

**MINUTES
LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STUART
AUGUST 10, 2023
AT 5:30 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

**Chair - Kelly Laurine
Vice Chair - Margaret Bromfield
Board Member - Donald Cuozzo
Board Member - Laura Giobbi
Board Member - William Mathers
Board Member - Ryan Strom
Board Member - VACANT
Ex Officio Board Member - Mark Sechrist**

ADMINISTRATIVE

**Development Director, Jodi Nentwick-Kugler
Board Secretary, Susej T. Meleqi**

CALL TO ORDER

5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Laurine, Vice Chair Bromfield, Board Member Giobbi, Board Member Mathers, Board Member Strom
ABSENT: Board Member Cuozzo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**5:31 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Ryan Strom
SECONDED BY: Laura Giobbi
Motion approved unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF 06/08/2023 LPA MINUTES

5:32 PM MOTION: Approve.
MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi
SECONDED BY: Ryan Strom
Motion approved unanimously.

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

None

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS (Non-Agenda Items)

None

ACTION ITEMS

2. LDC AMENDMENT IN RELATION TO US-1/FEDERAL HIGHWAY STREET TREE MASTER PLAN AND PROGRAM (RC):

ORDINANCE No. 2520-2023; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; MORE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2.04.06 ENTITLED "SUPPLEMENTAL BUILDING SETBACKS ON CERTAIN STREETS" IN CHAPTER II AND SECTION 3.01.03 ENTITLED "URBAN STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR DESIGNATED URBAN SUBDISTRICTS" IN CHAPTER III; AMENDING SECTION 11.01.03 ENTITLED "MINOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION" IN CHAPTER XI; AND CHAPTER XII DEFINITIONS OF THE CITY OF STUART LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Executive Director, introduced the item, LDC Amendment in Relation to US-1/Federal Highway Street Tree Master Plan and Program, seeking a motion to approve Ordinance 2520-2023 to move forward to the City Commission for approval.

Jessica Seymour, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, presented the Importance of Trees to Stuart, Street Tree Planting Program and the Visual Impact of Trees and Identified the importance, strengths and weaknesses.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Board Members continued with questions and comments.

Board Member Giobbi commented on the taking of the parking spaces, stated concern about not having all the property owners agree and losing the continuity. Would like to be sure that the selection of trees are able to withstand hurricanes.

Vice Chair Bromfield commented on visibility and how median planting can obstruct the visibility.

Board Member Mathers stated that property owners should be included so they are informed of what they can lose by allowing this and have it clearly stated. Would like to see that clarification is needed as to which party is responsible for maintenance.

Jodi Nentwick-Kugler, Development Director, stated that if we dedicate Right of Way (ROW), it is considered minor development and will be codified so property owners will not lose their zoning rights.

Board Member Strom stated that property owners should be included before approval by the City Commission.

Public Comment:

1. Sean Forbes - Seminole Street; Stated we should survey the property owners to see if we were to do this, they would approve.

6:24 PM MOTION: Approve with the condition to notify property owners after first reading at the City Commission Meeting and allow public input prior to the adoption at the second reading.

MOVED BY: Laura Giobbi

SECONDED BY: William Mathers

Motion approved unanimously.

STAFF UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

6:25 PM



Susej T. Meleqi, Deputy City Clerk



Kelly Laurine, Chair

Minutes to be approved at the LPA
Meeting this 14th day of December, 2023.