MINUTES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
JUNE 22, 2026
AT 4:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chair - Sean Reed
Vice-Chair - VACANT
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Laura Giobbi
Board Member - Campbell Rich
Board Member - Philip DeBerard
Board Member - Frederick James

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager, Michael Giardino
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 Reed, Board Member Clarke, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Rich, and Board Member DeBerard

ABSENT: Board Member James

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4:01 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

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

None.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

Board Member Clarke

- Commented as a new Stuart Main Street Board Member and how they work with the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Board Member Rich

- Thanked Board Member Clarke for taking on the role as a Stuart Main Street Board Member.

ACTION ITEMS

1. AWARD OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2026 (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 03-2026 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AWARD TO APPLICANTS FROM THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jordan Pinkston, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Project Manager, reviewed the program and presented the BIRP applications.

1. Avonlea Commerce Center - exterior painting and added signage.
2. Geary Law Building - Curb appeal improvements with repaving and re-striping the parking lot.
3. Geiger Downtown LLC - Exterior painting and awning replacements.
4. Kaiser Dermatology - Curb appeal with upgraded landscaping and parking lot improvements.
5. Owl House Properties - Impact windows and parking lot improvements.

Board Member Giobbi requested clarification regarding the Avonlea project and whether it remains under construction.

Board Member Clarke inquired about the $10,000 matching fund requirement and whether that amount is sufficient for the scope of projects being proposed. She expressed support for the nature of the applications, emphasizing the value of public-private partnerships and noting that the program is well-coordinated and beneficial to the community.

Board Member Giobbi also stated an interest in seeing the CRA explore initiatives or grant opportunities that could better support smaller businesses.

CRA Director Gandhi-Savdas addressed the Board and stated that staff would research comparable programs offered by other entities and report back with their findings.

Chair Reed commented that the program criteria should be revisited. He asked the City Attorney if and when the CRA funds contribute to parking-lot improvements are the applicants permitted to install enforcement parking signage.

City Attorney Baggett responded that the property is privately owned, and therefore the owner has the right to install signage.

Chuck Geary, Geary Law Offices, came forward and stated that in forty (40) years he only towed one vehicle and does not consider parking enforcement to be a significant issue.

Board Member DeBerard remarked that the aesthetic improvements provide a public benefit as well as a private one.

4:27 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Philip DeBerard
SECONDED BY: Eula Clarke
Motion approved unanimously.

2.

MURAL MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CRA AND APPLICANT OF 221 SW FLAGLER AVENUE (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 01-2026 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND STUART MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, LLC., WHO IS THE APPLICANT, FOR A MURAL MATCHING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000 TO INSTALL A MURAL ON THE EXTERIOR SOUTHERN, WESTERN AND EASTERN WALL OF A BUILDING LOCATED AT 221 SW FLAGLER AVENUE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jordan Pinkston, CRA Project Manager, provided a presentation on the Mural Matching Grant Program and the proposed mural for the stand-alone restrooms located at Flagler Park.

Board Member Eula Clarke commented on the prior discussions held by the Community Redevelopment Board (CRB) and noted that she is supportive of the artwork.

City Attorney Lee Baggett reminded the Board that the CRB had already taken action to approve the artwork itself, and that the current vote pertains solely to project funding.

Candace Callahan, representative of Stuart Main Street, outlined the criteria used in the artist selection process.

Board Member Clarke asked Ms. Callahan when the City anticipates receiving the results of the survey regarding City Hall and the downtown area. [Ms. Pinkston stated within the next six (6) months.]

4:42 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Eula Clarke
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:49 PM

Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Sean Reed, Chair

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