

**MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**JULY 28, 2025 AT 4:00 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**

**4:03 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: CRA/CCM - Chair Rich, Vice Chair Collins, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Brechbill**

PRESENT: CRB - Chair Brechbill, Vice Chair Moser, Board Member Laughlin, Board Member Manera, Board Member Scherer, Board Member Whalen

ABSENT: Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Reed, Board Member James

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. PRESENTATION BY THE CONSULTANT, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE 90% DESIGN STATUS FOR THE GUY DAVIS COMMUNITY PARK

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director, announced the status of the project and introduced the presenter, Dominick Mack.

Dominick Mack, CGA, Inc. Landscape Architect, presented on the Guy Davis Community Park design status and provided a timeline that included submitting the application to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) by August 14th.

The Board Members discussed timeline, funding, submittal (skate park being submitted together or separately), tree mitigation and proposed locations, concession stand, parking, and bike racks.

Mr. Mack reviewed the stormwater basin plans.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Jordan Showe - Stuart; Commented on the kid-friendly areas of the plan, public art donations.
2. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented on the East Stuart community members being pushed aside.
3. Betty Brinkley - Stuart; Stated East Stuart is excluded from survey participation and disrespected; The East Stuart Historical Advisory Committee (ESHAC) wanted the park before the skate park.
4. James Christie - Stuart, Commented that this is a pattern of City making decisions about East Stuart that nobody wants; it is wrong and they are taking action.

**5:23 PM MOTION: Approve that we remain on course in terms of prioritizing skate park first, hold off on the less parking, allow the overall project to be submitted for permit by SFWMD, and add Bonnie's recommendation regarding more trees, true canopy shade trees, correct species, incorporate her comments into the overall plan.**

**MOVED BY: Christopher Collins**

**SECONDED BY: Mark Brechbill**

**Motion approved unanimously. 6:15 PM**

**\*\*\* Recessed at 6:15 p.m. \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Reconvened at 6:27 p.m.\*\*\***

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**6:27 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill**  
**SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. APPROVAL OF 04/28/2025 JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM MINUTES

**6:28 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill**  
**SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

3. APPROVAL OF 05/27/2025 CRA MINUTES

**6:28 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill**  
**SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

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

None.

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

Board Member Manera

- Commented that he is glad to be here.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2025 CYCLE #2 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 05-2025 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AWARD TO APPLICANTS FROM THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 CYCLE #2; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**6:31 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Christopher Collins**  
**SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

5. CRA BUDGET AMENDMENT #03 TO FY 2025 - CDBG CV - PROJECT LIFT (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 01-2025 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #03 TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 CRA BUDGET; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PROJECT LIFT OF EAST STUART DEMOLITION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Michael Mortell, City Manager, gave an explanation on the budget amendment being an approval contingent upon the funding coming in as to not delay the CRA, the documentation has not yet been received and is asking the Board to approve conditioned upon receiving \$4 million dollars.

**6:39 PM MOTION: Approve.**  
**MOVED BY: Christopher Collins**  
**SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

**STAFF UPDATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

6:39 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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