

**MINUTES  
STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
HELD August 24, 2020  
AT 4:30 PM Commission Chambers & ZOOM  
Telecommunications  
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.  
STUART, FLORIDA 34994  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Chairperson - Michael J. Meier  
Vice Chairperson - Eula R. Clarke (Late 5:06 PM)  
Board Member - Rebecca S. Bruner  
Board Member - Merritt Matheson  
Board Member - Troy McDonald  
Ex Officio Board Member - Tom Campenni  
Ex Officio Board Member - Pete Walson**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**City Manager, David Dyess  
CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas  
City Attorney, Michael J. Mortell  
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel**



**4:30 PM ROLL CALL**

**Present: Chairperson Meier, Vice Chairperson Clarke, Board Member Bruner, Board Member Matheson, Board Member Walson (all in person)**



**4:31 PM Swearing in of Board Member McDonald.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 min. max)**

**No Comments.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

**No Comments.**

**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**2. CRA BUDGET AMENDMENT #03-2020 FOR FRAZIER CRESCENT SUBDIVISION STREETSCAPE PROJECT:**

RESOLUTION No. 08-2020 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #03 TO THE FY 2020 CRA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CRA FUND BALANCE TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE FRAZIER CRESCENT SUBDIVISION STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Pinal Gandhi-Savadas, CRA Administrator provided a brief presentation of the budget amendment for the Frazier Crescent Improvement Project which included design, sidewalks and additional improvements.**

**Discussion took place on the lighting and Phase 2.**

**Gary Jones, Captec Engineering, provided a recommendation on where street lighting should be placed.**

**Public Comment:**

- 1) Curt Meulengracht - 425 SW McPherson; spoke on his support of the project and requested lighting, landscaping, a Crime Watch sign, and extra funds be added.**

**Gary Jones, Captec Engineering, added there was heavy landscape alongside of the sidewalk, therefore no need for additional landscape. He addressed the two concerns from public comment.**



**4:36 PM MOTION: So moved.**

**MOTION BY: Board Member McDonald**

**SECONDED BY: Board Member Campenni**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. DISCUSS AND DELIBERATE THE EXISTING INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND REACH CONSENSUS REGARDING NEW PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

**(THIS ITEMS IS CONTINUED FROM THE JOINT CRB/CRA/CCM MEETING ON JULY 27, 2020)**

**Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator provided an overview of the programs covered in the last meeting and began a brief presentation of the remaining programs. She began with the Free Street Tree program.**

**Board Member Walson started the discussion with comments on the Free Street Tree Program, bike lanes and hospital benches. He suggested finding out what the Commission would suggest for the areas in Stuart that do not have that ability.**

**Board Member Matheson mentioned the CRA has matching programs in place and questioned how the suggestions would be different from those existing programs.**

**Chairperson Meier commented on using the CRA programs for a full street scape with the features suggested.**

**Board Member McDonald mentioned he saw the value in using existing programs to make it easier for the residents.**

**City Manager Dyess commented the City is adventuring into spending the tree funds which would be discussed in the next City Commission Meeting. He recommended the private property tree funds be kept within the CRA.**



**5:06 PM Vice Chairperson Clarke arrived.**

**Pinal Gandhi-Savdas provided the information on how to become a certified local government designation. She provided an overview on the three (3) types of grants available through the Historic Preservation Grants.**

**Board Member Campenni suggested staff come up with a few projects. He asked if the suggestions/ survey could be brought to the next CRA Meeting in October.**

**Pinal Gandhi-Savdas informed the Board this would have to go before the CRB, LPA, and City Commission if decided to move forward with a survey. If was decided to do work a grant application would be submitted the following year for a Special Category matching grant for up to \$500,000.**

#### **4. TENTATIVE CRA BUDGET AND CIP FOR FY 2021:**

**RESOLUTION No. 07-2020 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE CRA BUDGET AND CRA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) OF THE CITY OF STUART,FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Pinal Gandhi-Savdas provided an overview of accomplishments in 2020 to include construction, acquisition of parcels, and redevelopment improvement projects and signage. She made a brief presentation on the 2021 Fiscal Budget. Staff was requesting to reduce the funds for Brush with Kindness Program to \$20,000 and increase the funding for the New Residential Façade Improvement Program to \$40,000, not reflected in the budget.**

Brief discussion included pilot projects, the TAP Fund Grant Funds, Brush with Kindness Program, and Habitat for Humanity.

**Public Comment:**

- 1) Robert Steinberg (Via Zoom) commented on the Main Street Maintenance Service Agreement.



**5:24 PM MOTION: So moved.**

**MOTION BY: Board Member Campenni**

**SECONDED BY: Board Member Walson**

**Motion passed 6/1.**

**Chairperson Meier - NO**

**Vice Chairperson Clarke - YES**

**Board Member Bruner - YES**

**Board Member Matheson - YES**

**Board Member McDonald - YES**

**Ex Officio Board Member Campenni - YES**

**Ex Officio Board Member Walson - YES**



**5:36 PM ADJOURNMENT**

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**Mary R. Kindel, Secretary**

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**Michael J. Meier, Chair**

**Minutes to be approved at the CRA Meeting  
Meeting this 23<sup>rd</sup> day November, 2020.**

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