

**MINUTES
STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HELD November 22, 2021
AT 4:00 PM Commission Chambers
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chairperson - Eula R. Clarke

Vice Chairperson - Merritt Matheson

Board Member - Becky Bruner

Board Member - Troy McDonald

Board Member - Mike Meier

Ex Officio Board Member - Tom Campenni (ABSENT)

Ex Officio Board Member - Pete Walson (ABSENT)

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Manager, David Dyess

CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas

City Attorney, Michael J. Mortell

City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Lieutenant George McLain



4:04 PM ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Clarke, Vice Chairperson Matheson, Board Member Bruner, Board Member McDonald, Board Member Meier

Absent: Board Member Walson, Board Member Campenni

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA



4:05 PM MOTION: Move approval.


MOVED BY: Board Member Meier

SECONDED BY: Board Member McDonald

Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 10/25/2021 CRA MINUTES

 **4:06 PM MOTION: Move to approve.**
MOVED BY: Board Member McDonald
SECONDED BY: Vice Chairperson Matheson
Motion approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min. max)

- 1) Roderick Peterson – SE Central Ave.; Commented on the development of East Stuart.

 **4:08 PM**

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Bruner

- Commented on two properties over the railroad track and curious to know if the Board was interested in purchasing the land. Feels it would be a good idea.

Mayor suggested the City Manager and staff look into the property.

David Dyess came forward and reviewed the information known on the properties, noting connectivity options may be available and stated they will look into it.

Board Member Meier

- Commented on the relation to the TCRPC plan.

Vice Chairperson Matheson

- Commented that he always encourages staff and CRA to look into available properties.

Chairperson Clarke

- Commented on the CRA Workshop and recent Town Hall in East Stuart. Requested that the CM and CRA Administrator look into a future workshop in collaboration with TCRPC on Gentrification.

 **4:16 PM**


PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

2. PRESENTATION ON THE CREEK DISTRICT MOSAIC PROJECT BY CORINA PELLONI

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas provided a brief explanation of the project, addressing the approvals they are requesting for the 2 mosaic CRA at this meeting and introduced Corine Pelloni.

Ms. Pelloni presented on the Creek District Mosaic Project and the timeline.

Board Members and Attorney Mortell discussed the liability of this project in the future event.

 **4:37 PM MOTION: Move for approval of staff recommendation and incorporating Mr. Mortell's comments of approval by our Public Works Director and bringing winners back for ratification before the CRA.**

MOVED BY: Board Member McDonald

SECONDED BY: Board Member Meier

Motion approved unanimously.

 **4:43 PM**

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3. RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM (RC):

RESOLUTION No. 12-2021 CRA; A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE TREE PLANTING PROVIDE SHADE AND BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY BY SUPPLYING FREE TREES TO HOMEOWNERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas presented a map identifying six prioritized neighborhoods for the tree program. She recognized Pam Hopkins from Florida Native Plant Society was available for any questions. Ms. Gandhi-Savdas stated that TCRPC and Lucido and Associates reviewed and provided their recommendations on the type of tree. She provided a timeline on the project.


Ms. Gandhi-Savdas recommends the Approval of Res. 12-2021 CRA, approve list of recommended trees, and implement program in East Stuart neighborhood, and the City provide water for first 90 days for tree health.

Board Members complimented the program and discussed the positioning of the trees, the shade factor, and the water truck plan and timing.

 **4:55 PM** Board members continued their discussion after the Motion.

Public Comment:

- 1) Helen McBride – Flamingo Ave.; Requested clarification of the boundaries of the program.

 4:54 PM MOTION: Move approval with staff's recommendation.
MOVED BY: Board Member Meier
SECONDED BY: Board Member Matheson
Motion approved unanimously.

 5:06 PM ADJOURNMENT

Mary R. Kindel, Secretary

Merritt Matheson, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the CRA Meeting
Meeting this 15th day December, 2021.