



**Minutes**

**Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee Meeting**

May 28, 2014

750 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Immokalee, FL

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Cherryle Thomas at 10:05 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Cherryle Thomas, Lucy Ortiz, Norma Garcia, William Deyo and Andrea Halman.

Advisory Committee Member Absent/Excused:

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

Others Present: Cristina Perez, Richard Tindell, Armando and Sylviree Yzaguirre.

Staff: Brad Muckel, James Sainvilus and Christie Betancourt.

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves.

D. Announcements.

E. Adoption of the Agenda.

*Action: Mr. Deyo made a motion to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Ms. Ortiz and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.*

F. Communications.

A. MSTU Notice of Public meeting

B. First Street Plaza Grand Opening –May 20, 2014 Ribbon cutting photo. Cherryle Thomas would like to add on record the opening for Christmas around the World this year will be at the Zocalo and there will be a big Christmas tree at the plaza.

G. Approval of the Minutes.

*Action: Mr. Deyo made a motion to approve the Joint CRA/EZDA & MSTU minutes for the month of April 16, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ortiz and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.*

H. Old Business.

a. Budget Report.

James Sainvilus reported on the current budget and draft budget 2015, provided Purchase Order and Expenditures Reports to the Committee.

b. Code Enforcement –

Cristina Perez talked about May 31, 2014 is the Clean – up for Immokalee residents for small construction debris, woods and etc... Dumpster will be available at corner of West Main Street and North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, starting at 8:00 am to 1:00 PM. She also discussed Pre-Hurricane season readiness.

c. Project Manager Report:

i. First Street Plaza – Update

a. Getting quotes to add more security light and a handrail.

b. Final Invoice approved

ii. Main Street Median Improvements

- a. The design Engineer, Landscape Architect and Aim Engineering (cross walk study) will joint resources to design a plan for Main Street.
  - b. Cherryle Thomas suggested that we dispose the unwanted trees and construction debris on a timely matter when working on Main St.
  - c. The \$100,000 matching grant will be used for construction.
  - d. The Median Re-configuration has been approved by FDOT. On the March meeting Ms. Thomas mentioned that the MSTU will not pay for the Median Re-configuration and for Lipman to share the cost with the CRA or FDOT. FDOT decided to pay in full for the Median Re-configuration, not to exceed the certain amount that will be given.
- iii. Street Lighting Report:
    - a. Parts are being ordered
    - b. Waiting a quote from Simmonds Electrical to add receptacles on the poles.
    - c. Sherriff's dept. will provide their study identifying blind spots in Immokalee. Higher crime rates due to lack of security lights. Need light poles in residential and business areas base on the study.
- d. Contractor Reports.
    - i. Maintenance Report.
      - a. The Board suggested not doing anything to the Triangle until after Big Box store/Walmart comes to town, and for A&M to give the MSTU a quote to fix up the doors on the trash cans on Main Street. Cherryle Thomas suggested having Progressive (Choice - Waste Management) to be in our next meeting.
      - b. Richard Tindell presented the GWS report showing dead plants in the cemetery and old business or property on Main and 1st Street that need repairs.
      - c. The Board would like to know if they could write a letter to code enforcement identifying all the businesses properties that they think could be in violation of the code.
  - e. Community Redevelopment Agency – Project Manager went over the following:
    - i. Pedestrian Safety Study Comment forms (Enclosure 6)
    - ii. County Maintained roads Immokalee and Christie Betancourt asked everyone to select 5 Roads they would like to see paved or asphalt, sidewalk and, or drainage done, then prioritize them.
    - iii. First Street Plaza Budget 2015
- I. New Business.
    - a. MSTU asked to have the 2014 MSTU Operational Workshop on June 11, 2014
  - J. Citizen Comments.
  - K. Next Meeting Date.
    - The next meeting will be held June 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
  - I. L. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 pm