

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency August 15, 2012

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Facundo, Chairman at 840 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Dan Rosario, Mike Facundo, Ski Olesky, Jeffery Randall, Robert Halman, Floyd Crews, James Wall, Christina Perez, Eva Deyo, and Carrie Williams.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Angel Madera and Julio Estremera.

Action: A quorum was announced as being present.

Others Present: Steve Hart, John Lundin, Chris Curry, Magda Ayala, Ruben Garza, Jonathan and Fermin Almanea.

Staff: Penny Phillippi, Brad Muckel, Marie Capita, Rosemary Dillon, and Jeffrey Nagle.

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves.

D. Announcements. None.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Request by guest speaker to be moved to the front of the agenda, Item I. New Business, was moved to Item H. Item H was moved to Item I.

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

F. Communications.

a. The Communications Folder containing IBDC Newsletter and the MSTU Keep Immokalee Clean Brochure.

G. Consent Agenda.

b. Approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2012 CRA Advisory Board meeting.

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

H. New Business.

Mr. Ruben Garza made a presentation requesting assistance from the CRA to find funding for the football players at the high school to purchase equipment and pay for insurance. Several Advisory Committee members offered suggestions and contacts that may help address the request.

Action: Mr. Crews made a motion to instruct staff to create a letter to the Collier County School Board to request support for the Immokalee High School Football Team. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 8 to 2.

I. Old Business.

a. Project Managers Reports

i. CRA Project Manager

Mr. Muckel reported on the purchasing concerns associated with the Crosswalk Grant and possible solutions to the issues; that the BCC approved the DREF grant sub-grantee agreement for \$2.1 million dollars to address the stormwater needs on phase 2 & 3 of the Stormwater Master Plan; that staff will speak at the next Big Cypress Board meeting to request assistance with the design of the remaining projects in the Stormwater Master Plan, requesting \$400,000; and that the downtown stormwater project was complete lacking only 25% of the pond and the overlay of two roads.

ii. IBDC Manager

Marie Capita provided a copy of the updated policies and procedures were provided to each of the Committee members. Ms. Capita asked that they review the new procedures and provide her with comments as soon as possible. Ms. Phillippi informed them that although the new procedures reflected the current methodology of the “incubator without walls” the lease agreements and rules remain in the hopes that the IBDC will acquire an incubator structure in the future. Ms. Capita announced that the Florida Community Bank awarded the IBDC \$10,000 to kick off the loan program, thanks to Bernardo Barnhart.

Action: Jim Wall made a motion to instruct staff to prepare a formal thank you letter to Mr. Barnhart thanking him for his efforts on behalf of Immokalee as well as for the \$10,000 for the Micro-Enterprise Loan Program. Mr. Randall seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Capita also provided a brief overview of the monthly report and the upcoming workshops informing the group that 10 new entrepreneurs have enrolled in the current E-School.

iii. MSTU Project Manager

Jeffery Nagle provided a PowerPoint to illustrate and an update on the Carson Road Project readiness to move forward to include the relocation of the bus stop; the Downtown Site Line Project issues with ROW; the challenges associated with the Christmas decorations; the development of the Maintenance RFP; the status of the 9th Street sidewalk project; and the new Keep Immokalee Clean Program.

b. Code Enforcement

Christina Perez announced that the Collier County Code Enforcement Office will hold a district sweep during September on empty and abandoned housing units in an effort to prevent blight. She also stated that a neighborhood “Clean-Up” will be conducted on September 8th in and around Delaware and School Drive in Immokalee.

J. Citizen Comments.

Ms. Phillippi read a petition that Fred Thomas is working on to get the FEMA Flood Maps changed. Mr. Facundo took the petition with him. Mr. Crews asked if a FEMA representative could speak to the group. He also asked that a representative from SFWMD speak to the group as well.

Mr. Crews stated that bears are tearing up the trash all around the lake and there is a need for bear resistant garbage bins. Mr. Phillippi stated that she will call Jim Wheatley with Choice Sanitation for follow up on the topic.

K. Next Meeting Date. The next regular Meeting will be September 19, 2012 at 8:30 A.M.

L. Adjournment. This meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.