MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF STUART
MARCH 4, 2025
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chair - Mark Brechbill
Vice Chair - Bonnie Moser
Board Member - Frederick James
Board Member - Jeff Manera
Board Member - Frank McChrystal
Board Member - Clay Scherer
Board Member - Scott Whalen

ADMINISTRATIVE

CRA Executive Director - Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
Board Secretary - Susej T. Meleqi

CALL TO ORDER

4:29 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Brechbill, Vice Chair Moser, Board Member James, Board Member Scherer
ABSENT: Board Member Manera, Board Member McChrystal, Board Member Whalen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:30 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Bonnie Moser
SECONDED BY: Frederick James
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 02/04/2025 CRB MINUTES

4:30 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Clay Scherer
SECONDED BY: Bonnie Moser
Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Betty Brinkley - Stuart; Spoke about her water being turned off and the amount of money it took to turn it back on.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Vice Chair Moser

- Requested that the agenda packets for the CRB be sent prior to the meeting.

Susej Meleqi, Board Secretary, stated that they should be receiving it and would look into her email specifically, as all other Board members do receive the email with the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

2. PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, presented the CRA annual report which includes different CRA projects and programs.

Board Members had a brief discussion of the different programs, the form of advertising these programs, heirs program, and water taxi/tram.

Chair Brechbill commented that he would like to see the CRA make a bigger impact than the $500 paint-up program and stated that since the Commission is not funding the BDB, that money could be transferred to the CRA to generate more income for the CRA. Would like to revisit a plan and get community input on what they truly want for the City.

Vice Chair Moser stated she would like to see a master-plan for the City and have consultants involved with the community to get their true feedback.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated a yearly plan should occur this year with the Development department.

*****RECESS - 5:23PM*****
*****RECONVENED - 5:30PM*****

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Betty Brinkley - Stuart; Stated there was a silver lining in her water being cut off because she did not have to pay the late fees.

3. DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION OF THE CRA FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas presented the Capital Improvement Plan 2025-2030 and stated that these projects came about from analysis and previous master-plans.

Board Member Scherer commented that these projects are projects the community has

already said they want and asked several questions, such as, is there a parking issue and future plans for City Hall.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas and City Attorney Lee Baggett responded.

Board Member Scherer continued to speak about the different projects, such as the tree planting program in larger portions, sidewalks, and undergrounding.

Board Member James questioned where the funding is for public-private partnerships for affordable housing in the CRA and asked if this is only city property-owned projects.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated that there is no partnership as of now, a site would need to be identified. She continued and stated this list can contain private properties too, but they currently do not have a private business who are interested in a project.

Chair Brechbill spoke about quiet zones and thinks this is something that he would like to look into. Would like to see Guy Davis finished.

Board Members continued their discussion on the CIP and how to prioritize them.

Vice Chair Moser stated she would like to look at projects that don't have to rely on others to occur. She commented that in the last joint meeting there was not alot of support for the "Underground refuse system in downtown". She continued to list the projects that she believes should be prioritized.

Board Member James asked if there was a timeframe to prioritize this list and the funding.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas responded.

Board Members continued discussion.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

6:19 PM

Susej T. Meleqi, Board Secretary

Mark Brechbill, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the CRB Meeting this 1st day of April, 2025.