

**MINUTES**

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency March 28, 2012

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Facundo, Chair at 1:00 P.M.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Michael Facundo, Floyd Crews, Eva Deyo, Julio Estremera, Ski Olesky, Jeffrey Randall, James Wall, and Carrie Williams.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Robert Halman, Daniel Rosario, Angel Madera and Kitchell Snow.

*Action: A quorum was announced as being present.*

Others Present: Steve Hart, Magda Ayala, Bob Mulhere, Jay Roth, Bob Krasowski, John Lundin, and Gabriel Acosta.

Staff: Penny Phillippi, Brad Muckel, Marie Capita, Rosemary Dillon, and Christie Betancourt.

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves to the Committee.

D. Announcements.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

*Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of H.i., Façade Grant, and Ms. Deyo seconded the motion and the Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.*

E. Communications.

a. The Communications Folder containing the Public Notices and various news articles.

F. Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of Minutes for the February 21, 2012 CRA Advisory Board meeting.

*Action: Ms. Deyo made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, the motion was seconded by Mr. Olesky and the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.*

G. Old Business.

a. IAMP – Update

i. Response to questions from February meeting.

Bob Mulhere reviewed the questions presented to the CRA Advisory Committee by Pam Brown during the February meeting. He then reviewed the response to each of the questions one by one, providing clarification when requested. Floyd Crews indicated that he will continue to have issue with the IAMP until his Code violations are satisfied.

Carrie Williams informed the Committee that she hired an outside planning consultant to review the current and the proposed IAMP, to review the current and proposed FLUM and to document how the proposed IAMP will impact the Williams Farm holdings in Immokalee. She stated that the consultant informed her that the proposed IAMP is not detrimental but rather provides a high value to

some of the holdings since the use could be changed to a higher land use, i.e., under the proposed IAMP, the mobile home park would be Mixed Use Commercial if the family should decide to re-zone the property to that use.

ii. Letter to Commissioners

The Committee was provided a copy of the email from Jeff Klatzkow, County Attorney in reference to the letter the Committee sent Commissioner Hiller. Letters were available for the other Commissioners.

*Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to transmit the letter to all of the Commissioners. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

b. MSTU Update

Ms. Phillippi informed the Committee that the applicant chosen did not pass the screening and that she and Mr. Muckel will continue to interview applicants.

c. Downtown Immokalee Stormwater Project

Brad Muckel, Project Manager, stated that work has begun on Eustis Ave., the pond is being dredged and that 9<sup>th</sup> Street will be completed during the Spring Break for the elementary school.

d. Code Enforcement Highlights

Kitchell Snow was absent therefore, no report was provided.

e. IBDC Manager Report

Marie Capita, IBDC Manager, reported on the activities of the IBDC. She requested approval to apply for the 2012-2013 CDBG funds. She also requested permission to use \$15,000 TIF funds for a Microenterprise Guaranty Loan Program.

*Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to approve a CDBG application for \$360,000 for the IBDC from Housing, Human and Veteran Services. Mr. Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

*Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to create a new Microenterprise Guaranty Loan Program and to commit \$15,000 of CRA TIF as seed money for the program. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7 to 1 with Mr. Estremera opposed.*

f. CRA 2012 Operational Plan

Ms. Phillippi provided the Committee with the final copy of the 2012 Operational Plan.

g. First Street Plaza Update

Ms. Phillippi reported that BCC approved the purchase of the land at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Main Streets and that the closing is expected to occur on April 12, 2012.

h. Red Flag Item – Citizen request that the CRA Advisory Committee send a letter to FDOT requesting a light at Experimental Station Road and Hwy. 29. Ms. Williams asked if the letter had been sent requesting a light at Immokalee Drive and Hwy. 29. Ms. Phillippi told her it has not been sent.

*Motion: Mr. Crews made a motion to send a letter to FDOT requesting that they reduce the signage on Main Street and that they install a turn signal at Immokalee Drive and Main Street. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

- i. Façade Grant for not-for-profit agencies.  
Ms. Phillippi asked the Committee to consider whether or not they wish to provide Façade Grants to non-profit agencies such as Good Will Industries, the Eagles Club, etc.

*Action: By consensus, the Committee would like some time to think about the question.*

I. New Business.

J. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Lundin provided a video presentation on his idea for a theme park in Immokalee.

K. Next Meeting Date. Regular Meeting April 18, 2012 at 8:30 A.M.

L. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

### **Post Meeting:**

*g. National Business Incubator Association Conference*

Via email April 3, 2012, the Executive Director sent an email to the CRA Advisory Committee (copy attached) requesting a vote to approve travel to the NBIA International Conference on Business Incubation to be held in Atlanta, Georgia for Marie Capita, the IBDC Manager. The Conference will be held May 6 -9, 2012. The total cost for the trip is \$1,821.00: Flight - \$359.00; Per Diem - \$120.00; Registration - \$895.00 and; Hotel - \$447.00.

*Action: The results of the request were that 9 persons voted yes by email, 2 voted yes by telephone and 1 had not responded at the time of this mailing. Therefore, the request passed by majority vote.*