



**Martin County
Community Redevelopment Agency
Minutes**

**Commission Chambers
Martin County
Administration Bldg.
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996**

Monday, May 23, 2022

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Vice Chair	Richard Kennedy	January 7, 2023
Members	Rex Sentell	January 4, 2025
	Michael Readling	January 4, 2025
	Saadia Tsaftarides	January 4, 2025
	Blake Capps	January 27, 2023
	Cindy Hall	January 4, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Catherine Winters	December 31, 2023

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Senior Program Manager	Jordan Pastorius
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Program Manager	Jerome Small
CRA Development Specialist	Noehmi Felix
Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Fox
Budget Financial Manager	Stephanie Merle
County Engineer	Lisa Wichser

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 22-0877 Draft Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022.

MOTION

* C. Hall motioned to approve the proposed April 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

** S. Tsaftarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

PUBLIC

- None

MEMBER

- None

STAFF

- S. Kores – Thank you Mr. Reading for taking over the duties as Chair today.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 22-0775, CRA FY 2022 – 2nd Quarter Report

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, reviewed the 2nd Quarter Report for FY22. Presentation included all CRA area updates, projects, events, and permit overview.

B. Capps – What happens if we are piling up TIF (Tax Increment Funding) and not spending it? Do we lose the funds if we don't use them?

S. Kores – We don't lose the funds; the funds get carried over to the next year.

B. Capps – Will most of these projects in this report be completed after two years?

S. Kores – Each of the project are in different stages, but if you would like to ask that question about each project, that will give you a better picture for completion.

R. Kennedy – I went by Bridge Road and noticed two-thirds of the cars were parked wrong. Is that coming up at the NAC (Neighborhood Agency Committee) meetings?

B. Capps – There are times when people seem to be parking right and other times not. What I have mentioned at the NAC meetings, I would prefer not to have a heavy hand with law enforcement passing out tickets. The whole idea is to have businesses do well and have people not be afraid they will get a ticket when trying to get some dinner.

S. Kores – I've noticed the Hobe Sound community is understanding, but the visitors on the weekends are parking wrong. I was in Nashville recently and turned a corner and they had back-in angle parking.

Agenda Item: 22-0878, CRA Capital Projects – May 23, 2022

Susan Kores, CRA Manager presented the report highlighting the following projects: Dixie Highway project, Golden Gate El Camino Trail, Rio benches and bike racks, Port Salerno banners and pelicans and neighborhood enhancements.

Agenda Item: 22-0699, CRA – County Traffic Strategies for New Developments

Lisa Wichser, County Engineer, highlighted concurrency exception areas, safety strategies, congestion, speed management and strategies/challenges.

C. Hall – What is the speed limit on Dixie Highway?

T. Tsafarides – It's 35 miles per hour.

C. Hall – I have been seeing comments that people are saying it's more dangerous to turn left and there is not enough room to keep congestion from backing up.

L. Wichser – Now that all the lanes are in, we will be conducting a speed study to see if we should be lowering the speed to 30 mph.

T. Tsafarides – Thank you. The Dixie Highway project looks beautiful.

M. Reading – Is there a plan for Rio to make it easier for residents to get around when the Rio Village comes?

L. Wichser – There is no alternative plan.

J. Preast – There will be a letter going out from the Rio Civic center to the City of Stuart and County Commissioners about a signal light that has been promised to us off of NW Alice Street onto Dixie Highway. Currently, the City doesn't have all the money for the signal light. The MPO has come up with some recommendations. At 25 and 30 mph you can get more cars through on one lane than at higher speeds where you have stop lights.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 22-0879, Office of Community Development FY 2023 Tentative Operating Budget

Susan Kores, CRA Manager and Stephanie Merle, Budget Financial Manager presented operating costs that have remained the same, and no additional budget requests. There is a decrease in total expenses of approximately \$50,000, which is due to the one-time Historic Preservation site survey in FY 22.

MOTION

- * C. Hall motioned to approve the FY 2023 tentative operating budget.
- ** R. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

R. Kennedy – Do you use all your training budget?

S. Kores – We haven't used it all, but it is used for seminars and to attend FRA (Florida Redevelopment Agency)

M. Reading – Are you close to your actual numbers?

S. Kores – We will be close on professional services and other contractual services those are the types of services we contract out. We usually use most of that budget.

M. Reading – What about promotional activities?

S. Kores – We are not done yet with that.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 22-0885, CRA Project Updates – May 23, 2022

Susan Kores, CRA Manager presented the report highlighting the following projects: Port Salerno Affordable Housing project, SW Prong STA, Bridge Road FPL Box.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None
2. MEMBERS
 - None
3. STAFF
 - None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM.

Recorded and Prepared by:

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Date

Catherine Winters, Chair

Date

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