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Minutes

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

Monday, February 26, 2024

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	January 4, 2025
Vice Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Members	Saadia Tsaftarides	January 4, 2025
	Michael Readling	January 4, 2025
	Jaime Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027
	Richard Kennedy	January 7, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Cindy Hall	January 4, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Program Manager	Jana Cox
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Assistant Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Senior Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Poprawski
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus
Director of Office of Management & Budget	Stephanie Merle
Budget & CIP Coordinator	Shelby Baker

*** Indicates a motion** **** Indicates a vote** ***** For the record comment**

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 24-0647 Draft Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2024
MOTION

* M. Readling motioned to approve the proposed January 22, 2024, meeting minutes as presented
** S. Tsaftarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
   - D. Little – Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will be working with the Growth Management Department, Public Works Department, Legal, CRA staff, and REG Architects on Architectural Standards for the CRA Areas. Our kick-off presentation is on

March 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM this will include Architecture, Style and Design and how they are integral to building robust, strong and enduring neighborhoods and public spaces.

- R. Sentell – Please remember each CRA area is unique.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 24-0647, CRA Capital Projects Review – February 26, 2024

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, presented the February 26, 2024, CRA Capital Projects review highlighting Rio Bioswale, Palm City Place & Patio, and Ripple Eco-Art ribbon cutting event on 3/29.

Agenda Item: 24-0648, CRA Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Recommendations for FY 2025

Susan Kores, CRA Manager, Stephanie Merle, Director of Office of Management & Budget, and Shelby Baker, Budget & CIP Coordinator provided the annual review of CRA projects and funding with detailed information of the 2025 CIP for current, continuing, and new projects for each of the six CRA areas.

S. Tsaftarides – How are the pelicans that are getting installed in Port Salerno funded?
S. Kores – It's a partnership between Art in Public Places and the Port Salerno CRA.
M. Readling – Are there any more property acquisitions in the Rio area? If we don't have any more, we can use the rest of the funds for creative placemaking in Rio.
S. Kores – We have the majority of the key areas except for 2.
J. Rolle-Taylor – Thank you from the Port Salerno NAC and listening to our concerns.

MOTION

* S. Tsaftarides motioned to approve the 2025 CIP and recommend it for approval to the Board of County Commissioners
** M. Readling seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 24-0650, CRA Investment Program Application – 3450-3498 SE Dixie Highway, Golden Gate

Jana Cox, Program Manager, presented a Property Improvement Investment Program application in the Golden Gate CRA area.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Who will maintain the landscape afterward?
J. Cox – The property owner will be responsible for the landscape.

MOTION

* S. Tsaftarides motioned to approve the CRA Investment Program Application as presented
** R. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 0649, CRA – Martin County Innovation Hub Discussion

George Stokus, Assistant County Administrator presented the history, background, and components of the Martin County Innovation Hub.

J. Rolle Taylor – If residents want to get involved, where can we find more information?
G. Stokus – Some ways a resident can make comments or have input is by reaching out to their County Commissioner, submitting a Request for Service ticket, and reaching out through X, Facebook, and Instagram.

C. Cass – This project will wipe away all our small businesses and push local residents out. We don't want to be pushed out, the community needs to have more input on this. We don't want to be another South Florida.
G. Ehler – The Innovation Hub project took 9 months to get to the CRA. All I see is dollars being spent with no private money. All these new developments are getting sewer and water, but New Monrovia can't, and they need it.
G. Stokus – Not a single CRA dollar is being requested or required.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
   - C. Cass – It's hard for the members of our community in Port Salerno to support the Innovation Hub project when we can't get any sewer or water, yet a new development gets built and they get it. We have been fighting for the sewer that's why the Port Salerno NAC moved all our funds toward the sewer line item.
   - G. Ehler – I was at the last Golden Gate NAC meeting, and it was a community and a half at the park. It was wonderful to see the community using the park and the facility where the meeting also took place.
2. MEMBERS
   - J. Rolle-Taylor – I don't think people want to hinder any progression on the Innovation Hub project.
3. STAFF
   - None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist — Date 3/25/24

Rex Sentell, Chair — Date 3/25/24

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