

MINUTES
EAST STUART HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 22, 2024
AT 3:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

BOARD MEMBERS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

CALL TO ORDER

3:02 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair James, Board Member A Brinkley, Board Member B Brinkley, Board Member Cooper, Board Member McHardy Grant, Board Member Harvey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3:05 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Philip Harvey
SECONDED BY: Albert Brinkley
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 10/01/2024 ESHAC MINUTES (RC)

3:05 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Albert Brinkley
SECONDED BY: Philip Harvey
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Albert Brinkley

- Questioned if the Heir's program is a grant or loan.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, stated it was a grant program, and we would pay the attorney we have a contract with.

Chair James

- Thanked the Board Members for being here post Hurricane Milton and sent out prayers to those affected.
- Commented on a directory that was provided previously and would like to further discuss.

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, stated that this could be discussed but prefers it happen in a future meeting as this was not noticed as being an item in today's agenda.

- Asked to revisit the name of the Guy Davis Sport Complex and think of a new name such as a "heritage center".

Board members continued their discussion on the Guy Davis Sport Complex.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated she would speak with Jim Chrulski, Community Services Director, to see how they could incorporate it into the recreation center.

Board Member Betty Brinkley

- Asked to see the overall scope of Guy Davis Park

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas showed the design to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

2. DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION: IDENTIFY AND HONOR BUILDINGS (EXISTING OR NON-EXISTING), SITES, STRUCTURES, OR EVENTS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH MEMORIAL MARKERS WITHIN THE EAST STUART NEIGHBORHOOD.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated the item was to identify buildings, sites, and or structures within East Stuart to honor them.

Board Member Harvey spoke about George and Emma White and stated historical facts about the family and stated he wanted to join their family as a historical figure.

Board Members continued discussing the White family.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas asked for narratives, information, and pictures for the next meeting to move forward with a marker or monument.

Chair James stated that they would agree to move forward with recognizing the Whites' property on Church St and would move forward with the Martin Luther King Blvd when the streetscape project comes forward.

Board Member A. Brinkley asked if a property is now privately owned - how can the Board and City go about identifying these properties.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated that the City would have to work with the property owners to see if they would want these signs on the front of their properties.

Board Members continued the discussion on what they would like to do moving forward.

Commissioner Eula Clarke stated how the annual board reorganization works in December and commented on perhaps having a small ribbon cutting for the new mural on the McHardy building.

Board Members and Commissioner Clarke continued discussions.

Board Member McHardy Grant arrived at 4:32 PM. She confirmed an updated timeframe for the mural on her building being in November.

Commissioner Clarke suggested Mr. Jones come to a meeting to speak with the Board.

Attorney Baggett noted that prior to being City Attorney, he worked with Mr. Jones at the County and there was a contract with the County for student tours and he and his daughter participated in Bring Your Daughter to Work Day and he was impressed with the school house museum.

Board Member Brinkley would like Gloria Howard, his neighbor, to provide history. Commissioner Clarke suggested inviting people to these meetings to have more involvement.

Chair James has information on the Hamilton - Turner Family, they have documentation and recordings and plan to send them to Pinal and Jordan in the CRA department.

Board Members and Ms. Gandhi-Savdas continued discussion on creating a list of properties for future meetings and then prioritize.

Commissioner Clarke commented that she would communicate with Mr. Chrulski about a space at the 10th St. Community Center for items to be displayed as a Black History Room.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:04 PM

Susej T. Meleqi, Board Secretary

Faye James, Chair

**Minutes to be approved at the ESHC
Meeting this __ day of _____, 2025.**