

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STUART CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON APRIL 13, 2009
AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
121 SW FLAGLER AVENUE
STUART, FLORIDA 34994**

Roll call was answered by:

**Mayor James A. Christie
Vice Mayor Michael Mortell
Commissioner Carol S. Waxler
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Krauskopf
Commissioner Mary Hutchinson**

Also present were:

**City Manager: Dan Hudson
City Attorney: Paul J. Nicoletti (ABSENT)
Acting City Attorney Bob Kilbride
City Clerk: Cherie White**

Mayor Christie delivered the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM

**Presentation of the Memorial Park Master Plan as recommended by
the Memorial Park Steering Committee; Presented by Tom Lucido**

Tom Lucido, ASAL gave a visual presentation to the City Commission for the final concept plan for Memorial Park. He explained there was a steering committee that met with the Veterans Council who expressed some concerns. He said he attended a meeting of the Veterans Council with a revised plan. He said the Steering Committee had to meet again with the alternative drawings. He said they approved the new concept plan.

Helen McBride came forward and said this was a wonderful idea and thought the plan was a good one. She hopes to see it completed.

Ted Asolfi for Nancy Turrell came forward and asked about the parking and access. He suggested opening up Stypmann for Special Events. He suggested having Michael Singer come in and explain eco art and helping with the RFP about incorporating some design features, and the use of reclaimed water in the water features, and integrate them into the design.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked everyone who participated in this project plan. She said the City has an opportunity to create a fabulous urban park for the City that currently does not exist at this point for the City. She would like to see added connectivity to Stypmann, and taking whatever improvements to the Denver side and extend it to Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, so you have one continuous street. If this plan is approved the City may have an opportunity to solicit private public sponsorships.

Vice Mayor Mortell highly recommended a crosswalk on East Ocean Blvd to allow for safety of pedestrians.

Commissioner Waxler asked about the shuffleboard courts.

Tom Lucido stated the courts were still being used by a group but the proposed plan eliminates some of them.

Commissioner Waxler agreed the corner tot lot area needs to be moved away from the busy corner.

Mr. Lucido agreed there could be a buffer placed along that area to protect the children from the East Ocean Blvd and Denver Ave. He agreed that getting them safely to the park is the first concern.

Commissioner Krauskopf expressed concern over the parking and the use of Wachovia site. He also suggested development of drainage in the lake rather than scattered throughout. He also suggested toning down private drives.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER HUTCHINSON: MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND MOVE FORWARD WITH PHASE I AND ALSO LOOK AT WAYS TO CREATE EASIER PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FOR CROSSING EAST OCEAN BLVD.

SECOND: COMMISSIONER WAXLER

City Manager Hudson explained that the funding source for this project would be coming from Sales Tax, FRDP Grants. We also have a cultural grant.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:5:29 P.M.

Cheryl White, CMC, City Clerk

James A. Christie, Mayor

Minutes approved at the Regular Commission
Meeting this 27th Day April 2009