

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM
JANUARY 23, 2023
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION
Mayor Troy McDonald
Vice Mayor Becky Bruner
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Christopher Collins
Commissioner Campbell Rich

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Chairperson - Troy McDonald
Vice Chairperson - Becky Bruner
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Christopher Collins
Board Member - Campbell Rich
Board Member - Tom Campenni
Board Member - VACANT

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
Chairman - Tom Campenni
Board Member - Micah Hartowski
Board Member - Chris Lewis
Board Member - Frank McChrystal
Board Member - Seth Owens
Board Member - Nikolaus Schroth
Board Member - Jackie Vitale

ADMINISTRATION
City Manager, David Dyess
City Attorney, Michael Mortell
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

CALL TO ORDER

4:02 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McDonald, Vice Mayor Bruner, Commissioner Clarke, Commissioner Collins,

Commissioner Rich, Board Member Campenni, Board Member Vitale, Board Member Hartowski, Board Member McChrystal, Board Member Owens, Board Member Schroth.

ABSENT: Board Member Lewis

LATE: Board Member Campenni arrived at 4:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OATH (CRB)

CRB Board Members Nik Schroth and Seth Owens took the Oath of Office, sworn in by City Attorney, Mike Mortell.

PRESENTATIONS

2. RECOGNITION OF EAST STUART HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, reported on the East Stuart Historical Advisory Committee and thanked them for their participation in the planning of the Guy Davis Community Park and called up each committee member to come forward to accept their certificate and take a photo with Mayor McDonald. The Mayor presented the Certificates of Appreciation with a Stuart lapel pin to the Board Members.

Committee Member, Faye James requested to say a few words. She thanked the City and commented on her and the other committee members in assisting with the design of Guy David Community Park.

3. PRESENTATION BY THE CONSULTANT, CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE FINAL SCHEMATIC DESIGN DESIGN FOR THE GUY DAVIS COMMUNITY PARK.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, presented the history of the planning of the Guy David Community Park, the development and success of the East Stuart Advisory Committee, and the design of the project.

*** Clerk's Note - Board Member Tom Campenni arrived late, at 4:15 PM.

Gianno Feoli, Consultant presented who they are as a firm, the design plan, scope of work for, the Guy David Park, reviewed the site issues and constraints, and public outreach, which included the amenities the community was interested in. Mr. Feoli stated that history was gathered and the Historical Committee met over several months to create a series of celebrations. Various elements were presented, such as sponsorship opportunities, a dog park, skate park, public art, and various flexible uses such as yard games.

Board Members provided their feedback, asked questions and had a brief discussion of the below:

- Existing Fields
- Funding of the project
- More shade trees, green space, and parking.
- Skate Park
- Sidewalks/tracks

- Historic component throughout the park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:16 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. APPROVAL OF 06/27/2022 & 10/24/2022 JOINT MEETING MINUTES

5:17 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins
Motion approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF 11/28/2022 CRA MINUTES (CRA APPROVAL ONLY)

5:17 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Tom Campenni
SECONDED BY: Becky Bruner
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minutes Max.)

- 1.) Jordan Showe - Madison Ave; Commented on the skate park component in the Guy David Park, has created a non-profit to raise money for the funding of the skate park.
- 2.) Gina Kent - Ocean Breeze; In favor of prayer during the start of Commission Meetings.
- 3.) Helen McBride - Flamingo Ave; Commented that the Historical East Stuart Committee should remain active, in support of the skate park and checkers/game components for the senior citizens.
- 4.) Stephen Cooper - 6th Street; Is in favor of the skate park as a grandfather of 20 and all of his grandchildren being skaters, he would love for them to be able to go to Guy Davis.
- 5.) Brandon Cooper - Flamingo Ave; Is in favor of the skate park.
- 6.) Faye James - Florida St.; Thanked the Commissioners for the Committee recognition and for removing the flashers on Florida St railroad.
- 7.) Christian Anderson - SE Ocean Blvd; Commented on the passionate persistence of the community members and how a skate park would be a positive influence.
- 8.) Vinson Polk - Tarpon Ave; Handed the Clerk a petition of those who are in favor of the skate park in the Guy Davis park.
- 9.) Jim Johnson - SE Lee St; Commented that he is a skateboarder and local teacher and is in favor of the skate park component.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

ACTION ITEMS

6. CRA BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT (CCM ONLY)

5:40 PM MOTION: Make Micah Hartowski CRA Board Member.

MOVED BY: Eula Clarke

SECONDED BY: Becky Bruner

Motion approved unanimously.

7. EXPAND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BRUSH WITH KINDNESS AND THE NEW SOLAR AND ENERGY LOAN FUND (SELF) PROGRAM (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 03-2023 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AMENDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, WHICH THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REINVEST TAX INCREMENT FUNDS TO MAKE EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Roy Degannes, SELF Treasure Coast Program Manager, presented on the mission of the program, what they finance, types of improvements, loan support services, local government partnerships, SELF's lending programs, success stories, and SELF results.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1.) Faye James - Florida St; Commented about the program putting liens on properties and wondered if this is like the SHIP Program.

5:53 PM MOTION: Approve and add the words "allows" after which the Community Redevelopment Agency "to" reinvest tax...

MOVED BY: Campbell Rich

SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke

Motion approved unanimously.

8. MURAL MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CRA, AND PROPERTY OWNER, AND GLENDA PRESTON (ARTIST) (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 02-2023 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 PROPERTY OWNER AND GLENDA PRESTON, FOR A MURAL MATCHING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 TO INSTALL MURAL ON THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF A BUILDING LOCATED AT 701 SE TARPON AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas presented on the location and stated it would be to recognize

Veterans.

Board Member Clarke requested to see if the City could waive the fee for the artist.

Board Member Campenni stated there is nothing in the grant agreement stating the art has to be there for 5 years and would like something in writing.

Discussion took place amongst Board Members, City Attorney, and Ms.Gandhi-Savdas.

5:58 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Tom Campenni
Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

6:03 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Troy McDonald, Mayor

Minutes to be approved at the Joint CRA/CRB/CCM
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