until there is a need to change the color.

R. Kennedy – The sign should be kept the same as the other Welcome to Rio sign.

J. Preast – At one point the historical arch at the other end was all sorts of colors, but we stored it back to its original color. The sign should be cleaned on a routine base.

R. Heid – If the residents who were interested in painting the sign want to get involved perhaps have them contact the Rio Civic Club to get involved in other projects.

Agenda Item: 24-0798, CRA Architectural Standards in the Land Development Regulations

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Manager, presented to the committee the background and effort in updating the architectural standards for all 6 Community Redevelopment Areas.

A. Guzi – What are the responses from the other committees?

J. Pastorius – We will be going to all the committees in the next couple of months.

J. Preast – Color is an important guideline to have. We don't want to see random colors being painted like black or neon colors.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 24-0799, Project Update

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Manager, provided an update on various projects within the Rio CRA including the Bioswale project, Dixie Highway Crosswalks, light pole banners, and the pocket park.

A. Guzi – Perhaps we should ask Benny's Pizza and the Flower Shop their thoughts on the sidewalk crossings.

R. Kennedy – The County has Art In Public Places and we could ask if they are interested in a piece of art that could also be used as a play piece for kids for the Pocket Park.

A. Guzi – At the Pocket Park we at least need shade trees, sod, and a couple of boulders.

MOTION

* R. Kennedy motioned to talk to Benny's Pizza and the Flower Shop about the sidewalk crossing and bring the agenda to May's NAC meeting

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

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- J. Prest – The Rio Civic Club needs to be painted or can we hire Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to come up with a concept plan?
- J. Pastorius – The Rio Civic Club is mentioned in the Redevelopment Plan.
- L. Crichton – Are the blinking lights on the crosswalk still on the plan?

2. MEMBERS

- D. Harsh – Is there an update on the Rio Marine Village?
- J. Pastorius – There were some drainage issues and they are working on resubmitting.

3. STAFF

- None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

Date

Adam Guzi, Chair

Date

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