

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HELD MARCH 28, 2022
AT 4:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**Chairman - Merritt Matheson
Vice Chairman - Troy McDonald
Board Member - Becky Bruner
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Mike Meier
Ex Officio Board Member - Tom Campenni
Ex Officio Board Member - Pete Walson**

ADMINISTRATIVE

**City Manager, David Dyess
CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
City Attorney, Michael J. Mortell
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

4:30 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Matheson, Vice Chairperson McDonald, Board Member Bruner, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Meier, Ex Officio Board Member Campenni, Ex Officio Board Member Walson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Mike Meier
Motion approved unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 02/28/2022 CRA MINUTES

MOTION: Approve

MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Pete Walson
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minutes Max.)

No Comments.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

No Comments.

ACTION ITEMS

2. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas briefly presented on the 2021 Annual CRA Report and will be submitting it to the taxing authorities after approval.

Board Members complimented the various CRA projects during the year.

4:37 PM MOTION: Motion to accept.

MOVED BY: Troy McDonald

SECONDED BY: Mike Meier

Motion approved unanimously.

3. AMENDMENT TO THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATOR (REDA) PROGRAM (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 01-2022 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATOR (REDA) PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE REVITALIZATION OF TARGETED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Gandhi-Savdas reminded the Board that the REDA Amendment Program was brought before the Board last month and provided an update; the program is available to all CRA properties, noting the amendment of the criteria for the properties established by staff, including 34 properties in East Stuart and reviewed the proposed REDA eligibility.

Discussion included:

Board Member McDonald commented on the numbers and noted possible changes as people may not be interested in participating if they remain as proposed.

Board Member Clarke commented on the parcels, inquiring about the acreage.

City Attorney Mortell came forward and briefly explained the original purpose of the REDA Program. It is to be treated as a program to assist in developing a property.

Board Member Meier clarified that this program is not a requirement and perhaps strike the criteria all together, noted the first two criteria seem the same; ask ourselves, is REDA working and helping to spur development in the CRA as intended?

Board Member Campenni commented that perhaps the programs should be paused and be kept separate for the time being, and do something separate for East Stuart, and make the

criteria more simple for a different program.

Board Member Clarke suggested the program stay in place as is and see how it works out for the time being.

5:00 PM MOTION: That we approve the staff recommendation, striking the affordable housing component, #5 on the list.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Troy McDonald

Motion approved unanimously.

4. MURAL MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CRA AND HERBAN BOTANICALS (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 03-2022 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND HERBAN BOTANICALS, LLC, FOR A MURAL MATCHING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,835 TO INSTALL MURAL ON THE EXTERIOR NORTHERN WALL OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 870 S COLORADO AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Gandhi-Savdas briefly presented the mural draft and location information.

5:02 PM MOTION: Approve

MOVED BY: Troy McDonald

SECONDED BY: Tom Campenni

Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

Board Member Meier commented on the turf in the parking spaces at Shepard Park, the sod is almost gone in places and has become just mud and dirt.

Staff noted they would communicate with Public Works.

Board Member Bruner commented that she wanted to ensure notices are sent to the public about Commercial Properties about the programs that are offered and thanked the CRA Administrator for all she does.

ADJOURNMENT

5:08 PM

Mary R. Kindel, Secretary

Merritt Matheson, Chair

**Minutes to be approved at the CRA
Meeting this 25th day of April, 2022.**

