MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
AUGUST 26, 2024
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Vice Chair - Campbell Rich
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Christopher Collins
Board Member - Laura Giobbi
Board Member - Sean Reed
Board Member - Tom Campenni
Board Member - Mark Brechbill

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: Vice Chair Rich, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Collins, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Reed, Board Member Campenni, Board Member Brechbill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:25 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4:26 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Mark Brechbill
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Deborah Harsh - Stuart: Spoke in support of the First Community Church and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton of the First Community Church.
2. Olga Hamilton - Stuart; Owner of First Community Church, stated the church was built in 1895 and provided important history. Commented that she promised Alice Luckhardt they would preserve this building and have it open to the public. Displayed a photo board.
3. Robert Hamilton - Stuart; Commented on damage done to his historical property and has met with Congressman Mast, wants the City Manager to remove the windows and stated he is not paying for them.
4. Lorrie Gotts - Port St. Lucie; Commented that she is an artist and stated what they create goes back into the church.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Brechbill, congratulated the two (2) new Commissioners and thanked the two (2) Commissioners that are no longer representing the City of Stuart.

Board Member Clarke welcomed the new members and commented that the CRA is very important to the City and feels people should learn more about it.

ACTION ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION OF ART/VINYL WRAPPING ON TRAFFIC CONTROL BOXES WITHIN THE CRA

Jordan Pinkston, CRA Project Manager, presented the history and details of the vinyl wrapping traffic signal boxes project plan. There are a total of thirty-nine (39) boxes and the project would begin with thirteen (13) boxes located within the CRA. The project cost is approximately $12,000.00, and they last for approximately five (5) years. It is a $500 replacement fee if needed to be re-wrapped.

During a brief discussion, Board Member Giobbi, commented on concern over the maintenance and would like the language in the agreement to address that whoever damages the wrap is responsible for maintaining it.

2. PRESENTATION OF MAIN STREET BUCK PROGRAM BY CANDACE CALLAHAN

Candace Callahan, Stuart Main Street Director, began her presentation with the history of Stuart Main Street, its objectives, past and current projects, and its impact on our community. Stated she is seeking support to reintroduce the Downtown Dollars Program and reviewed the program and its benefits.

5:30 PM MOTION: Motion to move forward with this program.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: None
VOTE: Died for lack of second.

3. CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, introduced Antonio Jenkins, Director of Construction, Guardian CRM Inc., and Dawn Cobb, CDBG Housing Program Coordinator, provided a verbal update of the projects for CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant. Ms. Cobb provided updates on the active or pending projects.

CRA participated in brief discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Helen McBride - Stuart; Commented on the process and supports the program. Stated that when contractors work at your home, they must be supervised by the homeowner and not depend on the City.
2. Robert Hamilton - Stuart; Gave his explanation of the problem with the windows and contractor.

4. JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM MEETING DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Rich requested to postpone Item 4.

5:33 PM MOTION: Approve to postpone Item 4.
Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:33 PM

Mary R. Kindel

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the CRA Meeting this 23rd day of September, 2024.