

MINUTES

Meeting of the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee on
March 18, 2015.

750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Facundo, CRA Chair at 8:42 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Mike Facundo, Floyd Crews, Ski Olesky, Cristina Perez, Estil Null, Carrie Williams, Julio Estremera (9:01 AM), and Frank Nappo.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Martha Williams, Cindy Lozano and Jim Wall.

Action: *A quorum was announced as being present for all boards.*

Others Present: Andrea Halman, Paula Springs, Marvin Courtright, Miranda Johnson and Matt Williams.

Staff: Brad Muckel and James Sainvilus.

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

D. Adoption of Agenda.

Action: *Mr. Olesky made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Estil Null seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.*

E. Communications.

The Communication folder contained:

1. Public Notice
2. Advisory Board Contact list
3. Executive Summary related to the return of the IBDC HUD grant
4. Naples Daily News article (3/8/15) related to the Wal-Mart schedule
5. Executive Summary related to the Wal-Mart PUD rezone application

Staff reviewed the communications folder with the board.

All Board members were also provided copies of the final, bound 2014 Immokalee CRA Annual Report for their records.

F. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - i. CRA/EZDA Advisory Committee Meeting for February, 2015.

2. Advisory Board Re-Election Applicants

Staff provided the board copies of the advisory board applications for review.

- i. Jim Wall
- ii. Cristina Perez
- iii. Carrie Williams

Action: *Mr. Frank Nappo made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ski Olesky and the consent agenda was approved by unanimous vote. 7-0.*

- G. Announcement
1. April CRA Workshop format
Mr. Muckel reminded the Advisory Board members of the April 7th CRA Workshop to be held in the BCC Board room from 1-4pm.
- H. Staff Reviewed the BCC Agenda Items approved in March.
1. 2014 Annual Report - Final (Enclosure 5)
 2. CDBG Grant Enclosure (Enclosure 6)
 - i. CDBG Façade Grant Program
 - ii. CDBG Pedestrian Facilities Grant
- I. Staff Reviewed the BCC Agenda Items for April.
1. CRA Advisory Board reappointments.
- J. Red Flag Item
1. Floyd Crews: Immokalee Property Tax Assessment update
Mr. Muckel reiterated that he has spoken directly to Abe Skinner regarding Mr. Crews' concerns. Mr. Skinner has yet to choose a date to attend a future Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Muckel will follow up.
- K. CRA New Business
1. CRA Office Lease Options (Enclosure 7)
Staff presented a cost analysis comparing the overall annual costs for remaining in its current location against relocating to the available building on South First Street.
Action: *Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion directing staff to proceed with a new lease with the South Florida Workforce Development Board to remain in its current location. Mr. Julio Estremera seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote 8-0.*
 2. Annual workshop topics of discussion
Staff had a brief discussion with the Advisory Board regarding a list of discussion topics for the upcoming April CRA Workshop CDBG.
- L. Old Business
1. Land Exchange 9th Street – Save – A – Lot
Staff informed the Board that there have been no further developments in negotiations with Save-a-Lot Food Stores regarding its requested land swap.
 2. Advisory Board vacancies
Staff directed the Board to Mr. Marvin Courtright's resignation letter.
 3. CRA Project Manager Report
Staff provided board with an update on the two drainage/sidewalk improvement projects that have now started construction.
 4. MSTU Project Manager
Mr. Sainvilus provided an update on MSTU projects.
 5. Marketing
Mr. Steve Hart from Relevanza provided an update on our web site overhaul. He also provided an update on the numerous Bills that are currently making their way through the approval process regarding the pending sunset of the Enterprise Zone Program.
HB 7067: Not likely to move forward.
SB 1030: Senator Deter has been the loudest advocate to replace the EZ Program with the Community Creative Grant Program.
SB 392: Not likely to move forward.
SB 903 & 1556: Identical Bills. Most probable. Some movement in the Senate.

6. Code Enforcement – update

Ms. Perez informed the board that the most recent Code Enforcement clean-up event was very productive. She also provided an update on the status of the fines being levied against the McCrory's building on Main Street.

M. Citizen Comments:

- Mr. Muckel commented that the CRA participated in the most recent Ciclovía Immokalee event with great success. Over 100 free bike helmets were fitted and given to local children.
- Mr. Floyd Crews commented that the Collier County Parks & Recreation Immokalee softball field was not constructed per legal regulations and needs to be fixed this week.
- Mr. Courtright commented on the Immokalee Business Development Center funding repayment to USHUD. He wanted it known that in his opinion County staff was using Immokalee as a scapegoat to cover their liability in the situation. There is no reason the CRA should be solely responsible for repayment of the two HUD grants. The situation warrants an investigation of the Collier County grant administration process.

N. Next Meeting Date: CRA & EZDA Meeting April 15, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.

O. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM