



MARTIN COUNTY
Community Redevelopment Agency

4950 Anchor Avenue
Stuart, FL

Martin County
Port Salerno Neighborhood Advisory
Committee
Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2019

Port Salerno Civic Center

PRESENT

Chairperson
Members

Edward Olsen
Helen Fisher-Quintana
Cathy Harvey
Karen Worden
Catherine Winters
Jaime Rolle Taylor

ABSENT

Marygrace Haluska
Chandler Josie
Ellen Asselin

STAFF PRESENT

Josh Mills, Project Manager, Office of Community Development
Susan Kores, Manager, Office of Community Development

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

CALL TO ORDER – meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 19-0605 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – June 13, 2019

MOTION

- * C. Winters motioned to approve the proposed 6.13.19 meeting minutes as presented
- ** J. Rolle-Taylor seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- Thomas Haluska, President, Pt. Salerno Fishing Dock Association regarding the Seafood Festival: They have been operating the festival for the last 13 years and worked hard with committees and volunteers. They are changing the model a bit and have partnered with J. Hennessey's nonprofit promotional company to operate the festival and assume some of the financial risk. The association will focus more on fisherman history and education.
- Dave Buckey, Resident at Bayview and De Soto. The festival application has been submitted to Parks and Rec for a two-day festival in Jan of 2020. The event has grown in scope and so has the impact on the neighborhood residents and small biz owners. It is highly disruptive, and two days would be worse. The use of residential streets creates hardships to the residents and interferes with their property rights. Roads are congested, traffic restricted by police, fire and rescue and event attendees; not suited to neighborhood streets. If a bigger, longer event is desired, then it needs to be held elsewhere or in a manner that does not impact the residents in the neighborhood. I am here because the NAC provides input to the OCD. I ask the committee to adopt a resolution asking the Office of Community Development discuss the event with other departments so that the impact on residents and small biz is evaluated and input is obtained by the county directly from the residents.

- John Hennessey: As one of the original founders of the festival, I am stepping up to help manage it to make it better and more profitable. We have expanded onto a couple of local streets, mainly DeSoto and Bayview, to relieve congestion. A two-day event will safeguard against a rain-out and achieve better results. A dedicated team will be available to assist residents get in and out of the neighborhood. Most residents and businesses are supportive of the festival. Only one business has made any objective.
- Butch Olsen: are you talking with the neighbors?
- John Hennessey: We are going to walk the neighborhood and talk with the residents
- Margaret Rhodes: Is there an accounting, how much is brought in. How many patrons come?
- Thomas Haluska: If profitable, 25% goes to charity, 20% into an account for festival itself and 50% to the Fisherman's Dock Association
- Margaret Rhodes: What are the hours?
- Thomas Haluska: Saturday 10-8, Sunday 10-6.
- Gail Bird, tenant on Park Drive: John's idea of talking to the residents is good. I'd like to know what the impact is on the residents with the second day.
- Bessie Mariner, resident of Park Drive: I have enjoyed the festival since 2005. This one is for the community. If not for the festival, we would lose our fishing heritage. My concern is that with 2 days, things will be cleaned up enough after the first day to be ready for the next day. If I didn't want to be at the festival, I would take off and go away.
- John Hennessey: Saturday night will have a cleaning and then again on Sunday.

2. MEMBERS

- Karen Worden: I think the seafood festival is a great thing. I would do anything for the fisherman, they do a great job and assist with local issues like the cemetery. Parking was a problem last year. People are drunk and nasty and it's a problem. I love the one day, two days, I don't think you will make any more money.
- Jaime Rolle Taylor: with the 2 days, you will be able to address the congestion?
- John Hennessey: Less people on each day, should spread out the congestion. It's the first year so we won't know until it happens.
- Dave Buckey: I don't want my comments to be misconstrued as unsupportive of fisherman. Some of the ideas are good, but hard to implement. Safety issues are still a problem. Doesn't address a fire truck in front of your house. Don't be too swayed by things that will be tried.
- Butch Olsen: This is not in our jurisdiction
- Dave Buckey: Request that OCD participate to ensure that the impact on local residents is assessed.
- Josh Mills, Project Manager, CRA: I will have an update in October from Parks, Public Works, etc. They take all these issues into consideration.
- Dave Buckey: Thank you. I had a conversation with Parks and Rec regarding the application. I asked if part of the permit review can include seeking comment from residents and small biz owners.
- Susan Kores, Manager Office of Community Development: The County does not currently require that an applicant survey the community.
- Butch Olsen: neighborhood will be polled by the organization.
- Dave Buckey: To make sure all voices are heard, the county needs to do something more formal, not something so random.
- Cathy Harvey: If I understand you right, your issue is fire trucks and traffic. Why don't you work with the committee to mitigate these issues? Maybe it can be arranged differently.
- Dave Buckey: Obtaining the input of residents is the point.
- Steve English, local fisherman: We can do a two day with the different format. I believe it will work and it will be a good thing. And we won't know until we try it. Maybe we need a neighborhood liaison.
- Helen Fisher: New Monrovia is having its annual Bahamian Festival on Saturday, October 5. Proceeds go to an afterschool REACH program.
- Helen Fisher introduced new member, Jaime Rolle Taylor.
- Helen Fisher introduced Mr. Blatch who asked the CRA staff for assistance with some polluted wells from the Solitron time. Needs assistance for a new meter. Josh will investigate and get back to Mr. Blatch.

3. STAFF – None

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 19-0828, MARTIN COUNTY FIRE RESCUE SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

Maria Torres, Community Risk Reduction Specialist for Martin County Fire Rescue (FRD), presented the FRD Smoke Alarm program for Martin County residents. Safety, Residential Readiness, Disaster Preparedness, and other FRD programs were covered.

Maria Torres: Residential readiness program, through Grants and sponsorships, to get 10-year smoke alarms for distribution to the community. Martin County Fire Rescue can come to the resident's home and install them, or you can pick up at administration along with additional safety tips. Hurricane readiness is very important for our County, to include evacuation, a lot of EM planning, and we are the number that you call during a storm [Maria Torres offered the community a booklet with all the emergency info necessary.]

- October 19 is Fire prevention month event, and 25th anniversary of professional (not volunteer) department, and the event will include demonstrations and tours of the operation center, 911 center, and more.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 19-0828, WORKFORCE HOUSING LOTS

Josh Mills, Project Manager, Office of Community Development presenting an update on the county's surplus lots designated for housing in the Port Salerno CRA.

Ten Workforce Housing lots on three parcels will go before the BOCC in a request for an RFP to do affordable and/or workforce housing (an additional ten lots for Golden Gate will also go before the BOCC). There will be a review committee that will oversee the RFP process.

- Butch Olsen: These are in the CRA which will follow CRA requirements?
- Josh Mills: yes
- Helen Quintana: people have said that they might like to donate property for housing. How would that take place?
- Josh Mills: We would need to have a conversation about protecting the housing as affordable.
- Susan Kores: They can come in to meet with us to figure out the procedure.

Agenda Item: 19-0869, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Josh Mills, Project Manager, Office of Community Development providing a brief status update on our Safe Routes to School project involving Martin County Capital Projects and FDOT.

An Image was presented showing an overview of the project area with the current sidewalks and the new connections in the neighborhood, along with Port Salerno Elementary to the north. Project is with FDOT, County Public Works and CRA. BOCC approved the contract, and bid is out for 60 days followed by the award, with expected shovels in the ground by the end of the year. We will do some community engagement for the project.

COMMENT

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

ADJOURN – meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

MOTION

- * Catherine Winters motioned to adjourn
- ** Jaime Rolle Taylor seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded and Prepared by:

Susan Kores, Manager

Date

Edward Olsen, Chair

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