

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency April 18, 2012

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Facundo, Chair at 8:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Michael Facundo, Floyd Crews, James Wall, Kitchell Snow, Eva Deyo, Jeffrey Randall, Carrie Williams, Ski Olesky, and Dan Rosario.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Julio Estremera, Robert Halman, and Angel Madera.

Action: A quorum was announced as being present.

Others Present: Steve Hart, Chris Curry, Bill McDaniels, Larry Wilcoxson, Pam Brown, Bob Krasowski, and Colleen Greene.

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

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

D. Announcements.

Ms. Phillippi announced that staff had submitted three grant applications to HHVS:

\$1.3 million- 9th Street Plaza

\$360,000 – IBDC

\$353,750 – 1st Street Plaza

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to accept the Agenda, 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 March 28, 2012 CRA Advisory Board meeting.

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

G. Old Business.

a. IAMP

i. Executive Summary – Ms. Phillippi provided an overview of the Executive Summary to gain BCC approval of a plan to bring the IAMP back for a public hearing in Immokalee.

Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to take the Executive Summary to the BCC recommending the staff plan and request to bring the IAMP back for a public hearing approval in Immokalee. Ms. Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

b. MSTU Update

Ms. Phillippi announced that Mr. Jeffery Nagle had been offered the position of MSTU Project Manager he accepted the offer. It is anticipated that he will begin May 1, 2012.

c. Downtown Immokalee Stormwater Project

Brad Muckel, Project Manager, requested that the CRA Advisory Committee recommend to the BCC that they donate a 10' utility easement to the Immokalee Water & Sewer District for the purpose of moving the sewer line for the Immokalee Apartments out of the Stormwater retention pond. It was feared that the problem would delay construction for up to 3 months and create a costly change order.

Action: Mr. Wall made a motion to recommend to the CRA a donation of a 10' utility easement to the Immokalee Water & Sewer District and the CRA cover the cost of conveyance. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Deyo abstained from the vote.

d. Code Enforcement Highlights

Kitchell Snow announced that Code Enforcement will conduct a neighborhood clean-up in the Eden Park area.

e. IBDC Manager Report

Marie Capita, IBDC Manager, reported on the activities of the IBDC. She stated that 4 more persons graduated from the Entrepreneur School; the computer lab is up and running and the first class will be Quick Books on the 12th of May; and Business Plan workshop. She requested approval to apply for an EDA grant to construct an incubator building.

Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to approve the recommendation to apply for an EDA grant application to construct an incubator building, Mr. Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

f. First Street Plaza

Ms. Phillippi announced that the CRA closed on the land purchase on April 12 and staff has submitted the RFP for design to the Purchasing Department.

g. 2013 Budget

Ms. Phillippi reported that she has not completed the 2013 Budget and will bring it to the May CRA Advisory Committee meeting.

h. Façade Grant for not-for-profit agencies

Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to deny Commercial Façade grants to not-for-profit agencies. Ms. Deyo seconded the motion and the motion passed by a 7 to 2 vote, with nay votes from Mr. Olesky and Mr. Wall.

H. New Business.

a. Sunshine Law Presentation

Assistant County Attorney Colleen Greene made a presentation on the highlights of the Sunshine Law answering questions by Committee members and the Public.

b. Leadership Collier

Ms. Phillippi requested approval to send the Chair, Mike Facundo to Leadership Collier at a cost of approximately \$3,000.

Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3,000 for Mr. Facundo to attend Leadership Collier, Ms. Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

J. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Crews requested staff to ask Mr. Casalanguida why sidewalks are being built so close to the road by FDOT.

Mr. Krasowski requested the CRA post the upcoming Agendas on the web page. It was suggested the CRA Advisory Committee send a letter of comendation to the various entities who sponsored the Harvest Festival, i.e., Chamber, Casino, Airport Authority and Sherriff. He further stated that he is concerned about the Growth Design Corporation regarding incinerators, trucks of garbage and burning.

After the presentation by the Assistant County Attorney, the CRA Director requested approval of the items for which she had requested approval by email specifically, approval for Marie Capita to attend the NBIA International Conference on Business Incubation to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. 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: Mr. Randall made a motion to approve Marie Capita's travel to the NBIA in Atlanta, Ms Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

K. Next Meeting Date. Regular Meeting May 16, 2012 at 8:30 A.M.

L. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.