

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency August 21, 2013  
750 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Immokalee, FL

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Edward “Ski” Olesky, Board member at 8:42 a.m.  
Both the Chair and Vice Chair were excused from this meeting.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Floyd Crews, Cristina Perez, James Wall, Estil Null, and Ski Olesky.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Mike Facundo, Julio Estremera, Robert Halman, and Carrie Williams.

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

Others Present: Robert Davenport, Everett Loukenen, Paul Midney, Birgit Pauli – Haack, Pam Brown, Bill Howell, Jerry Blocker, and Dean Blocker.

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

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves.

D. Adoption of Agenda

*Action:* Mr. Null made a motion to approve the Agenda, Mr. Wall seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

E. Communications.

The folder containing the Public Notice, SR 29 PD & E Study, Enclosure 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 was presented to the board.

F. Consent Agenda.

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

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

G. Announcements.

- a. SR 29 Immokalee FDOT PD & E – Lochner Presentation

Mr. Howell provided the board with handouts and presented route options. He also had a Q & A with the board, staff, and the public. He informed the board of the upcoming Alternatives Public Workshop to be held in Immokalee at Southwest Florida works on October 17, 2013. This meeting will be an evening meeting but exact time hasn't been decided yet.

- b. Subway

CRA staff informed the board that the Subway owner Mr. Patel is planning on building a new Subway Restaurant and Yogurt Shop at the corner of Main Street and South 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

H. New Business.

- a. Immokalee Area Master Plan

- i. Staff provided board with a copy of Ordinance 2000-66 for review.

- b. Colorado Avenue 60% Plan Submittal

CRA staff provided board a copy of the plans for review. Mr. Muckel discussed the plans with the board.

- c. South Fifth Street Drainage 60% Plan Submittal

Mr. Muckel discussed the plans with the board and informed the board that FDOT is requesting that we pull a permit from their agency for the drainage improvements along South Fifth Street. According to historical land ownership records, this is a FDOT drainage easement.

- d. Immokalee CRA Status Report  
CRA staff provided board with a draft copy of the Immokalee projects the CRA is currently working on. Mr. Muckel informed the board that this report was created at the request of Commissioner Fiala. She requested that the report be presented to the BCC at a future meeting.
- e. Marketing, Public Relations & Website Hosting Request for proposal.  
Staff provided a draft copy of the RFP for Marketing and Website Hosting. Mr. Muckel requested that the board review and provide edits to staff. The quotes will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

I. Old Business.

- a. First Street Plaza Zocalo  
Mr. Muckel informed the board that David Corban, our consultant working on the design of the First Street Plaza Zocalo provided the board with the Bid documents, the Landscape plans, and the Zocalo Structure plans for review. Mr. Muckel had a Q & A with board and public.
- b. Advisory Board  
Staff informed board that they haven't received any applications for the vacant positions.
- c. Façade Grant  
Mr. Muckel informed the board that the two Façade Grants they approved last month will be going to the board on September 10, 2013 for approval. The businesses were Abe's Pizza & Wings, and Paralegal & Notary Services, Inc.
- d. Project Managers
  - i. CRA Project Manager  
Mr. Muckel gave an update on the Stormwater Improvements Projects, the Façade Grant Program, and the Crosswalk Improvements Project.
  - ii. IBDC Project Manager  
Ms. Capita provided the board with an updated IBDC status report. She also informed the board of the upcoming workshops.  
HUB Zone Certifications – August 26, 2013  
Computer Basics – September 9, 2013  
Entrepreneur School – September 24, 2013
  - iii. MSTU Project Manager  
Mr. Sainvilus provided an update on the Carson Road Sidewalk project, the Main Street Improvements project, the Zocalo – 1<sup>st</sup> Street Plaza, and the Landscape Maintenance Contract.
- e. Code Enforcement  
Ms. Cristina Perez announced that she will be working back in Immokalee. She also informed the board of the next community cleanup which is set for October 21, 2013 from 7:30 AM until Noon. Location hasn't been determined yet.
- f. Marketing  
Birgit Pauli-Haack from Pauli Systems provided a brief marketing report and webpage update for the [www.ImmokaleeToday.com](http://www.ImmokaleeToday.com) website. She also informed the board of the Joint venture with Steve Hart our marketing consultant for a Photo Contest in Immokalee.

J. Citizen Comments.

Pam Brown thanked the board for allowing the public to comment.

K. Next Meeting Date. The next regular Meeting will be September 18, 2013, at 8:30 A.M. at Southwest Florida Works located at 750 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Immokalee.

L. Adjournment. This meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.