

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
HELD January 24, 2022
AT 4:00 PM COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Merritt Matheson
Vice Mayor Troy McDonald
Commissioner Becky Bruner
Commissioner Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner Mike Meier

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Chairperson - Merritt Matheson
Vice Chairperson -Troy McDonald
Board Member - Becky Bruner
Board Member - Eula R. Clarke
Board Member - Mike Meier
Ex Officio Board Member - Tom Campenni
Ex Officio Board Member - Pete Walson

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chairman - Chris Lewis (ABSENT)
Vice Chairman - Tom Campenni
Board Member - Nina Dooley (LATE)
Board Member - Katie Makemson (ABSENT)
Board Member - Nikolaus Schroth
Board Member - Frank Wacha (ABSENT)
Board Member - Pete Walson

ADMINISTRATION

City Manager, David Dyess
City Attorney, Michael Mortell
City Clerk, Mary R. Kindel
Development Director, Kevin Freeman



4:02 PM ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Eula Clarke, Merritt Matheson, Becky Bruner, Troy McDonald, Mike Meier, Tom Campenni, Pete Walson, Nina Dooley, and Nik Schroth.

ABSENT: Chris Lewis, Katie Makemson, Frank Wacha

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA



4:03 PM MOTION: Move approval.
MOVED BY: Board Member Clarke
SECONDED BY: Board Member Meier
Motion carries unanimously.



4:04 PM

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION BY THE CONSULTANT, CALVIN GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC, FOR THE PRELIMINARY SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE GUY DAVIS COMMUNITY PARK.



4:10 PM Nina Dooley, CRB Board Member arrived. Quorum met.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator opened with a brief review and introduced Mr. Giordano who presented the design. Mr. Giordano stated that he is looking for feedback from the board and will return for an update, community feedback, and to present the final schematic design.

Ms. Gandhi-Savdas presented on the project funding, reviewed the phases, noting that they are budgeted in CRA 2021 and 2022. Will entertain private donations, sponsorships, grants, etc., looking for 25% from those sources and remaining would be bonded in which CRA would be required to fund over time.



4:37 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Jordan Showe – East Ocean Blvd; Commented that many of the elements are existing, interested in adding a skate park.
- 2) Kat Kehoe – SE 13th St; El Dorado Heights representative, commented on concerns of the field lights and wanted to ensure the lights are not going to be aiming into their neighborhood.
- 3) Jimmy Wilson – Tarpon Ave; Coached youth football, looking for adequate practice space, likes the design, thanked City of all doing for the community.

- 4) Faye James – Zoom; Question on the scope of what is in the project and how many bathrooms, supports the skate park, and entrance on 14th St.
- 5) Derrick Rich – Spruce Ave; Commented on the expense for a park that is used very little now. Suggests putting the funds into the community.
- 6) Rosa Stoudemire – MLK Jr Blvd; Concerned about street lighting.
- 7) Betty Brinkley – Nassau Ave; Commented that there is a need for a park and activities for the kids but need housing as well.
- 8) Helen McBride – Flamingo Ave; Commented that the parks are heavily used, would like to see a senior citizen center added to Community Center. Opposes skate park, and thinks the park is a great investment.
- 9) Rosalind Neeleu – Colorado Ave; In favor the park but feels a larger recreation center is needed.
- 10) Vera McFadden – Begonia Ave; Need housing, need lighting and security at the park, more affordable housing.
- 11) Althea Wiley – SW Diana Ter; Commented on the average cost of homes in the area and questioned spending 5 million on a park.
- 12) Albert Brinkley – Central Ave; Questioned who the park is really for. Opposed to skate park. Feels the track is important and needs to be kept.
- 13) Jackie Gore – Bahama Ave; State she rented Kiwanis park and the grass wasn't cut.
- 14) Aaron Hawkins – Arapaho Ave; In favor of the park and feels it is beneficial to the community, would like to see some repairs on the track.

 **5:08 PM**

Board Members deliberated and shared their feedback on the presentation as follows:


- Add a restroom
- Ensure the stage is ADA compliant
- Area for activities
- Consider using ARPA funds
- Track improvements
- Skate park taken into consideration
- Acknowledge the culture and establish the heritage of the Community
- Reuse water for irrigation

City Manager Dyess provided update on the timeline for the project.

 **5:41 PM**

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

2. APPROVAL OF 12/15/2021 CRA MINUTES

 **5:42 PM MOTION: Move approval of the minutes presented.**
MOVED BY: Board Member Clarke
SECONDED BY: Board Member Walson
Motion carries unanimously.

Continued Item #3 to February 28, 2022 CRA Meeting:

3. AMENDMENT TO THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATOR (REDA) PILOT PROGRAM:

RESOLUTION No. 01-2022 CRA; A RESOLUTION TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATOR (REDA) PILOT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE REVITALIZATION OF TARGETED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

 **5:42 PM MOTION: Continue item to next CRA Meeting (February 28, 2022).**

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor McDonald

SECONDED BY: Board Member Clarke

Motion carries unanimously.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD

 **5:44 PM ADJOURNMENT**

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Mary R. Kindel, City Clerk

Merritt Matheson, Mayor

**Minutes to be approved at the Joint CCM/CRA/CRB
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