MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE STUART JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM
APRIL 27, 2026
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION
Mayor Christopher Collins
Vice Mayor Sean Reed
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Laura Giobbi
Commissioner Campbell Rich

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

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
Chair - Frank McChrystal
Vice Chair - Bonnie Moser
Board Member - Philip DeBerard
Board Member - Frederick James
Board Member - Will Laughlin
Board Member - Jeff Manera
Board Member - Scott Whalen

ADMINISTRATION
Interim City Manager, Roz Johnson Strong
City Attorney, Lee J. Baggett
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

CALL TO ORDER

4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CRA/CCM - Chair Collins, Vice Chair Reed, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Rich, Board Member DeBerard, and Board Member James

CRB: Board Member DeBerard, Board Member James, Board Member Laughlin, Board

Member Manera, Board Member Whalen

ABSENT: Chair McChrystal, Vice Chair Moser

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Executive Director, provided a brief history of the project and introduced Brian Good of Kimley Horn Engineering. Mr. Good presented the existing street scape, survey results, proposed street scape, proposed landscaping right-of-way, the community input, and overall project benefits. Timeframe expectations are scheduled for construction in 2028.

Board discussion included the impound section for parking location (behind the Public Safety Building), travel lane width, clay paver durability, the right-of-way from the School Board not yet granted, sidewalks, and bulb-out concerns. Further discussions about shade trees, impacts of expanded sidewalks, tree hardiness, on-street parking the ingress/egress for the Girls and Boys Club, and the option of a traffic signal.

Commissioner Giobbi suggested Board Member Bonnie Moser be the contact person because she communicates with multiple people about her shade tree recommendations and we should have one contact person for her suggestions of the information to be clearly represented. It was agreed that the City Manager would be the contact.

Additional topics to consider were future bus stops, bike racks, flashing light signals, and LED blinker stop signs.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5:08 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF 01/26/2026 JOINT CRA/CRB/CCM MINUTES

5:09 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Frederick James
Motion approved unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF 03/23/2026 CRA MINUTES

5:09 PM MOTION: Approve
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Philip DeBerard
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

ACTION ITEMS

4. CRA BUDGET AMENDMENT #01 FOR FY 2026 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SUBMERGED LAND LEASE COMPLIANCE (RC):

   RESOLUTION No. 02-2026 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #01 TO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 CRA BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CUMMINS CEDERBERG, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $66,689.00, TO ASSIST WITH SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE COMPLIANCE AND RELATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE DOWNTOWN BOARDWALK AND FESTIVAL DECK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

CRA Director Gandhi-Savdas reviewed the budget amendment lease contract renewal of the Sovereign Submerged Land Lease agreement and explained the necessity as the original lease does not meet state requirements.

Ruth Holmes, Environmental Attorney, provided information on the timeline of the submerged land lease and renewal expectations.

5:13 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Campbell Rich
Motion approved unanimously.

5. MODIFICATION TO THE CRA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) TO INCLUDE CONFUSION CORNER DESIGN

City Attorney Baggett read Item #5 and #6 together before a motion was made, as they are related agenda items.

5:24 PM MOTION: Approve to modify the CRA Capital Improvement Plan to include Confusion Corner design.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

6. EVALUATION AND POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY - 11 SW OCEAN BLVD (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 30-2026; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EVALUATE AND NEGOTIATE THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT SW OCEAN BLVD (THE "LINDELL PROPERTY") TO SUPPORT THE REDESIGN OF CONFUSION CORNER AND THE INTERSECTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

CRA Director Gandhi-Savdas provided a brief explanation and expressed that this Resolution is for approval to open discussion and start design phase and create a scope of work.

TJ Shaw, Project Manager of Captec Engineering, provided an explanation of the sidewalk project and who would be affected if the Lindell property is acquired.

5:27 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Campbell Rich
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
VOTE: Motion passed 4/1. 5:39 PM
YES: Eula Clarke, Christopher Collins, Campbell Rich, Laura Giobbi
NO: Sean Reed

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

5:40 PM

CCM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk **Sean Reed, Mayor**

Minutes to be approved at the Joint CRA/CRB/CCM Meeting this 27th day of July, 2026.

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