

**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,
DECEMBER 7, 2010**

Those present: David Collier, Vice Chairman
Patty Henderson
Gene Rifkin
Pete Walson
Samia Ferraro

Those absent: Johnnie Bell
Chairman Frank Wacha

Also present: Dan Hudson, City Manager
Teresa Lamar-Sarno, CRA Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman

Vice Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 4:05PM

II. ROLL CALL: Secretary

Those answering roll call and others present are referenced above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2, 2010

MOTION: Samia Ferraro
SECOND: Patty Henderson

Motion carried 5/0

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

1. Update on Wayfinding, Gateway Signage and Colorado Design

Presentation: Teresa Lamar-Sarno
Etienne Bourgeois, Captec Engineering
Joe Capra, Captec Engineering

Public Comments: None

Board Comments:

David Collier said he didn't like the abbreviation of historic.

Pete Walson said given the age of the people that travel the bridge should they have an arrow.

Etienne Bourgeois said they could add next left and change the sign to historic.

David Collier thought having directions on the sign is overkill and liked the Stuart on the back of the sign.

Gene Rifkin said she didn't see the point of putting anything on the back.

Pete Walson asked if they could change the wording on signs to Downtown Stuart. He asked if they had repainted the water tower lately and thought they should put Downtown Stuart on it.

Patty Henderson said on one of the signs they used Historical and thought it should be Historic.

David Collier suggested putting a sign a few blocks before Colorado.

Joe Capra gave a presentation on Colorado design.

David Collier asked how they would drop one lane when they came across US1.

Joe Capra said the plan would be to keep it the same and it would narrow after US1.

Gene Rifkin asked if he thought about extending MLK Blvd to US1 in the future and thought two roundabouts so close together was too much.

David Collier said he was concerned about rush hour and said it backs up when it gets to the intersection and if you put everyone in one lane, there would be a large back up.

Pete Walson likes the idea that they could turn Colorado pedestrian friendly.

David Collier said to offer a compromise to the County that we'll take over the landscape maintenance and they can keep the pavement and stormwater.

Pete Walson asked about the economic impact on the properties and would they get a return on the investment.

David Collier said how they quantify the help is a little difficult and the they should look at the prior proposal, at least the zoning to see if it would help.

Teresa Lamar-Sarno said if they go back to the CRA Plan adopted earlier this year as well as the Evaluation Report that was done it would help.

David Collier said a lot of work went into the zoning and design of the structures along Colorado and looking at them together would help.

Patty Henderson asked if there is any way that a roundabout would get locked up and turns couldn't be made.

Joe Capra said that is possible.

Pete Walson said a roundabout there is very iffy.

Joe Capra said they could get a dedicated turn lane there.

Pete Walson asked if they paid a fee could they put a right turn sign for Colorado on the tower building.

Patty Henderson thought there should be a compelling reason for both of the roundabouts.

Samia Ferraro agreed and said she would like to see two roundabouts. She asked if Captec had a preference from an engineering point of view.

Etienne Bourgeois said with either design they would be reducing vehicular speeds. He said the roundabouts came into play because the traffic signals weren't necessary and there is an aesthetic benefit to them.

David Collier said the design is a great improvement but would rather continue the discussion after it gets to the merchants.

Pete Walson liked the roundabouts but was worried about Kindred at rush hour and asked if they would take another look at it.

Joe Capra asked if they preferred two or four lanes at Kindred.

Pete Walson suggested they go out there at 5:15 to see whether they implement the first roundabout because he thought making a left to get to US1 is difficult and suggested they take another look at it.

Staff Comments:

Teresa Lamar-Sarno gave an update on the Government Center.

IV. NEXT CRB MEETING: January 4, 2011

V. ADJOURN:

MOTION: Pete Walson

SECOND: Gene Rifkin

Motion carried

Vice Chair Collier, there being no further business before the Board the meeting is adjourned at 5:45PM.

APPROVED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

David Collier, Vice Chair

Michelle Vicat, Board Secretary