MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
MARCH 23, 2026
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Chair - Christopher Collins
Vice Chair - Sean Reed
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Laura Giobbi
Board Member - Campbell Rich
Board Member - Philip DeBerard
Board Member - Frederick James

ADMINISTRATIVE
Interim City Manager, Roz Johnson Strong
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: Chair Collins, Vice Chair Reed, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Rich, and Board Member James

ABSENT: Board Member DeBerard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Frederick James
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Clarke

- Expressed appreciation of Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency Director (CRA), and the department for all the good that CRA does for the community.

Board Member Collins

- Requested an update on the Guys Davis Skate Park in the near future.

ACTION ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Director, presented the Annual Report for Board approval and highlighted some of the key projects the department has been working on in 2025.

Board Member Giobbi requested information on the tree program from resident and Local Planning Agency Board Member, Mr. Clay Scherer. Mr. Scherer advised the Commission to have staff look into budget options for trees. Chair Collins commented that the last direction was to wait for the new City Manager to be in place.

Board Member Clarke, regarding the East Stuart Historical Designation, asked about the community identification; would like the Board to agree to name it officially East Stuart. Commented on housing and past work with Habitat for Humanity and her plan to bring up the topic at the Regular City Commission Meeting.

Board Member Giobbi was interested in focusing on the historical district status of Confusion Corner changes and inquired on the Heirs Program.

2. CITY HALL HISTORY / STUART MAIN STREET SURVEY

Jim Chrulski, Community Services Director, presented a timeline on the past, present, and future events of the City Hall site, 121 SW Flagler Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Frank McChrystal - Stuart; Inquired about the language and results of the referendum.

Candace Callahan, Director of Stuart Main Street, presented the results of the recent community survey. Key findings highlighted the community's interest in enhanced connectivity, improved streetscapes, a more pedestrian-friendly environment, appreciation for CRA efforts, and the desire to maintain the small-town charm of downtown. Ms. Callahan recommended extending the survey period to allow for broader participation, noting that 200 responses were received during the initial 30-day period.

Board Member Reed expressed his preference to limit building heights to two (2) stories.

Chair Collins expressed satisfaction with the survey and emphasized that he prefers City Hall be renovated, with Wells accessible to staff while keeping the main site for administration, which interacts most with the public. He envisions renovations featuring old Florida–style rooflines, relocating the Annex, expanding downtown parking, and preserving green space for civic use. Candance Callahan noted that Stuart Main Street has a proposal to present in the future and is willing to continue working on the survey. Chair Collins stressed the importance of participation from residents and business owners.

The Board solidified the direction to have workshops, and a future D&D on the topic to allow the Stuart Main Street presentation.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:46 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Christopher Collins, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the CRA Meeting this 27th day of April, 2026.