

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency February 6, 2013  
1320 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Immokalee, FL

A. Call to Order.

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

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Mike Facundo, Eva Deyo, Julio Estremera, Jeffrey Randall, Carrie Williams, Ski Olesky, Robert Halman, Dan Rosario and Cristina Perez.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Floyd Crews and James Wall.

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

Others Present: Steve Hart and Chris Curry

Staff: Penny Phillippi, Brad Muckel, Marie Capita, James Sainvilus and Christie Betancourt.

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves.

D. Announcements.

- a. Ms. Phillippi introduced the new MSTU project Manager, James Sainvilus. The Advisory Committee welcomed him on board.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Ms. Phillippi requested three additions to the Agenda: H. New Business, a.DRI Grant, b. Interim Executive Director, and c. First Street Plaza.

*Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to approve the Agenda, with the noted changes, Carrie Williams seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

F. Communications.

- a. The Communications Folder containing the meeting notices and the Collateral Piece was passed around for review.

G. Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes for the December 19, 2013 Meeting of the CRA.

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

H. New Business.

- a. DRI Grant – Phase III Stormwater Master Plan.

Mr. Muckel provided a brief overview of Phase I and II of the Stormwater Master Plan and its funding sources. He then presented the proposal for a Phase III (the Colorado Avenue drainage) stating that the design would be paid for by the Immokalee MSTU and the DRI grant would pay for construction.

Mr. Muckel then provided a review of all of the sidewalk projects slated for Immokalee.

*Action: Mr. Olesky made a motion to approve the submission of the DRI grant for the Phase Iii Project and to instruct the Chairman to sign the Resolution. Ms. Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

- b. Interim Executive Director.

Ms. Phillippi stated that February 8, 2013 will be her last day in Immokalee as the Executive Director and recommended to the Advisory Committee that they consider taking an Executive Summary to the CRA to appoint Brad Muckel as Interim Executive Director for the Immokalee CRA.

*Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to instruct staff to take an Executive Summary to the CRA recommending the appointment of Brad Muckel as Interim Executive Director for the Immokalee CRA. Mr. Estremera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

- c. First Street Plaza.  
Ms. Phillippi updated the Committee on the fact that the contract for the design of the First Street Plaza was awarded to Mr. David Corban at the last BCC meeting on January 22. She stated that she, Brad Muckel, and David Corban had met with key departments to ensure the expedited construction of the plaza. Mr. Corban agreed to have the design complete by April 30. Ms. Markiewicz in Purchasing said we should have a contract for construction to the BCC by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Casalangida assured staff that the Site Development Plan (SDP) would be very simple and could be completed quickly. The contract for the grant funds will end October 10, 2013. Ms. Phillippi asked staff and the Committee to keep a close eye on the progress of the plaza.

I. Old Business.

a. Project Manager's Reports

i. CRA Project Manager

- 1. Stormwater Master Plan – Mr. Muckel reported earlier on the stormwater projects.
- 2. CRA Façade Grant Program Report – Mr. Muckel reported that the Chez Nous Dadou Restaurant and Miner's Market are complete. He is planning a meeting with the owner of the Notary and Parlegal Services as they did not begin their project within the 90 day requirement.

ii. IBDC Manager

- 1. Ms. Capita announced that the BCC/CRA had agreed to allow the IBDC to spin off as a not-for-profit and that she will be allowed to operate under the auspices of the CRA during the conversion period. She stated that a local attorney is providing pro-bono services to create the required documentation. She also stated the Guadalupe Center has agreed to act as the Fiscal Agent for grant purposes for the IBDC until the 501©(3) is complete..

iii. MSTU Project Manager

- 1. Mr. Sainvilus reported on the status of the Carson Road Project, the Downtown Main Street Improvements Project, the Maintenance, the Holiday Decorations and the Keep Immokalee Beautiful Campaign. He has some very good ideas on how to move the projects forward.

b. Code Enforcement

Ms. Perez although there is a concentrated effort by Code Enforcement in the Copeland and Everglades City areas, there will be a March Clean Up on the 16<sup>th</sup> on New Market Road. She further reported that the Code Enforcement Department is working with the Sheriff's Office reviewing vacant units around the County. There are currently 85 vacant units in Immokalee. Code Enforcement Officers are conducting on-going educational activities throughout the County.

J. Citizen Comments.

Ms. Phillippi announced to the Advisory Committee that she has received three resignations from the Committee; Mr. Rosario, Ms. Deyo and Mr. Randall.

K. Next Meeting Date. The next regular Meeting will be March 20, 2013, at 8:30 A.M. at the Career and Service Center.

L. Adjournment. This meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.