MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
AT 4:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Chair - Campbell Rich
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Christopher Collins
Board Member - Laura Giobbi
Board Member - Sean Reed
Board Member - Tom Campenni
Board Member - Mark Brechbill

ADMINISTRATIVE
City Manager, Michael J. Mortell
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
CRA Executive Director, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

CALL TO ORDER

4:30 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Campbell Rich, Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed, Tom Campenni, & Mark Brechbill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:31 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 08/26/2024 CRA MINUTES

4:31 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Mark Brechbill
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Jordan Showe - Stuart; Commented on activities of the Guy Davis Skate Park; in favor.
2. Jimmy Smith - Stuart; Commented on his support of the Guy Davis Skate Park; in favor.
3.Olga Hamilton - Stuart; Commented on the construction problems encountered with the CDBG program.
4. David Averse - Port St. Lucie; Friends of the Hamiltons and witnessed the violations with construction of the church.

City Manager Mike Mortell came forward and reviewed the prior discussions concerning the Hamilton property.

Campenni commented that the City should not participate in such a program in the future because of the lack of control and all the problems.

5. Robert Hamilton - Stuart; Commented that he wants to resolve the construction problems.
6. Brandon Cooper - Stuart; Commented on support of the Guy Davis Skate Park; in favor.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Clarke

- Commended Commissioner Collins' attendance and representation for the Skate Park this past weekend.
- Announced the importance of the Community Redevelopment Agency and what they do.

Board Member Collins

- Commented on the Skate Park and the CRA funds received and working towards getting the project going now, also commented he would like to see the half million dollars separated. The Skate Park be a piece of the grant and use the remaining funds separately. Board consensus was received to be brought back to the next CRA Meeting agenda.

Board Member Brechbill

- Agreed with the diverse activities available at Guy Davis Park, and would like to see the project get done.

Board Member Reed

- Commented that he hopes there is a favorable outcome for the Hamilton's.
- In support of the Skate Park.

Board Member Campenni

- Commented that he was threatened by a Commissioner with removal from the CRA and

CRB Boards in retaliation for his opinion piece, and as an American, he has the right to free speech. Commented on his digital newspaper and his service to the community and stated he did not expect to be reappointed in December, but removing board members because you do not agree with their opinions is petty and unprofessional; he intends to continue his rights as a citizen.

ACTION ITEMS

2. SW DIXIE HIGHWAY STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPTUAL PLAN (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 14-2024 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR SW DIXIE HIGHWAY STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FROM SW JOAN JEFFERSON WAY TO S COLORADO AVENUE/SE OCEAN BOULEVARD AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE TRIANGLE DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, presented to the board; requested approval of the Resolution.

Joe Capra, President of Captec Engineering, provided the traffic pattern information, landscaping, crosswalks, pavers, and parking.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bernadette Lindell - Stuart; Owners of the building and in favor of the plans, supports the project.
2. Frank McChrystal - Stuart; Commented that he is not in favor of the project.

Board members commented and addressed some concerns with staff, the Engineer, and the City Manager.

5:25 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
VOTE: 5:42 PM Motion Passed 5/2
YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Campbell Rich, Tom Campenni, Mark Brechbill
NO: Laura Giobbi, Sean Reed

3. CRA BUDGET AND CIP FOR FY 2025 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 11-2024 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE CRA BUDGET OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AND APPROPRIATING CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FY

2025 AND PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR PROJECTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, presented the 2025 CRA Budget.

Board discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Carla Williamson - Stuart; Commented on Guy Davis Park Development Project and the improvements that will be made to East Stuart; in favor.

5:55 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

4. JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM MEETING DISCUSSION

6:05 PM MOTION: Approve to roll over to next CRA meeting.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

6:05 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk | **Campbell Rich, Chair**

Minutes to be approved at the CRA
Meeting this 28th day of October, 2024.