

**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,
FEBURARY 1, 2011**

Those present: Frank Wacha, Jr., Chairman
David Collier, Vice Chairman
Pete Walson
Samia Ferraro
Johnnie Bell
Jean Laws-Scott
Sharon Fitzke

Those absent:

Also present: Dan Hudson, City Manager
Dottie Zaharako, Financial Services Director
Teresa Lamar-Sarno, CRA Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman

Chairman Wacha called the meeting to order at 4:04PM

Paul Nicoletti swore in the new and returning board members.

II. ROLL CALL: Secretary

Those answering roll call and others present are referenced above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 7, 2010

MOTION: Pete Walson
SECOND: David Collier

Motion carried 7/0

Public Comments: None

Board Comments:

Samia Ferraro said she had the pleasure of going to the party at the new Flagler Center and it is incredible and she is very excited about the partnership with the Lyric.

David Collier thanked Sam Amerson for getting the dog park completed.

Jean Laws Scott said she looked forward to serving on the board.

Chairman Wacha welcomed the new members and said he went to a Martin County CRA Financial Workshop and thought the City should get a copy of the presentation or tape as

it was a very informative presentation. He said the Green River Parkway and the turn lane at Wright Boulevard has been finished and there is a short section that has no sidewalk and thought there should be one added as soon as possible.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said she and Sam Amerson had discussed that and would follow up on it.

1. Draft Review of FY 2012 CRA Budget

Presentation: Teresa Lamar-Sarno, CRA Coordinator

Public Comments: None

Board Comments:

David Collier said he couldn't compare for example impact fee incentive to anything because there are only totals so he can't add it up in comparison to other years. He asked what year the police grant was supposed to run out.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said she didn't really know as it has been a topic of the debate.

David Collier said the minutes should show a time certain.

Dan Hudson said it was in the 2012 budget that it would begin to be phased out.

David Collier said it wasn't going away in this budget.

Dan Hudson said that they have had to react to an economic recession. He said they are recommending a program for the future and that is why it is in front of the board.

David Collier said he feels the CRA has problems also and thinks it should be a least partially cut.

Johnnie Bell asked if there had been a positive response to it.

Dan Hudson said the police department has been pretty satisfied with it.

Johnnie Bell said it has been effective in East Stuart.

Pete Walson asked Dan Hudson if in the phasing out of it will they maintain the focus on the CRA.

Dan Hudson said he anticipated they would keep the zone structure as it is.

David Collier said he doesn't think historic downtown is getting anything out of it.

Dan Hudson said they would review it with the police department.

Samia Ferraro said they had a \$30,000 grant for green remodel and asked if this was still available.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said \$100,000 was for Habitat for Humanity but that is why the budget is in front of the board. She said it is available today, but that there hasn't been much interest in the green grant, but they did have the impact fee grant.

Samia Ferraro asked if it was publicized more would there be more interest.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said they did publicize it in newsletters and the website.

Pete Walson suggested advertising on the utility bills.

Samia Ferraro asked if the balance could be rolled over.

Pete Walson suggested holding a portion back for other businesses that may come in later in the year and then rolling it over.

Samia Ferraro said it seemed strange to hand a group \$100,000 without them asking for it.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said they are aware that they have proposed giving them the money but it's not a handout. They will look for the properties and come to the board with a presentation.

Pete Walson asked if the city building is a green building.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said that she has been told that energy wise it does quite well.

Dan Hudson said they had an energy audit on all of the facilities this year and they are doing all that they can to be energy efficient.

Pete Walson said the budget is pretty much in line with where they were. He thought they needed a report on what has been spent and what needs to be rolled over.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said that Staff has done that for the board in the past. She said the paint-up and property improvement programs had not been utilized for about two years running so they scratched them and tried the green and impact programs. She said she would report back on that the next time they meet.

Dave Collier asked what Code Enforcement does within the CRA for the \$50,000.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said she would supply them with the information.

Frank Wacha was concerned that over 20% was administrative and only 40% was being spent on infrastructure. He said when you create infrastructure you're building for the future and will generate money. He said they should have some type of matching grant program and he thought everyone should apply for the Go Green Grant Program and suggested letting more restaurants know the grants are available. He said he agreed that

