

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency July 18, 2012

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Williams, Vice-Chair at 840 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Ski Olesky, Jeffery Randall, Robert Halman, Julio Estremera, Floyd Crews, James Wall, Eva Deyo, and Carrie Williams.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Dan Rosario, Mike Facundo, and Angel Madera.

Action: A quorum was announced as being present.

Others Present: Steve Hart, Christina Perez, John Lundin, Ed Dumphy, Merlin Angstrom, and Deputy Patrick Lawson.

Staff: Penny Phillippi, Brad Muckel, Marie Capita, Christie Betancourt, and Jeffrey Nagle.

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves.

D. Announcements. None.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to accept the Agenda, Mr. Randall seconded the motion and the Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

F. Communications.

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

G. Consent Agenda.

b. Approval of Minutes for the June 20, 2012 CRA Advisory Board meeting.

Action: Mr. Olesky made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda (with changes), the motion was seconded by Mr. Randall and the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

H. Old Business.

a. Project Managers Reports

i. CRA Project Manager (Enclosure 2)

1. Stormwater Master Plan

- Mr. Muckel reported that he attended the July Board meeting for the Big Cypress Basin to request engineering funds for the remaining projects within the ISWMP, and to re-evaluate other area of Immokalee for inclusion in the ISWMP. BCB was amenable to the idea, and requested a face-to-face meeting with me, date TBD.
- He stated that the Downtown Immokalee Stormwater Improvement Project: pipe installations, driveway restoration, grading, sodding of drainage areas is 100% complete. Retention pond is approximately 75% complete. General contractor has been paid approximately \$2.2 million of the \$2.7 million contract value.
- DRI Round II grant will go before the BCC for final approval in September, \$1.9 million.

2. Crosswalk Grant

Mr. Muckel reported that four bids were received by the June 14th deadline, the selection committee is scheduled to convene on July 19th to score and select a design consultant for phase 1: Pedestrian Study and Construction Drawings. The scoring sheets will then go before the BCC for approval at the September meeting. Finally, the draft contract will go before the BCC for approval in October. Ms. Phillippi explained the extreme length of

time required to bring an RFP to contract through the County Purchasing Department and requested a vote as to whether or not the Committee was in agreement to complete the project through survey and design and the seek other funds for actual construction should staff not be able to extend the grant agreement.

Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to complete the study and to weigh grant options once the study is complete; seek other funding for construction if necessary. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

3. First Street Plaza - Ms. Phillippi stated that the proposals for design for the First Street Plaza will be opened on July 20, 2012. Once the design is complete, a Request for Bids will be released to begin construction.
- ii. IBDC Manager - Marie Capita reported the following:
 1. Accomplishments
 - IBDC ribbon cutting ceremony to commensurate the grand opening of the computer lab.
 - IBDC Landscape/Gardening Professionals' Open House on June 15th in conjunction with the Immokalee MSTU.
 - IBDC Canning and Food Preparation workshop held on June 23rd at the Pace Center for Girls in partnership with IFIS.
 - IBDC participation in the Immokalee Front Porch Youth Empowerment Academy funded by the Immokalee Foundation, June 29th event to discuss the basics for starting a business.
 - IBDC Manager represented Collier County & Immokalee CRA at the FGCU Trade Commissioners Familiarization Tour of Southwest Florida Luncheon. Ms. Capita shared the notes from the first meeting of the CRA Business Committee.
 - She also discusses the possibility of a land purchase should grant funds be garnered and asked for approval from the Committee.

Action: Mr. Randall made a motion for staff to move forward with the purchase of the 1.7 acres on First Street at the Appraised value contingent upon grant funding becoming available. Ms. Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

2. Workshops
 - Entrepreneur School 8/7/12 – 9/11/12
 - Section 3 Certification 7/21/12
 - Understanding Your Credit 7/28/12
- iii. MSTU Project Manager - Jeffery Nagle reported the following:
 1. Carson Road Sidewalk
 - 100% Construction Documents have been completed.
 - OPC Cost has been completed (+-\$95,238).
 - Right – Of – Way permit has been issued (Exp. Date 12/31/2012).
 - MSTU Committee has authorized approval of funding this project.
 - Preparation of RFP has been started (4 month process).
 - Anticipated Notice To Proceed on or about December 1, 2012.
 2. Downtown Site Line Project
 - 100% Construction Documents have been completed.
 - JPA for \$61,947 has been secured (Exp. Date 12/01/2012 – will require an extension).
 - OPC Cost has been completed (+-\$592,265).

- Currently reviewing issue of property ownership related to sidewalk design at intersections. This concern needs to be addressed prior to permitting.
- A Grant from FDOT-Highway Beautification Council is available and an application will be submitted for this project (October 2012 Deadline).

Action: Jeff Randall made a motion to instruct staff to pursue the \$100,000 grant for downtown beautification in conjunction with the MSTU Downtown Site Line Project. Mr. Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

3. Christmas Decorations

- Currently verifying the load center capacity of the Street Lights to ensure it is adequate to support the lighted Holiday Angels.
 - Currently obtaining the EPA or wind loading value of the Holiday Angels to ensure compatibility with Street Light Pole structural design.
 - Will need to obtain County ROW permit.
4. Mr. Nagle discussed the splitting up of the maintenance contract to provide an opportunity for local contractors to bid on some of the work.
5. He also discussed the construction of a no littering brochure for Immokalee as well as a no littering campaign in partnership with Keep Collier Beautiful, Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's Department.

b. Code Enforcement – Highlights

Christina Perez announced that the Collier County Code Enforcement Office will participate in the National Night Out event from 5:00 – 8:00 pm on August 7th when the Lipman Group will distribute backpacks to Immokalee children. She stated that a “Clean-Up” will be conducted on August 25th on the South Side of Immokalee. A Meet and Greet will be held on August 16th to discuss the details of the Clean-Up.

I. New Business.

a. United Renewable Resources, LLC (URR)

Mr. Ed Dumphy presented a PowerPoint to demonstrate a new waste to energy business he hopes to begin at the Immokalee Water and Sewer District wherein solid waste is transformed into “AA” fertilizer. He has partnered with St. Matthew's House to train homeless men to be employed at the site. The IWSD is releasing an RFP to all businesses interested in addressing the issue of waste removal in a green, earth friendly manner.

J. Citizen Comments.

Mr. Wall expanded on the Foundation of Machines Program that offers an 84 hour curriculum with a Machinists Certificate upon graduation. Forty persons are currently enrolled and his goal is that these graduates are hired immediately.

K. Next Meeting Date. Regular Meeting August 15, 2012 at 8:30 A.M.

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