

**MINUTES  
TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 21, 2025 - 5:30 PM  
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Wernet called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Destin City Hall Annex Council Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present**

Lockwood Wernet  
Margie Avery  
Kyle Davis  
Preston Green  
Iris Bethea  
Corlene Ziegler

**Staff Present**

Kim Montgomery Deputy Clerk  
Daniel Butler Principal Planner  
David Prichard CD Director  
Jesse Hernandez Planner  
Kyle Bauman Sp. Projects Counsel

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**Motion by Chairman Wernet, seconded by Committee member Davis to approve the agenda with no changes, passed 5-0.**

**4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

➤ **March 19, 2025**

**Motion by Chairman Wernet to approve the March 19, 2025 minutes as corrected, with Vice Chair Avery providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.**

➤ **April 16, 2025 Minutes**

**Motion by Committee member Green to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 as written with Committee member Avery providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.**

**5. CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**6. Development and City Projects - Update Daniel Butler**

Mr. Butler provided a brief summary of the upcoming projects that are currently under review in the district.

- Cross Town Connector – FLUM and Rezoning of the two parcels for stormwater management is going before the Local Planning Agency on June 5<sup>th</sup> and then on to City Council on June 16, 2025 for first reading and July 7<sup>th</sup> for the second reading and adoption. Additionally, the bid is out for Ph. 1 of the stormwater portion of the project.
- Alvin's Island is still under review.

- Grace Lutheran Church resubmittal was received and is currently under TRC review.

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

➤ **Committee member Davis – Work Plan for Mattie Kelly Blvd. Connection**

**Objective:** Connect North and South Maddie Kelly Blvd (0.06 miles) to enhance connectivity.

- Identified as NC5 in the CRA Master Plan under Strategic Goal #5.
- The segment lies between The Charles Apartments and Big Kahuna's.
- The area has high potential due to the surrounding vacant land, offices, and apartments.
  - Benefits include:
    - Reduced traffic congestion on Airport Rd and Hwy 98
    - Enhanced local access and economic opportunity
    - Improved connectivity

**Motion by Committee member Green to approve the work plan to connect the roadway of N. Mattie Kelly Blvd. to S. Mattie Kelly Blvd., as presented by Committee member Davis and outlined in the Town Center CRA Master Plan and forward it to the CRA for their consideration. Committee member Avery provided the second.** In discussion, a question was posed if the power company would allow the easement to be paved for the connection Chairman Wernet stated it was understood that they would, as long as there was not any disruption in the power distribution. Having no more discussion, Chairman Wernet called for the vote, **the motion passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0.**

➤ **Committee member Green – Capt. Jewel Melvin Park Improvements**

Committee member Green presented his work plan initiative to improve the Capt. Jewel Melvin Park by:

- Obtaining an easement from Twin Lakes
- Clearing the underbrush to improve the view of the water
- Opening up access to the water for fishing with a possible pier
- Shore up the edges of the lake where there's evidence of fishing from the bank for safety purposes
- Installing pavilion and picnic tables
- Install small-scale playground equipment.
- Install trash cans

**Motion by Chairman Wernet, seconded by Vice Chair Avery for Committee member Green to further pursue developing this plan and encouraged him to work with the Planning department on the Linear Pathway plans and study how they would fit in with this work plan. The motion passed 6-0.**

There was a brief discussion about possibly having a workshop on the subject, but it was determined that it would be best to continue working on their work plans at their regular scheduled meeting date. It was also discussed and agreed upon that once this work plan is better established, to invite the Twin Lakes HOA in for discussions on potential improvements to the park.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further discussions the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Adopted and approved 16th day of July 2025.

Lockwood Wernet  
Lockwood Wernet Chairman

Kim Montgomery  
Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk