

**MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING OF THE STUART JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM  
APRIL 28, 2025  
AT 4:30 PM  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.  
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

**CITY COMMISSION  
Mayor Campbell Rich  
Vice Mayor Christopher Collins  
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke  
Commissioner Laura Giobbi  
Commissioner Sean Reed**

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Chair - Campbell Rich  
Vice Chair - Christopher Collins  
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke  
Board Member - Laura Giobbi  
Board Member - Sean Reed  
Board Member - Mark Brechbill  
Board Member - Frederick James**

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**Chair - Mark Brechbill  
Vice Chair - Bonnie Moser  
Board Member - Frederick James  
Board Member - Jeff Manera  
Board Member - Clay Scherer  
Board Member - Scott Whalen  
Board Member - VACANT**

**ADMINISTRATION  
City Manager, Michael J. Mortell  
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett  
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel**

**CALL TO ORDER**

4:32 PM

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: CRA/CCM - Chair Rich, Vice Chair Collins, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Reed, Board Member Brechbill, and Board Member James

CRB - Chair Brechbill, Vice Chair Moser, Board Member James, Board Member Scherer, and Board Member Whalen

ABSENT: Board Member Manera

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4:31 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Eula Clarke**  
**SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF 01/27/2025 JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM MINUTES AND 03/24/2025 CRA MINUTES

**4:32 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill**  
**SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

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

None.

**COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)**

Board Member Reed

- Commented on emails pertaining to East 10th Street and wondered if they would be discussed.
- Inquired on code for responsibility of landscape in the 2 to 3-foot area in front of a property from the sidewalk to the road.

Board Member Brechbill

- Commented on State Road 710 accidents and a discussion at the Community Redevelopment Board (CRB) meeting and would like to address safety zones.
- Noted a Community Redevelopment Board (CRB) discussion and that the Board is in favor of a community redirection to focus on the direction of the City and felt there is a need for public workshops for input; stated that CRB is in favor of moving in that direction.

Board Member Clarke

- Commented in response to Board Member Brechbill's comment regarding the trees located on US 1 that are dying.
- Noted that landscaping appears to be dying in areas and suggested sending notices to customers.

Board Member Giobbi

- Commented on funds being spent in East Stuart.

Michael Mortell, City Manager, brought to the attention of the Board, that he was contacted about the vacant parcel on Seminole Street to see if the City would mow and maintain the property and assess it over time. The Board was not interested in providing the service.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **2. AMENDMENT TO HEIRS' PROPERTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RC):**

RESOLUTION No. 04-2025 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE HEIRS' PROPERTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

5:02 PM

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, presented on the current Heir's Property Program, the various problems with the program, and identified the proposed amendments. The Resolution before the Board is to amend the policy in the existing application that required an exception.

Brief discussion about restrictions and repayment options if property is sold.

**5:40 PM MOTION: Approve and accept staff recommendation Resolution No. 04-2025 as presented.**

**MOVED BY: Eula Clarke**

**SECONDED BY: Mark Brechbill**

**VOTE: Motion Failed 4/3.**

**YES: Eula Clarke, Mark Brechbill, Frederick James**

**NO: Sean Reed, Laura Giobbi, Christopher Collins, Campbell Rich**

**5:41 PM MOTION: Approve to modify program to allow for up to \$3,000 per probate and a total of \$9,000 per property and that money has to be paid back if the property is sold in a 3-year period of time.**

**MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill**

**SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**STAFF UPDATE**

**3. DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR THE 2025 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Ben Hogarth, Community Affairs Liaison, provided an update for the 2025 Florida Legislation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

5:52 PM

**CCM**

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Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

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Campbell Rich, Mayor

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**CRA**

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Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

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Campbell Rich, Chair

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**CRB**

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Mark Brechbill, Chair

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