

MINUTES
EAST STUART HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE STUART EAST
STUART HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 3, 2023
AT 3:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair - Faye James
Vice Chair - Charlene Thompson
Board Member - Albert Brinkley
Board Member - Betty Brinkley
Board Member - Joseph Cooper
Board Member - Kimberly McHardy Grant
Board Member - Philip Harvey

ADMINISTRATIVE

CRA Executive Director - Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
Board Secretary - Susej T. Meleqi

CALL TO ORDER

3:04 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Board Member B Brinkley, Board Member McHardy Grant, Board Member Harvey (**NOT A QUORUM**)

ABSENT: Chair James, Board Member A Brinkley, Board Member Cooper, Board Member Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. OATH OF OFFICE FOR ONE (1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMEBER

Board Member Joseph Cooper was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3:05 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Philip Harvey

SECONDED BY: Kimberly McHardy Grant

Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF 07/11/2023 ESHC MINUTES (RC)

3:06 PM MOTION: Approve with spelling error change on page 3, the name McHardy.

MOVED BY: Philip Harvey

SECONDED BY: Kimberly McHardy Grant

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes to be brought back to Committee for approval.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Non-Agenda Related) (3 Minutes Max.)

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

ACTION ITEMS

3. PRESENTATION UPDATE ON THE EAST STUART HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY REPORT AND NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNATION AS A NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISTRICT.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, briefly described the project, the preliminary report and approval, and introduced Mr. Paul Weaver, President at Historic Property Associates, Inc., St. Augustine, Florida. Mr. Weaver began his presentation by providing some history of the East Stuart neighborhood and provided a status of the project.

3:11 PM Board Member Betty Brinkley arrived late.

Mr. Weaver continued with a power point presentation that demonstrated the East Stuart neighborhood boundaries, a 1941 map, some buildings, old and new, and the Stuart Training School. He reviewed the timeline, explained that the Florida Historical Commission meets on a quarterly basis, there is a staff review, comments made, and it may be in February or May of next year to hear back. Noted that there is not a strict guideline, there is a lot of information, but history is emphasized, and this may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to leave a legacy for this community.

Brief discussion included what to accept, a three-step process, that this project helps the future development in East Stuart identifying commercial districts, and the survey process and participation.

Board Member Betty Brinkley commented that 10th St. and MLK should be historic and feels it should not be changed. Mr. Weaver responded that history is taken into account and compatible updates are in the plan.

It was stated that some that participated in the survey do not live in the community, but it was noted that many may be property owners in the community. The Community

Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director explained that the CRA plans to hold a meeting in the community in January or February 2024.

Mr. Weaver requested input from the board. Board Member McHardy commented that she plans to take the information to her father as he was a big part of the community.

Board Member Harvey commented on Charles E. Murray and the Stuart Training School, reported that Jack White was a doctor that came from Stuart Training School along with many other educators that were part of the school.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas reviewed the board's purpose, specifically for historical presentation items.

The Clerk will provide a copy of the board's responsibilities to all board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Campbell Rich, Flamingo Avenue; Commented that his wife had worked with Sandra Thurlow on historical books about Stuart. The purpose of this board is so the members of the community can have input and was disappointed at the attendance.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

3:57 PM

Quorum not met, meeting held for informational purposes only.

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk