



MINUTES

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT/HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 4:00PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.

STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman – Chris Lewis

Vice Chairman – Tom Campenni

Board Member – Nina Dooley

Board Member – Katherine Makemson

Board Member – Nikolaus Schroth

Board Member – Frank Wacha

Board Member – Pete Walson

ADMINISTRATIVE

Development Director, Kev Freeman

CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

Board Secretary, Jordan Pinkston

CALL TO ORDER  4:00 PM

ROLL CALL  4:00 PM

Present: Tom Campenni, Nina Dooley, Pete Walson, Nikolaus Schroth, Frank Wacha, Chris Lewis, Katherine Makemson

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  4:01 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approve October 5, 2021 Minutes

Moved by: Tom Campenni

Seconded by: Frank Wacha

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Approve.

Moved by: Pete Walson

Seconded by: Tom Campenni

Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 min. max): None.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Frank Wacha requested that the lights be adjusted on US1 to accommodate for the bridge being closed.

Mike Mortell explained why they are not able to adjust the timing of the lights.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. Presentation on the Creek District Mosaic Project

PRESENTATION: Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator



4:04 PM

Corina Pelloni, Creek District Board Member



4:06 PM

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max): None.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Chris Lewis asked about the footprint of each mosaic.

Corina Pelloni confirmed that most mosaics will be located on the sidewalk and will typically be 2x2 squares.

Tom Campenni asked for confirmation of how mosaics will be chosen. He requested that the Creek District seek private funds for projects such as these.

Corina Pelloni confirmed that she applied for a grant for the materials of this project and was asked by City staff to implement this project with funds already allocated to the District.

Tom Campenni requested that Jim Chrulski assist with fundraising and offered private funding towards the project.

Frank Wacha spoke about mosaics in the sidewalks on Colorado and asked about installation and materials.

Diane Concepcion spoke about the mosaics on Colorado and insured durability for the new mosaics being installed.

Frank Wacha asked to write in a matching grant incentive for home and business owners to buy into.

Nik Schroth asked staff if there are any developments in the pipeline that have contributed to the art in public places fund.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas said she did not believe there have been any contributions yet.

Nina Dooley asked if the location of the mosaics would affect pedestrian traffic.

Corina Pelloni confirmed that public safety was kept in mind. She explained her hesitations with accelerating the creation of the mosaics.

The board clarified that if additional funds are not raised, then it will only be the original four projects.

Pete Walson asked for clarification of where the funds are coming from.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas clarified her budget for The Creek District.

Pete Walson expressed that public engagement is key and encouraged additional funding other than CRA gifted money.

Corina Pelloni let the board know that they received tons of donated tiles from the Arts Council.

Katie Makemson asked for clarification on how often the applicant has to come before the board to request more funds.

Discussion occurred regarding general mosaics.

MOTION

Action: Approve with the following condition:

1. Seek private contributions to augment CRA provided funding.

Moved by: Frank Wacha

Seconded by: Tom Campenni

Motion passed unanimously.

2. R12-2021 CRA Residential Street Tree Program

PRESENTATION: Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Nina Dooley asked about the locations and process of implementation.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas confirmed the locations being implemented first and that the trees will be on private property.

Katie Makemson asked about the timeline.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas clarified the timeline and key concentration areas.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max):

1. Casey Kniffin – Environmental Committee Chair for NAACP. Stated her gratitude to Pinal Gandhi-Savdas for launching this program and is excited to begin.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Frank Wacha requested that staff coordinate with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council for future form-based code in the area.

Tom Campenni confirmed that these shade trees are being planted for pedestrians, not just the home owner.

Pete Walson asked staff engage the public to ensure the success of the program. He spoke about other possible locations the program can be implemented, such as Habitat for Humanity homes.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas discussed outreach options that other municipalities have done.

Frank Wacha questioned the timeline being tight.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas explained why the timeline is closed this year.

MOTION

Action: Approve.

1. Approve Resolution No. 12-2021 for the implementation of the program in the priority residential neighborhoods within the CRA.

Moved by: Pete Walson

Seconded by: Tom Campenni

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

2. Approve the City's list of recommended trees for the program (oak tree, pigeon plum, gumbo limbo, Geiger tree and green buttonwood).

Action: Approve.

Moved by: Frank Wacha
Seconded by: Tom Campenni
Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Action: Approve.

3. Based on the tree data and neighborhood priority list, staff is requesting to implement the program in East Stuart (1A) as a priority area for FY 2022.

Moved by: Frank Wacha
Seconded by: Tom Campenni
Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Action: Approve.

4. Recommend if the City will provide water for the first 90 days to help establish the trees in the East Stuart neighborhood (1A).

Moved by: Nik Schroth
Seconded by: Frank Wacha
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max):

Greg Braun, from the Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society spoke about the types of trees that were suggested.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD: None.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MATTERS: None.

STAFF UPDATE: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Action: Approve.

Moved by: Tom Campenni
Seconded by: Frank Wacha
Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Lewis, Chair

Jordan Pinkston, Board Secretary