

MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF STUART
JANUARY 9, 2024
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chair - Tom Campenni
Vice Chair - Nikolaus Schroth
Board Member - Mark Brechbill
Board Member - Chris Lewis
Board Member - Frank McChrystal
Board Member - Bonnie Moser
Board Member - Andy Noble

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

CALL TO ORDER

4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Campenni, Vice Chair Schroth, Board Member Brechbill, Board Member McChrystal, Board Member Moser, Board Member Noble
ABSENT: Board Member Lewis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OATH

City Attorney Lee Baggett swore in all present board members.

2. ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION - SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

4:02 PM MOTION: Approve Tom Campenni as Chair.

MOVED BY: Frank McChrystal

SECONDED BY: Bonnie Moser

Motion approved unanimously.

4:03 PM MOTION: Approve Nikolaus Schroth as Vice Chair.
MOVED BY: Frank McChrystal
SECONDED BY: Andy Noble
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:04 MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill
SECONDED BY: Bonnie Moser
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. APPROVAL OF 12/05/2023 CRB MINUTES

4:04 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill
SECONDED BY: Andy Noble
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Frank McChrystal

- Commented on the City's landscape code and asked where does the process start to change.

Chair Campenni commented that Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Executive Director, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and Lee Baggett, City Attorney could do a presentation of the Board's responsibilities.

Vice Chair Schroth shared a personal story about a problem he had with landscape code in another City.

Board Members continued discussion of the landscape code.

Kris McCrain, City Principal Planner, stated there is an Environmental Consultant to contact.

City Attorney Baggett, stated that the Community Redevelopment Board (CRB) does have by-laws and they do spell out the responsibilities.

Mary Kindel, City Clerk, commented that she and Administration are in the process of making the by-laws more consistent and in line with other boards and will provide them to CRB when completed.

ACTION ITEMS

4. PRESENTATION BY NANCY TURRELL, ARTS COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY, REGARDING PUBLIC ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

Nancy Turrel, Chief Executive Officer of Martin Arts, commented on the history of the arts council and presented her presentation of public art. Read the Highlights from Public Art Codes and Guidelines into the record, and continued presentation.

Board Members proceeded with questions and comments.

Board Member Schroth commented that a building permit can better regulate the art work and suggested an index or file of past projects.

Ms. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director, stated, for clarification, that the developer contributes one (1) percent of construction costs to a fund or spends one (1) percent on public art.

Board Member McChrystal commented on #8 in the presentation City of Stuart Section 3.01.08 Public Art. Stated nobody checks the box (diversity) and questioned why we keep that in the code. He commented that a good art would be functional art.

Ms. Turrel commented that she agrees with the Board in providing a manageable list of projects/artists.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas requested the Board to provide any amendments to the code, "Public Art in Private Development".

Board Members agreed to provide Ms. Gandhi-Savdas suggested amendments for her to provide bullet points and open discussion at next meeting.

STAFF UPDATE

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas commented that she recently updated the East Stuart Historical Advisory Committee that the City received the CDBG Grant to acquire and reconstruct the Willie Gary property on MLK and will be closing on that property this Friday, January 26, 2024. The City will be going out for RFP to do new construction on that site.

ADJOURNMENT

5:10 PM

Susej T. Meleqi, Board Secretary

Tom Campenni, Chair

**Minutes to be approved at the CRB
Meeting this 6th day of February, 2024.**