

MINUTES

Meeting of the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee Board on February 25, 2015.

750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Cherryle Thomas MSTU Chair at 10:00 AM

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Present:

Cherryle Thomas, Bill Deyo, Andrea Halman, and Lucy Ortiz.

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Norma Garcia

Others Present: Armando Yzaguirre, Richard Tindell and Elizabeth Lazzara

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

C. Introductions. The board members present and members of the public introduced themselves.

D. Adoption of Agenda.

Action: *Mr. Deyo made a motion to approve the Agenda. Ms. Andrea Halman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

E. Communication.

1. Advisory Board Contact list: Members to update their contact information.

F. Approval of Minutes.

Action: *Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to approve the January minutes. Ms. Lucy Ortiz seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

G. Announcements.

1. Cherryle Thomas MSTU Chair, congratulated and gave thanks to Christies and Brad for doing a great job running the CRA and representing Immokalee.

2. April CRA Workshop format is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Christie suggested creating list of hot items to ask at the workshop prior to the workshop. She also mentioned that Brad Muckel had sent a request to the county manager's office asking for the details of the logistics of the CRA workshop. Mr. Muckel will let the Board know about the seating arrangement.

H. New Business

1. 2014 Annual Report draft:

Staff provided board with Enclosure 7 which is a draft copy of the 2014 CRA Annual Report for board review. Staff reviewed the report with the board.

2. CDBG Façade Grant Program – \$440,000:

Staff provided board with an application that was submitted to Collier County Community and Humans Services for a Community Block Grant (CDBG) intended to fund a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$440,000.

3. CDBG Façade Grant Program – \$770,000:

Staff provided board with an application that was submitted to the Collier County Community and Humans Services for a Community Block Grant (CDBG) for a Pedestrian Facilities Grant in the amount of \$770,000. The MSTU is seeking funding assistance for the construction of Sidewalk/Streetscape improvements on various locations in Immokalee.

I. Old Business

1. Staff provided board with updates on the
 - i. Current Budget (Enclosure 2)
 - ii. PO Report (Enclosure 3)
 - iii. Expenditures (Enclosure 4)
2. Code Enforcement – Update:
Christie informed the board that the Code Enforcement staff will have the Community Clean on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the corner of North 9th and Main Street from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
3. MSTU Project Manager
 - i. First Street Plaza
Water bill was too high; staff will pay A&M Property for an irrigation/water leaks test.
 - ii. Main Street Projects
Staff reported that the Lipman’s median modification was 100% complete.
 - iii. General Lighting Report
 - a. Staff reported that on January 27, 2015 we received an insurance reimbursement for a pole knocked down on South 1st Street. Staff also reported that on February 5, 2015 the same pole was knocked down again. We are looking into not putting the pole back up.
 - b. Need to replace the light fixture in front of the casino
 - c. Need to Call the CAT about the bus stop that was burnt down on 15th St.
 - iv. Maintenance Report
 - a. Staff provided board with a Maintenance report on Carver Avenue and S 1st Street.
 - b. Staff provided board with samples of banners of the new Welcome to Immokalee Cornucopia banners the MSTU is looking into purchasing. This sample was presented to the board for review and to help them with their purchasing decisions. Ms. Cherryle Thomas asked to present/show that same banner to the people in the community for opinions and supports.
4. CRA Project Manager Report
 - i. Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements Projects
 - a. Immokalee Drive Project
Start date was suppose to be the 2nd week of February but will start on March 9th.
 - b. Colorado Avenue Project
Start date was supposed to be February 19, 2015 but will start on March 9, 2015.
5. Contractor Reports - After the reports were presented the Board made a motion:

Action: *Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to replace the missing bricks on the sidewalk on Main St.. Mr. Bill Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.*

J. Next Meeting Date: CRA & EZDA Meeting will meet on February 18, 2015 at 8:30 AM and the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU will meet on February 25, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

K. Citizen Comments:

Ms. Elizabeth Lazzara from Habitat for Humanity introduced herself to all. She wanted to inform all that Habitat for Humanity has been providing residents of Immokalee with housing.

L. Next Meeting Date: MSTU Meeting April 22, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.

M. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM