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**Martin County  
Hobe Sound  
Neighborhood Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

8980 SE Olympus St  
Hobe Sound, FL

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

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**PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Vice Chair	Allyson Von Holten	September 11, 2025
Members	Christian Nelson	September 11, 2026
	Emily Thorsen	February 20, 2025
	Suzanne Cromwell	February 22, 2027

**ABSENT**

Members	Robert Krebs	September 11, 2026
	Robin Sexner-Cole	April 18, 2026

**STAFF PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Felix

**\* Indicates a motion**

**\*\* Indicates a vote**

**\*\*\* For the record comment**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Agenda Item: 23-0597 Draft Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023

**MOTION**

\* C. Nelson motioned to approve the proposed January 11, 2023, meeting minutes as presented

\*\* E. Thorsen seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC**

**MEMBERS**

A. Von Holten – Please welcome Suzanne Cromwell she is the new committee member for the Hobe Sound Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Agenda Item: 23-0598, Hobe Sound NAC – Dixie Highway Stormwater & Streetscape Project**

Andrea Penuela and Keith Oropeza, landscape architects from the GAI Consultants office, presented the concept plan for the Dixie Stormwater and Streetscape project. The project includes extending the streetscape from Bridge Road down A1A south to Saturn Street. The project will improve drainage, beautify the corridor, and define the sidewalk for pedestrians.

S. Cromwell – How many angled parking spots will we lose on Dixie Highway?

A. Penuela – All angled parking will stay the same we are not removing any.

E. Thorsen – The SE Dixie Highway crosswalk is angled next to SE Bridge Road. Motorists are not able to see pedestrians crossing since it's far back. This crosswalk is used extensively for pedestrians walking to the elementary school. Can you include changing the crosswalk closer to SE Bridge Road, so it is not missed by motorists?

T. Fucigna – Please keep all angle parking we do not want to lose any spots. Can bike racks be included in this concept design? The design looks great.

B. Capps – Removing the angled parking would upset some of the business owners on SE Dixie Highway.

A. Penuela – All angled parking will stay the same we are not removing any. The only angled parking that will be changed to parallel is the festival street. Bike racks will be addressed in the final construction of the project.

H. Jenkins – The whole point of this project is to improve drainage. I agree with Ms. Thorsen the crosswalk should be shifted closer to SE Bridge Road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 23-0599, Hobe Sound NAC – Priorities for SPARC Funds**

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, led the roundtable discussion with the NAC Committee. The programs and projects that may be funded with SPARC revenue were discussed. Committee was asked if any priority projects should be added to or edited with projects already identified by the CRA plans.

A. Hotlen – Can we widen the sidewalk on SE Bridge Road that leads to the beach?

J. Cox – That area you are referring to is out of the Hobe Sound CRA boundaries.

S. Cromwell – Is there a specific location for additional lighting?

J. Cox – SPARC funds may be used for additional lighting within the Hobe Sound CRA.

E. Thorsen – Can we get a playground or sitting area in the downtown area?

T. Fucigna – Can the SPARC funds be used to acquire land for public parking?

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 23-0600, Hobe Sound NAC – Updates**

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on various projects within the Hobe Sound CRA including Banner Lake Lighting, Sound Brewing, Investment Program Applicant, and Caliber Car Wash

## **COMMENTS**

### **PUBLIC**

B. Capps – Is Post Office Alley part of the concept design to add parking spaces?

A. Penuela – The right of way on that street is already narrow and would be difficult to add parking. However, we are proposing to move the business dumpsters further west to a centralized area to help with waste collection and accessibly to that road.

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

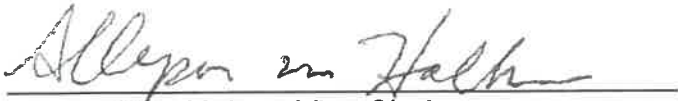
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Noehmi Felix, Community Development Specialist

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Date



Allyson Von Holten, Vice Chair

July 12, 23

Date

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# Hobe Sound Neighborhood Advisory Committee – Sign In



HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY CENTER  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 6:00 pm



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