MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF STUART
JUNE 3, 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 - Clay Scherer
Board Member - Scott Whalen
Board Member - VACANT

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

CALL TO ORDER

4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Clay Scherer
SECONDED BY: Bonnie Moser
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 05/06/2025 CRB MINUTES

4:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Bonnie Moser
SECONDED BY: Frederick James
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Scherer

- Spoke about the CRA Meeting that took place on May 27, 2025, and stated his takeaway from that meeting was finding common ground and prioritizing the different projects but not doing the workshops as those have been done in the past and stated he does not think that the work that took place previously needs to be redone.

Board Member James

- Stated that he appreciates all the information he has received since he started, and he enjoys learning and seeing all the things.

Board Member Manera

- Commented that now, as a Board Member, he sees things differently and, when he is driving around, he looks at things in a way of how things can be fixed to benefit the City and its residents.

Chair Brechbill

- Stated he was disappointed at what happened at the CRA Meeting. Provided history of the different plans that were made in the past and stated that he does not believe that the community now wants what is in the Duany plan that was created 30 years ago.

Board Members continued discussion on the plans and what they believe the community needs or wants.

ACTION ITEMS

2. PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

Chair Brechbill provided the Board with some history on CRA acquired properties.

Pinal Gandhi Savdas, CRA Executive Director, presented the different properties that are owned and purchased by CRA funds, and the reason for the acquisition.

Lee Baggett, City Attorney, and Michael Mortell, City Manager, provided background information on the ROW, which is listed as CRA property.

Ms. Gandhi Savdas continued presentation on the list of properties CRA owned.

Board Members and Mr. Mortell continued discussion of the properties.

Vice Chair Moser asked if there was any restrictions on property that we buy with CRA funds.

City Manager Mortell stated that the CRA cannot buy property and hold it to see if it increases in value. He stated it needs to be bought with a future project in mind.

Board Members and City Manager Mortell continued discussion.

Board Members thanked staff and Board Members for the meeting that happened this evening.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:29 PM

Susej T. Meleqi, Board Secretary

Mark Brechbill, Chair

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