

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF STUART
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD IN CITY HALL, 121
SOUTHWEST FLAGLER AVENUE, STUART, FLORIDA ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2011**

Those present: Frank Wacha, Jr., Chairman
Jean Laws Scott
Pete Walson
Samia Ferraro
Johnnie Bell

Those absent: Sharon Fitzke
David Collier, Vice Chairman

Also present: Michael Durham, City Attorney
Alice Lyons, Paralegal

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman

Chairman Wacha called the meeting to order at 4:02PM

II. ROLL CALL: Secretary

Those answering roll call and others present are referenced above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 14, 2011

MOTION: Samia Ferraro

SECOND: Pete Walson

Motion carried 5/0

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

1. Northpoint Development Public Art

Presentation: Alice Lyons, Paralegal
Mark Vincini, SDG Developers

Public Comments:

Board Comments:

Samia Ferraro asked how long the wall was.

Mark Vincini said in the neighborhood of 15-18 feet.

Jean Laws-Scott asked how tall it was.

Mark Vincini said 3½ to 4 feet.

Pete Walson said he was starting to have second thoughts as far as the public art money going inside the project instead of outside where the public can actually see it. He said art in public places needed to be in a public place and asked if it could be seen from the bridge.

Mark Vincini said no, it could not and asked if it needed to be on the project.

Pete Walson said no, it doesn't.

Chairman Wacha said it did, according to the rules.

Mike Durham said for clarification he believed this was private dollars going into this, no public dollars and didn't know if that would change their decision analysis or not.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno reminded the group that the board serves as a public review board for public art and any comments made will be taken to heart because they have to come before the board for approval at a later date. She said if the group desires it to be in a more visible location, then that point should be made in a motion or something else.

Samia Ferraro said she thought it was very nice and asked if it met the criteria in the ordinance.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said she has not looked at it in that detail because they are just in the preliminary review stage now.

Samia Ferraro asked if Mark Vincini had looked into the ordinance.

Mark Vincini said he had and there was nothing in there about being generally open to the public from a visibility standpoint.

Frank Wacha said he would like to see more than just a turquoise wall. He said he would like to see more than one kind of tile, maybe mosaic tiles.

Samia Ferraro said that none of them are art critics or experts and thought if he met all of the criteria and they are spending the money on it, then it is what it is. She said she thought that art is personal.

Jean Laws-Scott said that was a good point. She said art is one thing then you have the city criteria so it should just meet the specifications for which it is supposed to achieve.

Chairman Wacha said they have the responsibility of trying to assess whether they could get something better and he thought they could.

Johnnie Bell said he thought it was unique.

Pete Walson asked Teresa Lamar-Sarno to check the ordinance to see that it specifically requested it to be on site. He said an accent piece on site in his mind did not qualify as art in public places. He said he would rather see them go to the Art Council and have them recommend a position for some kind of art in a public place.

Frank Wacha said he thought that when you're driving on the road you could see this.

Mark Vincini said you will see it if you're driving south.

Staff Comments:

Teresa Lamar-Sarno updated the board on the FDOT signs, downtown dining, the shade structure and Colorado Avenue.

Johnnie Bell asked about Memorial Park.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said it should be finished October 18th and the rededication will be on Veterans Day.

Pete Walson asked about the crosswalk.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said it has rolled into an entire crosswalk in front of Memorial Park with the compass rose that was on the agenda and they are beginning to work on it.

IV. NEXT CRB MEETING: November 1, 2011

V. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Jean Laws-Scott

SECOND: Johnnie Bell

Motion carried 5/0

Chairman Wacha, there being no further business before the Board the meeting is adjourned at 4:32PM.

APPROVED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Frank Wacha, Jr., Chairman

Michelle Vicat, Board Secretary