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MARTIN COUNTY
Community Redevelopment Agency

Martin County
Rio
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes

Vince Bocchino
Community Center
Langford Park
2369 NE Dixie Hwy
Jensen Beach, FL

Thursday, July 22, 2021

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Michael Readling	September 11, 2021
Vice Chair	Adam Guzi	September 10, 2024
Members	Joann Gaieski	September 11, 2021
	Debra Harsh	September 11, 2023
	Jill Pinkham	September 11, 2021

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Members	Estanislao Field	September 11, 2021
	Richard Kennedy	September 11, 2022

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Project Manager	Jordan Pastorius
CRA Development Specialist	Jana Cox

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

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 21-0990 Draft Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2021
MOTION
*Adam Guzi motioned to approve the proposed May 20, 2021 meeting minutes as presented
** J. Pinkham seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS
1. PUBLIC
   - J. Angelico – Please note that the sheriff's office has changed their email addresses. The address is @mcsofl.org. Crime is trending with juvenile activity, but Rio parks seem to be relatively quiet. Be on the lookout for white collar crimes, scams, phone and computer hacks.

- R. Cook – There is a program called "Florida Today" that airs every Friday at noon. Last month they talked about impact fees in The Villages. The last time impact fees were revised was in 2018. If the impact fees are revised, our property taxes will go up and services will be reduced.
- J. Preast – Introduced Cindy Hall, CRA Board Chair and welcomed her to the meeting. About those impact fees, Krista Storey, Senior Assistant County Attorney, updated the CRA board on these fees. You can watch the meeting online at www.martin.fl.us. Congratulations to Mike Readling for 150 homes built by Habitat in Martin County.

2. MEMBERS - none
3. STAFF
   - J. Pastorius – I would also like to welcome Cindy Hall to our meeting, thank you for attending.

PRESENTATIONS
Agenda Item: 21-0991, OD2A Project
Michelle Miller, Human Services Administrator and Joanna Greene, Human Services Supervisor presented information on Martin County's Human Services project aimed at reducing opioid abuse and overdoses in Martin County. At the end of the presentation, discussion ensued regarding what the residents of Rio could do to partner with this project.

- J. Pinkham – I take care of the sign at the Rio Civic Center. I would be happy to list any meetings or notices you want to post and a number to call for more information.
- D. Harsh – That is an excellent idea. This way a friend or family member can call for someone who is in trouble.
- R. Cook – The public outreach is good, but we need someone with boots on the ground going out to talk with people.
- T. Dolvin – Do you have any statistics on rehab centers? Are they protected federally?
- M. Miller – I know that the rehab centers must be zoned properly.
- J. Greene – We visit the facilities and we have a close relationship with the staff.
- J. Preast – The Rio Civic Club works closely with the community. We could put up flyers at the soup kitchens and the thrift stores. We were unaware that our zip code had so many opioid overdose incidents.

NEW BUSINESS
Agenda Item: 21-0992, Artwork Donation
Jordan Pastorius, CRA Senior Project Manager presented an update on the seahorse donation.

- D. Harsh – Is the seahorse still in Clearwater?
- J. Pastorius – Yes, the sculpture is in Clearwater.
- J. Preast – Is the piece going to require maintenance before it is installed?
- J. Pastorius – It is my understanding that the piece has been restored.
- C. Hall – The sculpture has been coated and ready for installation.

OLD BUSINESS
Agenda Item: 21-0993, Infill Sewer
Jordan Pastorius, CRA Senior Project Manager presented the update.

- J. Preast - Can someone follow up with Jolynne Jensen, NE Ixora Drive regarding the sewer connection for her private road? I understand P. Keathley is out of town and no one has gotten back to her.
- A. Guzi – I called utilities as well and have heard nothing back.
- J. Pastorius – I will follow up with the utilities department and get back to Ms. Jensen.
- T. Dolvin – When will the bids go out for Rio South?
- J. Pastorius – I believe bids will go out in September with a 3-month timeframe for construction.

- J. Preast – The construction is going very well so far and is causing no issues.

Agenda Item: 21-0994, Staff Update
Jordan Pastorius, CRA Senior Project Manager presented an update on the benches and bike racks in Rio as well as the status of the property acquisition with the potential to purchase the rest of the properties on the south side of Charlotte Street.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - none
2. MEMBERS
   - J. Gaieski – What is going on with the broken-down blue building next to the Rio Civic Center? There seems to be a lot of boats, trucks and trash on the property.
   - J. Preast – This is the old Small World Learning Center building. It is a code enforcement issue, but it is all totally legal as far as I can tell.
3. STAFF - none

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Recorded and Prepared by:

J Cox

Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

9/23/2021
Date

Michael Readling

Michael Readling, Chair

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