



**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**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Chair	Adam Guzi	September 10, 2024
Vice Chair	Michael Reading	September 11, 2025
Members	Debra Harsh	September 11, 2027
	Richard Kennedy	September 11, 2026
	Rachel Heid	November 1, 2025
	Jamie Newhart	September 11, 2025

**ABSENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Member	Jessica Ross	April 20, 2026

**STAFF PRESENT**

<b>Name</b>
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. Reading 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. Readling seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

## **COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC
  - J. Preast – 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:

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Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

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Date

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Adam Guzi, Chair

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