



**Martin County
Old Palm City
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes**

**Palm City Community
Center**
2701 SW Cornell Avenue
Palm City, FL

Monday, October 18, 2021

PRESENT

| Position | Name | Term Expiration |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Chairperson | Rex Sentell | September 11, 2025 |
| Vice Chair | Mike Searle | November 10, 2023 |
| Members | Mark Palazzo | September 11, 2022 |
| | Chuck Smith | September 11, 2025 |
| | Oscar Torres | September 11, 2025 |

ABSENT

| Position | Name | Term Expiration |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Member | Candace Lopes | April 23, 2022 |
| Member | Jane Landrum | October 24, 2024 |
| Vice Chair | Douglas Legler | September 11, 2025 |

STAFF PRESENT

| Position | Name |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| CRA Project Manager | Jordan Pastorius |
| CRA Development Specialist | Jana Cox |

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 22-0172 Draft Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2021 and August 16, 2021

MOTION

* M. Palazzo motioned to approve the proposed **April 19, 2021 and August 16, 2021** meeting minutes as presented.

** C. Smith seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - none

2. MEMBERS

- M. Palazzo – The Mapp Road ribbon cutting event was excellent. Staff and the PC Chamber of Commerce did a great job.

3. STAFF

- J. Pastorius – Welcome to our new member, Oscar Torres

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 22-0173, Opioid Abuse and Overdose Project

Michelle Miller, Human Services Administrator and Joanna Greene, Human Services Supervisor presented information on Martin County's Human Services project aimed at reducing opioid abuse and overdoses in Martin County.

- D. Jackson – What is the average age of people who are overdosing?
- M. Miller – The majority of people fall into the age range of 20-40 years old.
- D. Jackson – What do you mean when you say that people are choosing to overdose?
- M. Miller – My intention was to say that people are going back to the drugs after they have been revived and tend to repeat overdoses.
- J. Greene – It is not uncommon for users to seek out their dealer. Their brain is addicted to the drugs as well as their body.
- C. Smith – How do the finances work for this program?
- M. Miller – Our services are available at no cost. We do not cover treatment services, but we do help patients find treatment centers available through their insurance.
- C. Smith – Do most of the users have insurance?
- M. Miller – I don't have any data on that.
- O. Torres – Where are they getting these drugs?
- M. Miller – They are obtaining Fentanyl from various places. Our law enforcement does a great job at curbing the activity and not allowing it to permeate our communities.
- C. Smith – Is this drug expensive?
- MCSD – These drugs are cheap and can be obtained from the internet.
- O. Torres – These drugs are coming over the southern border of the US.
- C. Smith – I could post your information on my business' bulletin boards for their information. You could go to other businesses and let them know what you have to offer.
- R. Sentell – My suggestion is to video the person when they are being revived. This will spark them to seek better help.
- M. Miller – We can certainly suggest this to Fire Rescue.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 22-0174, 2022 Old Palm City Meeting Dates

Monday, February 14
Monday, April 18
Monday, June 20
Monday, August 15
Monday, October 17
Monday, December 19

MOTION

- * M. Palazzo motioned to accept the 2022 meeting dates
- ** M. Searle seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 22-0176, Mapp Road Town Center Project Update

Jordan Pastorius, Senior Project Manager, CRA presented the update.

- R. Sentell – Can you check into adding a dotted line for the east to west turn from Martin Downs Blvd turning south onto Mapp Road? A visual reference would be nice.
- C. Smith – I would like to see the same for entering Mapp Road from the other direction.

- M. Palazzo – I recall a homeowner on Thelma Street who had a concern about turning onto Mapp Road. Have you talked to them?
- J. Pastorius – Not as of today.
- M. Palazzo – Can you talk to this homeowner?
- J. Pastorius – Yes.
- M. Palazzo – When I drive down Mapp Road, I do not notice the elevation change on the speed control tables that were installed. Was the road raised the proper amount?
- J. Pastorius – During the design of the road, the speed tables were modified for the busy fire station nearby. The speed tables are gradual and will be effective over time. Eventually, everyone driving down Mapp Road will slow down for speed tables, bicyclists, on-street parking, businesses, medians and landscaping. All these features serve to slow the traffic.

Agenda Item: 22-0177, Ripple Stormwater Ecoart Project Update

Jordan Pastorius, Senior Project Manager, CRA presented the update.

- M. Palazzo – On Site 3, we had about 10 days of green algae on the body of water. Is there a plan to put a fountain there to aerate?
- J. Pastorius – We do not have a plan to place a fountain there, but it should help once all of the plants are installed.

Agenda Item: 22-0178, Staff Update

Jordan Pastorius, Senior Project Manager, CRA presented the update which included an update on Palm City Place, Palm City Community Center and new developments that are being considered for the area.

- R. Sentell – Does the grant we applied for cover the cost of Palm City Place?
- J. Pastorius – It is a 50% matching grant.
- R. Sentell – Are there any other restaurants that are being considered?
- J. Pastorius – Not that I know of.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- D. Jackson – With the new developments that are proposed, am I going to get put on the back burner for getting water and sewer installed at Palm City Apartments?
- J. Pastorius – The project is still on target to start in 2022. Please locate the project on our MC website projects page and contact the utilities department for more details.
- AJ Loring – I am a lifetime resident of Palm City and I live off Conch Cove Lane. The vision plan, as I understand it, is to connect all the neighborhoods in Palm City. I cannot cross Martin Downs Boulevard in a safe way. There are no sidewalks, streetlights, or options for us to walk to the park. I would like to see if we can get a through street instead of pulling out on Martin Downs Boulevard.
- R. Sentell – I know there was some discussion in the past about a walking path or crossing lights for that area.
- M. Palazzo – Since this is a FDOT road, can we get someone to come to the next NAC meeting to discuss it or at least find out what the process is for getting FDOT involved?
- J. Pastorius – Yes, I can investigate it.

2. MEMBERS - none

3. STAFF - none

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Recorded and Prepared by:

Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

Date

Rex Sentell, Chair

Date

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