



NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Orientation / Training 2022



Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Orientation / Training 2022

- CRA Basics
- CRA Ordinance
- NAC Members Roles and Responsibilities
- NAC Meetings
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MISSION

The Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is revitalizing and restoring the neighborhoods and town centers of the Martin County CRA areas. We are dedicated to maintaining the unique character of our communities by encouraging sustainable economic investments, promoting walkability and livability, and working collaboratively with the Neighborhood Advisory Committees and Martin County Board of County Commissioners to advance the future health and success of our communities.

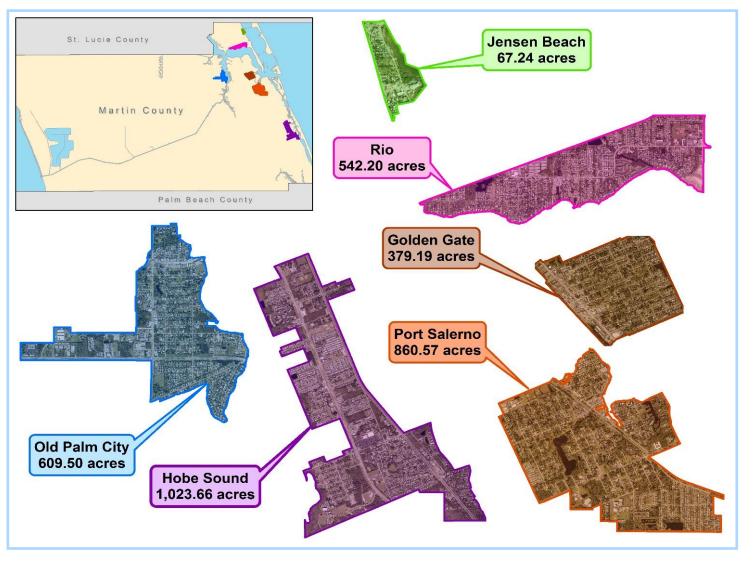
VISION

We envision economically and environmentally sound CRA districts with safe, healthy neighborhoods and vibrant town centers; a network of well-planned, interconnected parks, public open spaces, and complete streets; a full spectrum of high-quality housing that accommodates all walks of life; well-designed community infrastructure; and successful redevelopment that celebrates the distinctive identity and community character of each district and contributes to the overall sustainability of Martin County.





Community Redevelopment Areas







WHAT IS A CRA?

- Governed by Florida State Statutes Chapter 163, Part III
- Created by Local Governments Cities and Counties
- One Community Redevelopment Agency Board per jurisdiction
- Board members are appointed by the BOCC
- One CRA may have multiple CRA districts/areas
- Districts/areas have separate trust funds and plans
- Over 220 CRAs in Florida





CRA GOALS

Reverse deterioration

Revitalize the business climate

Increase property values

Preserve and celebrate community character and identity

Provide clarity and predictability in future planning and development

Encourage connectivity - streets, sidewalks, bikeways, parks, greenways and open spaces

Provide opportunities for traditional neighborhood design and mixed residential and commercial uses

Encourage active participation and investment by citizens



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FINDING OF NECESSITY

- ► Inadequate street layout
- Unsanitary or unsafe conditions
- Reduced tax revenues
- Inadequate building density
- ► Flooding/hazards/contamination
- ► Tax delinquency
- Property vacancy rates
- Code enforcement issues
- Lack of affordable housing
- ▶ Traffic hazards









COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION













REDEVELOPMENT PLANS







HOW ARE CRAS FUNDED?

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)..... an economic development tool used to promote private sector investment in a CRA area

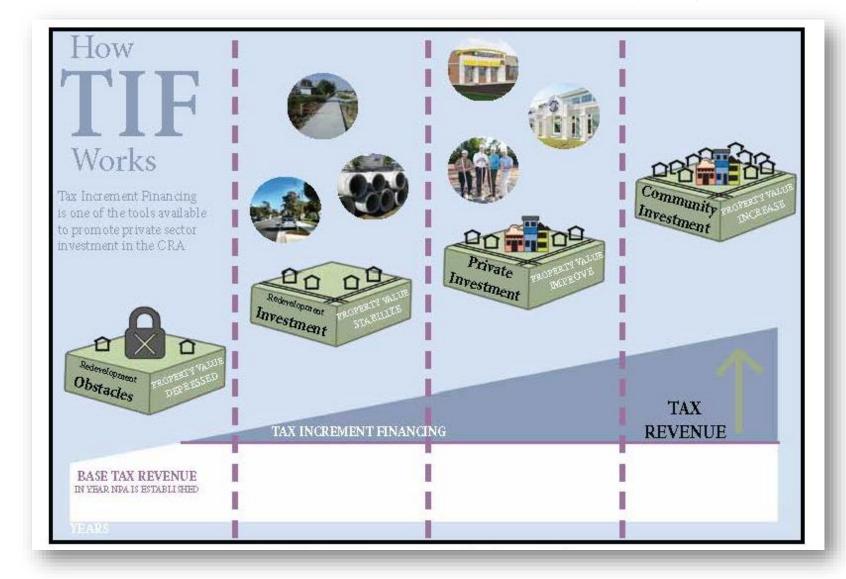
- Step 1: The dollar value of all real property in the CRA Area is determined as of a fixed date. This becomes the base value. Taxing authorities continue to receive property tax revenues based on the base value.
- <u>Step 2:</u> Redevelopment investments are made. Increases in real property value (the increment), are deposited into the CRA Trust Fund at a percentage rate established by BOCC.
- <u>Step 3:</u> Funds are used for redevelopment in the designated CRA area. Private investment increases.
- <u>Step 4:</u> The TIF is expended on activities outlined in the Community Redevelopment Plan.

NOT AN EXTRA TAX





TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)





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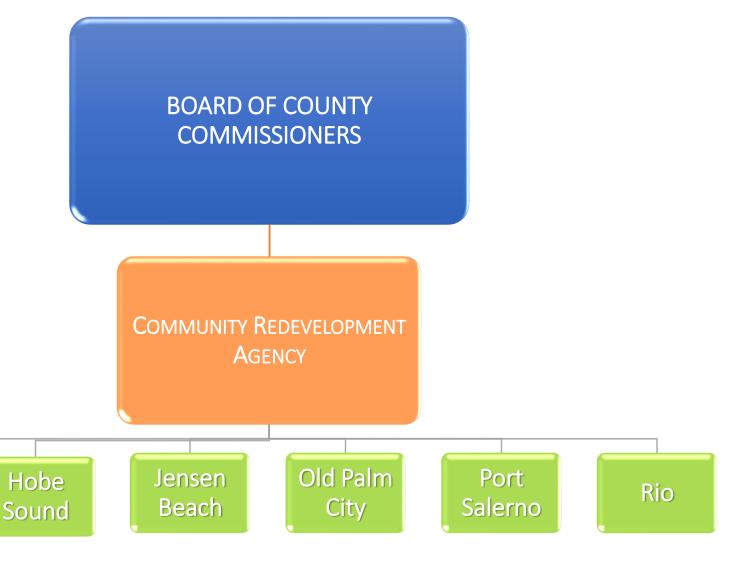
LOCAL MONEY - INVESTED LOCALLY!!







ORGANIZATION





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MC CRA ORDINANCE CHAPTER 39

- ▶ Describes the CRA as a legal entity, separate, distinct, and independent from the Board of County Commissioners
- Consists of seven members

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- CRA Chair and Vice-Chair appointed by BOCC
- Describes Roles and Responsibilities of CRA and NAC





NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- ► Neighborhood Advisory Committee members appointed by BOCC
- Committee member terms are 4 years
- A vacancy occurring during a term is filled for the unexpired term
- Each member is expected to attend every meeting
- ▶ 3 absences /12 months member is removed; can reapply
- No excused absences
- Special meetings count





ROLE OF THE NAC

PROVIDE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

to the Community Redevelopment Agency on the implementation of the adopted Community Redevelopment Plan (CRP).



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ADVISE AND RECOMMEND

- Propose or review CRP amendments and modifications
- Review development applications and provide feedback
- Prioritize community redevelopment capital projects
- Any other matters as directed by the BOCC or the CRA
- Provide a public forum for neighborhood involvement
- Stay connected and engaged with your neighborhood

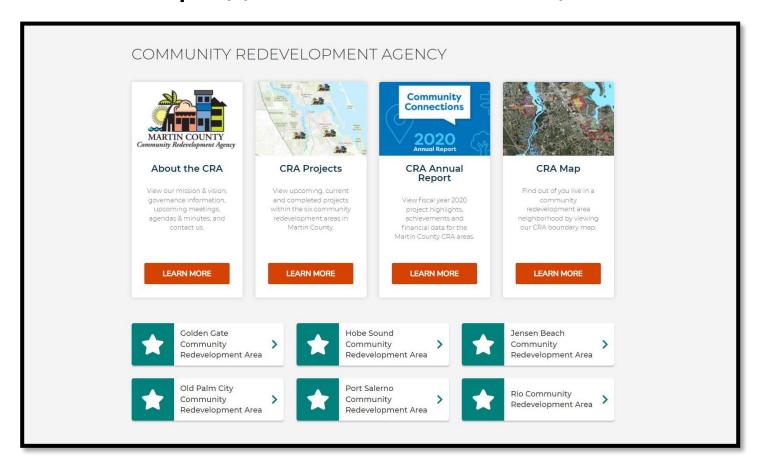
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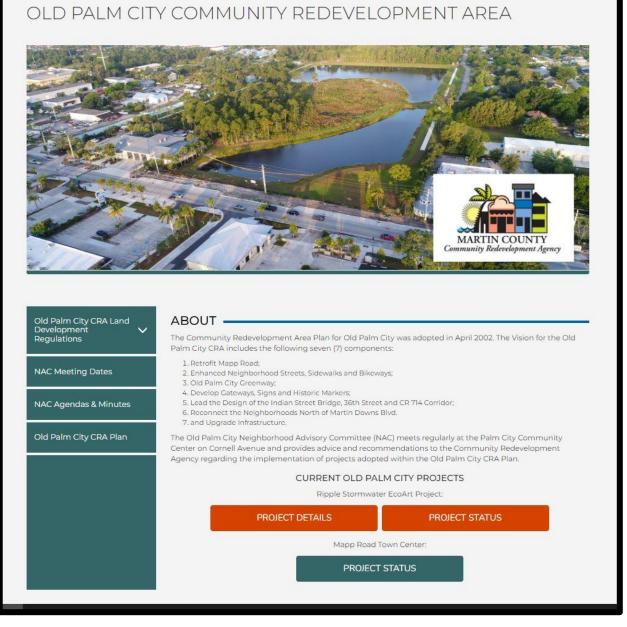


BE IN THE KNOW!

https://www.martin.fl.us/CRA











PROCESS

Develop
Community
Redevelopment
Plan

Advise, make
recommendation
to staff and the
CRA Board

Community

Evaluate NAC input, develop countywide program

CRA

Approve projects and funding





NAC MEETINGS

- ► Meetings held bimonthly 6 meetings per year
- Quorum is a <u>MUST</u>
 - ▶ In order to conduct business, there <u>must</u> be a quorum (50% of the designated number of members plus 1)
 - ▶ Members are strongly encouraged to RSVP for each meeting either by phone or e-mail
- Majority vote rules
- Abide by Florida Sunshine Laws
- ► Meeting agendas are sent out 5-7 days prior to the meeting via email and Constant Contact to members and the public
- Members elect Chair and Vice Chair every year
- ► Minutes are generated; a written summary including all actions taken is produced for the committee and the public



USE ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER AS A GUIDE

- Chair conducts the meeting
- Making motions (Chair repeats motion/maker for minutes purposes)
- Asks for a second; opens and manages discussion; recognizes public comment; asks for vote
- Members should wait to be recognized before speaking

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEETINGS!

- Be on time
- Be prepared

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Keep meeting orderly

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- Be mindful of any conflict of interest and act accordingly
- ▶ Be familiar with the history, vision and mission of the CRA





PUBLIC, STAFF, MEMBER COMMENT

Public Comment

- ► <u>ALL</u> comments should relate to CRA projects, programs and concerns inside the CRA boundaries
- ► The speaker must wait to be recognized by the NAC Chair
- Speaker stands, states name and directs comments to the NAC
- ▶ The beginning of every meeting for items NOT on the agenda
- On individual agenda items after the item has been presented
- The end of every meeting
 - Staff Comment is provided at the end of every meeting
 - Member Comment is provided at the end of every meeting





KEEP UP WITH US!

CRA Maps: Martin.fl.us/CRAMap

CRA Projects: Martin.fl.us/CRAOWLProjects

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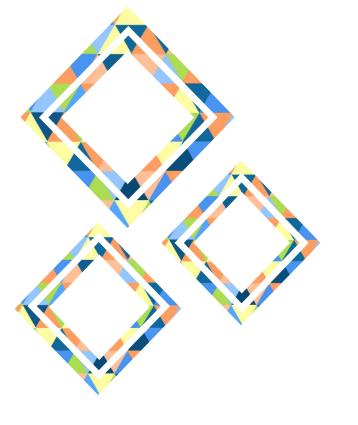
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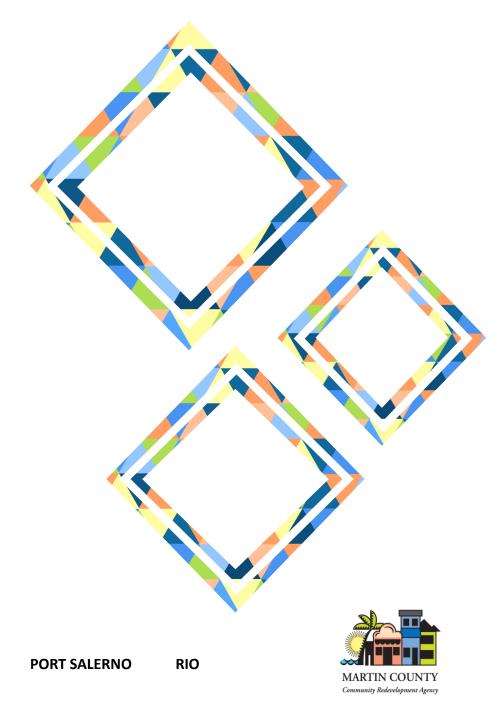
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Thank you! ANY QUESTIONS?





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Sunshine Public Records Conflict of Interest



