MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
MARCH 24, 2025
AT 4:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

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

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

ROLL CALL

4:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair Rich, Vice Chair Collins, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Brechbill, and Board Member James

ABSENT: Board Member Reed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:32 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Clarke

- Commented that she read the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Annual Report and looked forward to the presentation.

Board Member Brechbill

- Noted that he felt it may be time for the CRA to review and seek guidance on the types of projects/programs they should approach to maximize CRA revenue; revisit and explore the CRA vision and board's focus.

Board Member Collins

- In response to Board Member Brechbill's comment, stated he is interested in moving away from large-scale projects and focusing on smaller projects; instead of changing infrastructure, he feels projects such as paving roads and sidewalks will benefit the residents.

Chair Rich

- Agreed with Board Member Brechbill's comments, reiterated the purpose of the CRA and asked Mr. Brechbill to bring his ideas back to the board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Jordan Pinkston, CRA Program Manager, reviewed reporting requirements and presented the 2024 Annual Report to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Clay Scherer - Stuart; Commented that he agrees with the board's comments that the board should proceed with the "no-brainer-type" projects while working on finding the right vision for the larger projects.

City Manager Mortell came forward and explained what is involved now for the homeowners to be approved on the Project Lift Property and reported the CDBG Grant funds are allocated and already spent per last year's budget.

Board discussion included historic properties/designations, a future open house for community feedback, property owner assistance or loans, foreclosures, grant opportunities, and the CRA House Bill 991.

2. STUART MAIN STREET LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A MURAL ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 02-2025 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STUART MAIN STREET PROPOSED LARGE-SCALE MURAL PROJECT ON THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 221 SW FLAGLER AVENUE, STUART, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jordan Pinkston, CRA Program Manager, presented that the mural will be located on the walls of the Flagler Park restroom.

Board Member Brechbill commented that he would prefer the award go to a local artist and stated the annex building mural needs to be freshened up.

5:49 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Christopher Collins
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:50 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Campbell Rich, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the CRA Meeting this 28th day of April, 2025.