

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2009
AT 5:00 PM IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 S.W. FLAGLER AVE.
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

Chairperson James Christie
Vice Chairperson Michael Mortell
Board Member Carol S. Waxler
Board Member Mary L. Hutchinson
Board Member Jeffrey Krauskopf
Board Member Gene C. Rifkin
Board Member Samia Ferraro

Also in attendance were:

City Manager Dan Hudson
City Attorney Paul J. Nicoletti
City Clerk Cheryl White

STAFF COMMENTS

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Request to approve the Minutes of the Community Redevelopment Agency of September 21 , 2009.

**MOTION: MICHAEL MORTELL : MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009.**

**SECOND: MARY HUTCHINSON
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **RESOLUTION 05-09 Authorization to execute an agreement between the Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency and Habitat for Humanity of Martin County, In., for a "Go Green" incentive grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the construction of three (3) homes that meet or exceed minimum U.S. Green Building Council's Leed certification or equivalent .**

Teresa Lamar-Sarno gave a brief overview of the proposed project. Staff recommends approval.

Board Member Mortell asked if the house is built to leed standards and the resident modifies the green standards, or is it compliance at the time of construction only.

City Attorney stated that as these buildings are developed it would meet the leed certification for things that a homeowner would not have control over changing. The only thing I can think of would be to change maybe the Energy Star appliances.

Margo Graff Habitat for Humanity came forward and stated they have a contract with all the homeowners and they really do not have the ability to change the description of the home as it is. We also have a committee that checks on their home ownership and make sure that they maintain it up to their standards. That is part of the Habitat ownership program.

Board Member Hutchinson clarified that the money is seed money and will go toward the home but as the homeowners start paying back in that money Habitat can the use that again to help fund another home for future.

Board Member Ferraro understood that they were not going to apply for Leed certification but would meet the requirements.

Mrs. Graff stated that a new gentleman has joined the Committee for the Green Building in habitat and he works with Habitats in Indian River, Okeechobee, and Broward County on Green Builds, and they all get their certification through the Florida Green Builds. This keeps us within the financial range to be able to build affordable housing.

Board Member Krauskopf noted that in section one of the Resolution there was a typo.

MOTION: CAROL WAXLER: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 05-09 CRA.
SECOND: GENE RIFKIN
ROLL CALL:

Jocelyn Boyce came forward and asked if there would be grant money available for commercial in the future.

Teresa Lamar Sarno stated this fiscal year has \$30,000.00 available for commercial, and residential.

Annie Ronnie a local interior designer came forward and stated she attended the Habitat for Humanty Key Party on Saturday, and suggested they look into contacting local companies to donate furniture for the new homes.

Mary Hutchinson stated that Margo will be able to work with you on your suggestion.

CHAIRPERSON CHRISTIE	YES	MARY HUTCHINSON	YES
JEFFREY KRAUSKOPF	YES	MICHAEL MORTELL	YES
CAROL WAXLER	YES	SAMIA FERRARO	YES
GENE RIFKIN	YES		

3. CRA Update

Teresa Lamar-Sarno stated she is looking at a CRA / CRB workshop to discuss matters and she said she would like hold one annually. She also announced the crosswalk grants have been applied for. She also stated the City Hall bathroom will begin in about 2-3 weeks. The improvements for Woodlawn Park CDBG grant contract will be coming from DCA soon. Staff will also bring back a report next month on the RFP Land Acquisition and Real Estate Consultant Services. She announced many great events for the end of Historic preservation month. Tour and History of East Stuart, Cumming Library presentation on East Stuart's History, Stuart Heritage Tour , and ending with Meet Me at the USO Costume Ball event.

Mary Hutchinson wanted to make sure that during the construction part of the restrooms at City Hall not to block the driveway access from the rear parking lot to the front of City Hall parking lot.

Teresa Lamar Sarno stated she would look into it.

ADJOURNMENT 5:16 PM

Cheryl White, Board Secretary

James Christie, Chairperson

**Minutes approved at the Regular CRA
Meeting This 23 Day of November 2009**