



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

Costella Williams Center
4455 SE Murray Street
Stuart, FL

Thursday, April 14, 2022

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Chandler Josie	September 10, 2024
Vice Chair	Jamie Rolle Taylor	February 20, 2025
Members	Cathy Harvey	February 20, 2025
	Ellen Asselin	January 28, 2023
	Mary Beth Konz	September 10, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
	Marygrace Haluska	September 10, 2024
	Edward Olsen	September 11, 2025
	Noah Mustafa	February 20, 2025
	Karen Worden	January 28, 2023

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Development Specialist	Noehmi Felix
CRA Program Manager	Jerome Small
Senior Assistant County Attorney	Krista Storey
Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Fox

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 22-0724 Draft Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022.

MOTION

- * E. Asselin motioned to approve the proposed February 10, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.
- ** M. Konz seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

PUBLIC

- M. Kopkel – I am having issues getting in touch with the Utilities Department.

STAFF

- S. Kores – Mr. Chair I would like to change the order of the agenda items as follows. SHIP Program, Salerno “Colored” Schoolhouse, Martin County Website, Pt. Salerno NAC Training then the Pt. Salerno Project updates.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 22-0547, PORT SALERNO SHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Dawn Cobb, Housing Program Coordinator for the Martin County Health and Human Services Division, presented the possibilities of financial assistance to residents, especially regarding the recent water installation project being completed in the Port Salerno CRA.

The Martin County State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program is designed to provide Down Payment and Closing Costs for first-time buyers or to persons who have not owned a home within the last three (3) years. Home values cannot exceed \$334,249. Mortgage Preapproval is needed from a SHIP eligible lender, picture identification, and other qualifications must be met for the program.

The SHIP program provides up to \$40,000 in the form of a zero interest, deferred payment mortgage to qualifying homeowners (extremely low, very low, low, and moderate-income households) for home repairs. Repairs may include water/sewer hookup, roof replacement, electrical or plumbing, heating and cooling units, windows and doors.

Agenda Item: 22-0728, SALERNO "COLORED" SCHOOLHOUSE - NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTRY

Lloyd Jones presented information regarding the local historic schoolhouse built for African American children during segregation era and nominating this building to the National Register of Historic Places.

Agenda Item: 22-0728, PORT SALERNO - MARTIN COUNTY WEBSITE FOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Noehmi Felix, CRA Development Specialist, presented to the committee members how to check the project status of any project in the County or in the CRA via the Martin County OWL (Organized Website Listing) website.

Agenda Item: 22-0541, PORT SALERNO NAC TRAINING

Susan Kores, Manager, Office Community Development, presented the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Member Orientation and Training for 2022. The presentation includes CRA and NAC basics, CRA ordinance, NAC members roles and responsibilities, NAC meeting guidelines, Sunshine Law, Public Records and Conflict of Interest.

M. Kopkel – Is TIF an extra dollar.

S. Kores – No it is not.

J. Crowley – How are CRA Board members selected?

S. Kores – They are appointed by the BOCC.

J. Crowley – I would like a copy of the CRA Balance sheet and CIP sheet.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 22-0549, PORT SALERNO PROJECT UPDATES

Susan Kores, CRA Manager and Jerome Small, Community Development Program Manager presented the report highlighting the following projects. Salerno Affordable Housing, Sewer Design, Banners, Unpaved Roads, Signs at Salerno and Kingfish.

MOTION

* C. Harvey motioned to approve banner designs and installation that will go along Dixie Highway.

** J. Rolle Taylor seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 with M. Konz dissenting.

M. Konz – I've never seen pelicans with white feathers and black ends.

J. Rolle Taylor – This is a great start for the banner installations, and we can always add more in the future with modifications as needed.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- J. Preast – I would like to let everyone know about the upcoming Historic Preservation events that are coming up.

2. MEMBERS

- E. Asselin – On last week's County Connection there was a documentary about the Schoolhouse that everyone should watch. There is a Wojo park event happening next week. I also reading an article about the Parks Department who will be redoing the Sandsprit docks.
- M. Konz – I just want to express my concerns the committee's choice for the banners were in poor taste.

3. STAFF

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Recorded and Prepared by:

Noehmi Felix, Community Development Specialist

Date

Chandler Jose, Chair

Date

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