



Martin County
Old Palm City
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Palm City Community Center
2701 South West Cornell Avenue, Palm City, Florida

Monday, April 20, 2026

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Acting Chair	Mike Searle	September 11, 2027
Vice Chair	Chris Pinkston (arrived 6:07pm)	May 9, 2027
Members	Jane Landrum	October 24, 2027
	Chuck Smith	September 11, 2029
	Oscar Torres	September 11, 2029
	Colleen Pachowicz	April 20, 2026
	Carmen Miranda	August 21, 2027
	Douglas Legler	September 11, 2029

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chair	Rex Sentell	September 11, 2029

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
Assistant CRA Manager	Jordan Pastorius
Community Development Specialist	Dianne Racek
Senior Assistant County Attorney	Sebastian Poprawski
County Commissioner District #5	Edward Ciampi

* 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

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item: 26-0790, OPC NAC APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 16, 2026

MOTION

* C. Pachowicz motioned to approve the proposed February 16, 2026; meeting minutes as presented.

**C. Smith seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC-

Commissioner Ciampi- Announced that the property on Palm City School Ave sold and that it did not cost the Old Palm City NAC any money. He thanked the NAC for their partnership in the project.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 26-0791, OLD PALM CITY- ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE 922 SW 30TH STREET

Barbara Counsellor, Senior Planner, presented the Committee with the Alternative Compliance Staff Report and requested a motion from the NAC to recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial for the Growth Management Director.

COMMENTS

D. Legler- How tall is the garage?

B. Counsellor- 17 feet with a 4-foot pitch.

D. Legler- How tall is the door?

B. Counsellor- The garage door is a 10-foot standard.

Further discussion took place among the NAC members, staff, and the public regarding the height, setback, design, and placement of the proposed garage.

MOTION

*C. Pachowicz motioned to recommend approval to the Growth Management director for the alternative compliance for 922 SW 30TH Street.

**O. Torres seconded, and the motion carried 5-2 with C. Pinkston and D. Legler dissenting.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 26-0792, OPC- PROJECT UPDATES

Jordan Pastorius, Assistant Manager, Office of Community Development, presented updates on Neighborhood Enhancements, Mapp Road landscaping, and Charlie Leighton Park.

COMMENTS

C. Smith- What about the landscaping on Mapp Road?

J. Pastorius- Staff has been working with field operations on plant selections. The street has been reviewed and a plan is being developed, with installation to follow.

C. Pinkston- Was the damage due to the freeze?

J. Pastorius- There was significant freeze damage.

C. Pinkston- Will the new landscaping be lower?

J. Pastorius- Yes, primarily bushes and shrubs.

C. Pinkston- Any updates on the fitness trail?

J. Pastorius- The project has been postponed focusing on other neighborhood enhancements.

C. Pinkston- What other enhancements?

J. Pastorius- The committee previously prioritized the fountain, landscaping, bike racks, and on-street parking.

C. Pinkston- Where would on-street parking be added?

J. Pastorius- Primarily along the side streets off of Mapp Road in front of commercially zoned properties.

C. Pinkston- The Cornell project cannot proceed until water and sewer are installed?

J. Pastorius- Correct. Utilities will complete their work first, followed by Public Works with repaving.

C. Miranda- In the last meeting there was a mention of speed tables, but no motion. How can a survey be initiated for speed tables?

J. Pastorius- After speaking to our county engineer, Mike Grzelka, he did not believe speed tables or bumps were warranted on Cornell and the county does not support them. A community petition would be required.

C. Pinkston- Who will initiate the petition?

J. Pastorius- It would need to be initiated by the community but they should reach out to the County Engineer for the requirements.

J. Landrum- There are concerns about speeding and lack of enforcement.

Deputy Paladino- Enforcement has increased, and all units and officers are actively monitoring the area.

D. Medisch- Law enforcement presence has been observed regularly.

E. Miranda- Officers are visible in the area, even early in the morning.

J. Landrum- People are not slowing down.

C. Pachowicz- Speed bumps may not be effective, as drivers accelerate between them. Announced that this would be her last meeting and thanked staff and members.

COMMENTS

1. Public - None

2. Members– None

3. Staff – J. Pastorius - Thanked Colleen for her service.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Dianne Racek, Community Development Specialist

Date

Mike Searle, Acting Chair

Date

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