City of Stuart

MINUTES

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT/HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
June 4, 2019 AT 4:00PM
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS
Chair – Chris Lewis
Vice Chair – Frank Wacha
Board Member – Faye James
Board Member – Tom Campenni
Board Member – Pete Walson
Board Member – Cristina Maldonado
Board Member – Nathan Ritchey

ADMINISTRATIVE
Development Director, Kev Freeman
CRA Administrator, Pinal Gandhi-Savdas
Board Secretary, Jordan Pinkston

CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL 4:03 PM
Present: Pete Walson, Frank Wacha, Chris Lewis, Cristina Maldonado, Faye James.
Absent: Tom Campenni, Nathan Ritchey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4:00 PM
Motion: Action: Approve
Moved by: Pete Walson
Seconded by: Faye James
Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 4:02 PM

Motion: Action: Approve
Moved by: Pete Walson
Seconded by: Faye James
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 min. max): None.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Frank Wacha apologized for not attending the last meeting because he was sick. He wanted the board to know that he read the minutes and thought the board had good discussion.

Chris Lewis confirmed that there was a board training luncheon tomorrow at noon.

Faye James thanked the board for being so welcoming.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD 4:03 PM

1. Resolution No. 06-2019 CRA Budget Amendment #6 to FY 2019

PRESENTATION: Pinal Gandhi-Savdas, CRA Administrator

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (5 min. max): None.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS:

Frank Wacha questioned about the rest of the money coming from the general fund, and if it qualified for a FIND grant.

Mike Mortell confirmed that it did not qualify.

Cristina Maldonado asked why there was no quote done for a plastic composite deck.

Mortell said that plastics were reviewed when they did the extension of the board walk that goes down Seminole Street, but the price was three times as much. Furthermore, the Marriott on Indian River Plantation put plastic composite board on their boardwalk and it got so hot in the sun that they needed carpet and could not walk on it barefoot. The plastic boardwalk was taken out. It would not be a good option in direct sunlight.

Chris Lewis confirmed that they are not voting on what material to use for the boardwalk, but they are only looking at funds for the project. He asked if they were to approve the funding where the money would be allocated to.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas confirmed that the $150,000 would go to the preferred wood, if not they would have to use another wood option. The lowest bid for that was $263,000 and the other option was $523,000, which would need additional funding.

Pete Walson asked for clarification on the terms for approval.

Pinal Gandhi-Savdas confirmed that the board has already allocated $405,000 to the project, so we have enough money for the pressure treated wood, but we would need more money to use better wood.

MOTION
Action: Approve
Moved by: Pete Walson
Seconded by: Frank Wacha
Motion passed 4-1 with Pete Walson opposing.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

Pete Walson asked about the public arts project north of the bridge.

Mike Mortell said that to his knowledge, there was a meeting regarding whether or not they would be able to add the water feature. They were supposed to have met with FDOT last Friday.

Frank Wacha asked if there was an update on the Kennedy Homes project.

Mike Mortell said the second reading was approved by commission and it is now in the hands of the Kennedy Homes folks. The owner of the real estate signed the ordinance 10-15 days ago and is now working on their architecture design.

Pete Walson asked about a sold sign on US1.

Kev Freeman confirmed that it is inside the City and is called Water Mark, but it is not in the CRA.

4:15 PM ADJOURNMENT
Motion: Action: Approve
Moved by: Pete Walson
Seconded by: Frank Wacha

Chris Lewis, Chair

Jordan Pinkston, Board Secretary