MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
NOVEMBER 25, 2024
AT 4:00 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

4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Rich, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Collins, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Reed, Board Member Campenni, Board Member Brechbill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Robert Hamilton - Stuart; Provided an update on his property.
2. Olga Hamilton - Stuart; Commented on the CDBG Housing Program and changed dates on documents.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director, explained the documents that are referred to and City Manager Mike Mortell, explained the history of the Hamilton home project.

Chair Rich inquired about adding this project as a future agenda item. The City Manager commented that after the windows are complete and the results of the roof and installation, an agenda item will be brought back to the CRA.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Brechbill

- Commented on plans discussed from years ago on Flagler Park improvements, including a children's fountain area, and would like to bring it back for discussion. Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, stated she would bring the topic to the board in January for direction.

Board Member Reed

- Supports the Hamilton issue being brought back as a future agenda item.

Board Member Giobbi

- Agreed with the Hamilton issue on a future agenda.

Board Member Clarke

- Commented that she had spoken with Mr. Hamilton and looks forward to the agenda item.
- Commented on the Triangle property area study and the work that the Regional Council Planning had done.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CRA BUDGET AMENDMENT #02-2025 - MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 4 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 15-2024 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #02 TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 CRA BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 4; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Michael Mortell, City Manager, presented the Memorial Park Improvements Phase 4.

4:49 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

2. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 12-2024 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (BIRP) CRITERIA, EVALUATION MATRIX, AND CLARIFICATION TO PROGRAM GUIDELINES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jordan Pinkston, CRA Specialist, gave a presentation on the amended guidelines for the Business Improvement Reimbursement Program (BIRP).

Brief discussion included pervious asphalt, periodic guideline updates, and clarification between grant and loan. Board Member Collins commented that he prefers the City move away from programs such as BIRP.

5:02 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Tom Campenni
Motion approved unanimously.

3. COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 13-2024 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jordan Pinkston, CRA Program Manager, provided a presentation on the Commercial Landscape Improvement Reimbursement Program.

Board Members discussion included funding maintenance, compliance, the separation from the BIRP, and CRB recommendation.

5:16 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
VOTE: 5/2 Motion Passed.
YES: Eula Clarke, Campbell Rich, Tom Campenni, Mark Brechbill, Laura Giobbi
NO: Christopher Collins, Sean Reed

STAFF UPDATE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

5:17 PM

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

Minutes to be approved at the CRA Meeting this 27th day of January, 2025.