

MINUTES

**JOINT MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
OCTOBER 27, 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**

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: 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 Laughlin, Board Member Manera, Board Member Scherer

ABSENT: Board Member Whalen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:01 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Mark Brechbill

Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 07/28/2025 JT CRA/CRB/CCM MINUTES

4:02 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill

SECONDED BY: Frederick James

Motion approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF 09/22/2025 CRA MINUTES

4:04 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Mark Brechbill

SECONDED BY: Frederick James

Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented on the use of CRA funds for parks and upgraded equipment.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Vice Chair Moser

- Commented on the construction on Seminole Street and north of the bridge; excited to see the outcome. Noted that per the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) crosswalks mandated black provide low visibility, would like to see it get striped as soon as possible.

Board Member Reed

- Requested clarification from Ms. McBride as to who mentioned that CRA funds could not be used for playgrounds.

Board Member Giobbi

- Commented that she would like to include the playground equipment discussion at the next CRA meeting.

Board Member Clarke

- Commented that she is also glad the projects are moving forward.
- Commented on housing and homeless issues in our community and would like to review at this topic again.

ACTION ITEMS

3. STYPMANN NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE CONCEPTUAL PLAN APPROVAL (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 08-2025 CRA ; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA APPROVING THE CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE STYPMANN NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, briefly presented the Stypmann Neighborhood sidewalk and drainage project and introduced the project engineer, Joe Capra of Captec Engineering.

Mr. Joe Capra presented the logistics of the project and reviewed the dates pertaining to the public meetings and grants, and various concepts.

Terry Andres, Traffic Engineer of Captec Engineering, came forward to provide vehicle volume information.

Board Member discussion included the budget, tree shade canopy, stop signs, and traffic volume, streetlights, street narrowing, and drainage improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Kevin Hempel - Stuart; Read into the record an email that was sent to Pinal Gandhi-Savdas and Joe Capra in May, in favor of the plan.
2. Peter Martinez - Stuart; In favor of this project, thanked the board members for looking into it.
3. Maria Martinez - Stuart; In favor of this project, shared a story about a narrow road.
4. Glen Collins - Stuart; Commented on the traffic studies that were done and stated he would like to see tree lines and agreed with Board Member Moser's comments.
5. Ed Stout - Stuart; Appreciated the drainage improvements and felt the City should ask the Boys and Girls Club to use their main entrance instead of their neighborhood.
6. John Lighton - Stuart; Asked Joe Capra about the City vs. County Drainage.

Board Member Giobbi requested to place a discussion on the Boys and Girl's Club traffic being directed to the main entrance.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated that the residents on Stypmann do not want the street to be narrowed, and she will need direction from the staff whether to keep the direction to narrow along Stypmann.

5:06 PM MOTION: Approve.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

VOTE: Motion passed 6/1.

YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Campbell Rich, Mark Brechbill, Laura Giobbi, Frederick James

NO: Sean Reed

STAFF UPDATE

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

5:27 PM

CCM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Christopher Collins, Mayor

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Meeting this 26th day of January, 2026.**

CRA

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