

MINUTES

Meeting of the Joint Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee, the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee, and the Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board on December 16, 2015.

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

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Facundo, CRA Chair and Cherryle Thomas MSTU Chair at 8:40 AM.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Mike Facundo, Ski Olesky, Estil Null, Andrea Halman, Martha Williams, Julio Estremera, and Frank Nappo.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Jim Wall, and Joseph Mucha

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Present:

Cherryle Thomas, Bill Deyo, Norma Garcia, and Andrea Halman.

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Lucy Ortiz

Others Present: Michelly Mosca, Jerry Kurtz, Robert Wiley, Brad Muckel, Armando Yzaguirre, Chief Paul Anderson, Bernardo Barnhart, Maria O’Neill, Dottie Cook, Richard Tindell, Dan Salls, Peter McNeil, Marvin Courtright, Daniel Gonzalez, Vanessa Bielema, Maria Perez, Pam Brown, Larry Wilcoxin, Fred Thomas, Fidel Redondo, Rosmary Alvarez, .and Miguel Mayorga.

Staff: James Sainvilus, and Christie Betancourt.

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

D. Announcements.

1. Meetings and Public Comment speaker slips

Chairman Mike Facundo wanted to reiterate with the public the 3 minute speaker slip policy. He said the board will give more time if they feel it necessary.

Staff announced that Chief Paul Anderson, Maria O’Neill, Bernardo Barnhart, and Mariela Romero have been approved by this board to serve as board members but they haven’t been officially appointed so they are welcome to comment but their vote will not count until the Board of County Commissioners appoints them next month.

2. 2016 CRA Chair – Dr. Frank Nappo

CRA Chair Mike Facundo announced that Dr. Frank Nappo will be taking over as Chair in January and asked if Dr. Nappo had any comments he wanted to add.

Dr. Nappo wanted to recognize Bradley Muckel for all the work he has done for the past 7 years for everyone here in Immokalee. Hopefully he will stay connected with us. Brad said he would.

Dr. Nappo also thanked Mike Facundo for his years of leadership here and without him he didn’t think we would be in the position where we are today. Lastly he thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent Immokalee.

He said that there has been some notoriety so we need to move forward and do the best we can for the people of Immokalee. We have a lot of projects that need to be done here so hopefully 2016 will be our year and we will get the necessary attention and funding so we can do what needs to get done.

3. 2016 CRA Vice-Chair – Estil Null  
 Chairman Mike Facundo announced that Estil Null will be taking over as Vice-Chair in January and asked if he had any comments he wanted to add.  
 Mr. Null said that we have done a lot here and hopefully Brad can still give us his insight anytime he can.
4. Military Leave – James Sainvilus – 01/09/2016 – 1/23/2016  
 Chairman Mike Facundo announced that James Sainvilus will be on Military leave from January 9<sup>th</sup> through January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will be traveling to Germany for two weeks. He will not be here for the January advisory board meeting.
5. Commissioner Nance January Meeting  
 Chairman Mike Facundo announced that Commissioner Nance would possibly be attending our January 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 Joint CRA/MSTU Meeting. CRA staff announced that they received an email from county staff expressing Commissioner Nance desire to attend our January meeting. If he can't attend on January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting we will schedule an additional meeting so the community can discuss topics for Immokalee.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Staff would like to add under Red Flag J.1.Oxxe Oil Petroleum Corporation 9:30 AM Time Certain. MSTU Chair would like to move item N. MSTU Old Business to K. and shift all items down. CRA Chair would like to move L.4. CRA vacancy to L.1 and shift L.1. – L.3. down as follows:

- ~~J. Red Flag Items.~~
  - ~~J.1. Oxxe Oil Petroleum Corporation – 9:30 AM Time Certain - Presentation~~
- ~~K. MSTU Old Business.~~
  - ~~1. Contractors Reports~~
    - ~~i. Maintenance Reports – A & M (Enclosure 5)~~
  - ~~2. MSTU Budget Report~~
    - ~~i. Current Budget (Enclosure 6)~~
    - ~~ii. PO Report (Enclosure 7)~~
    - ~~iii. Expenditures (Enclosure 8)~~
  - ~~3. MSTU Project Manager~~
    - ~~i. Cornucopia Banners (Enclosure 9)~~
    - ~~ii. FDOT Projects (Enclosure 10)~~
- ~~K.L. MSTU New Business.~~
- ~~L.M. CRA New Business.~~
  - ~~1. CRA vacancy~~
  - ~~1-2. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan draft - updates~~
  - ~~2-3. Florida Heartland REDI Inc.~~
    - ~~i. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern Memorandum of Agreement (Enclosure 3a)~~
    - ~~ii. FHREDI Bylaws (Enclosure 3b)~~
    - ~~iii. Rural Area of Opportunity – Re-designation (Enclosure 3c) (Action Items: CRA/EZDA)~~
  - ~~3-4. FL State Surgeon General Recognition 2016 (Enclosure 4) (Action Items: CRA/EZDA)~~
  - ~~4-1. CRA vacancy~~
- ~~M.N. EZDA New Business.~~
  - ~~EZDA Quarterly Activity Report: 10/1/15-12/31/15~~
- ~~N.A. MSTU Old Business.~~
  - ~~1. Contractors Reports~~
    - ~~i. Maintenance Reports – A & M (Enclosure 5)~~
  - ~~2.1. MSTU Budget Report~~
    - ~~i. Current Budget (Enclosure 6)~~
    - ~~ii. PO Report (Enclosure 7)~~
    - ~~iii. Expenditures (Enclosure 8)~~
  - ~~2.1. MSTU Project Manager~~
    - ~~i. Cornucopia Banners (Enclosure 9)~~
    - ~~ii. FDOT Projects (Enclosure 10)~~

**Action:** *Mr. Julio Estremera made a motion for the CRA to adopt the Agenda with new changes adding Red Flag J.1.Oxxe Oil Petroleum Corporation 9:30 AM Time Certain. MSTU Chair would like to move item N. MSTU Old Business to K. and shift all items down. CRA Chair would like to move L.4. CRA vacancy to L.1 and shift L.1. – L.3. down. Mr. Ski Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

**Action:** *Ms. Norma Garcia made a motion for the MSTU to adopt the Agenda with new changes adding Red Flag J.1.Oxxe Oil Petroleum Corporation 9:30 AM Time Certain. MSTU Chair would like to move item N. MSTU Old Business to K. and shift all items down. CRA Chair would like to move L.4. CRA vacancy to L.1 and shift L.1. – L.3. down. Mr. Bill Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 4-0.*

F. Communications.

1. Public Meeting Notice
2. Naples Daily News Articles
3. Immokalee Bulletin Articles

CRA staff reviewed the communications folder with the boards.

Dr. Nappo would like to thank James Sainvilus for the tremendous job he did with the Christmas tree lighting event. He would also like to thank all who had a part in the event it was very nice.

MSTU Chair Cherryle Thomas said that the article that ran on December 12<sup>th</sup> about the November Joint CRA/EZDA & MSTU Meeting had a lot of misinformation given by county staff. I have been receiving a lot of calls by community residents in regards to the comments made by county staff. Are we going to address the article at any time during this meeting?

CRA Chair Mike Facundo he said that the facts that were presented in the article were almost biased and I think we should do a rebuttal in regards to that. Our board requested clarification and information about certain things we never received anything. I think some clarifications need to be made in regards to trying to get the facts straight.

Dr. Frank Nappo said we need to review the request that we made to the county and what was indicated with the responses to the article that is incongruent. The article indicated that they had no knowledge that we requested the accounting of the Seminole Compact funds.

CRA Chair Mike Facundo said that Immokalee is always going to be a step child to Collier County. They bring them for the fruits and veggies it looks good for them but, I've always felt like for example when you look at and read the article that they offered so many incentives to the California company that's going to create 250 jobs. They offered a package to them so they could come to Collier County. We are trying to survive and yet there's an opportunity for some development for Immokalee that could be a starting point a point of origin where things could maybe, possibly, be developed by bringing a Walmart to Immokalee and yet they shut them down by not offering them any incentives.

Even when we requested what happened I felt as a board member I was in the dark. I never got a response to it. I have a problem with that. I think we live a time that our government is preaching and teaching transparency we have not seen it from Collier County in my opinion. What they strategically did it looks like is they claimed ignorance. I think those kinds of things really have a lot of reservations because our interest is to try to represent Immokalee well. We are trying to make something happen but, it's sad when you feel like as individuals you almost feel that prejudiced attitude towards Immokalee. I am not talking about racial prejudice I am talking about attitude behind how they view Immokalee and their perspective and comments being made by our commissioner. Listen if we don't get people here in Immokalee registered to vote they are going to run Immokalee. If you look at the demographics of Immokalee within the district Tim Nance is in Immokalee will run his district if you look statistically. The problem is we don't have enough people registered to vote here. I don't have anything against him but comments that are made and heard it's almost like Tim let's have a sit down about this. Let's talk about the facts. No one takes Immokalee serious. No one takes the people who represent Immokalee, who live here, who's invested here serious. That's what it boils down to.

Dr. Frank Nappo said that most of the dollars that Immokalee has received were federal dollars or state dollars and it was not coming out of the county coffers. There wasn't anything presented that was documented that came out of the counties general funds.

Mr. Null said that he has probably been in Immokalee longer than anybody in this room. Naples and our county government don't want to see Immokalee grow. They don't want us to compete with Naples they want us just to be a farming community.

Chair Mike Facundo said that politicians were always a voice for the board. It's democracy by the people. The problem is that it's been about position, power, and greed and who has the most money. Where the money is at is where they are going to be at. We need to shift that where politicians really represents the voice of the people. If we are going to shift the nation we need to start with our local community. It's about a community as a whole. That is where my energy is focused in. What are we as a board doing? What is Collier County doing as a whole? I think it was a vision of Tom Monaghan from Ave Maria. He was asked if he was going to wall off Immokalee and he said no we are there to be able to reach out to Immokalee to sustain it. If only we could get politicians to think that way. During election time we need to go out and vote. We need to focus that energy and passion for the residents of Immokalee. Don't give up.

G. Approval of Minutes.

1. CRA Approval of Minutes for the Joint November 18, 2015 CRA/EZDA & MSTU Advisory Committee Meeting (Enclosure 1).

**Action:** *Ms. Norma Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes for the Joint November 18, 2015 CRA/EZDA & MSTU Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Deyo and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. 4-0.*

H. BCC Agenda Items for December 2015

1. 2015 Land Development Code Cycle 2 to amend LCR Section 2.03.07 G.5 Immokalee Main Street Overlay Sub-District (Enclosure 2)

Staff provided board with Enclosure 2 which is the executive summary that was approved to authorize staff to process an amendment in the 2015 Land Development Code Cycle to amend LDC Section 2.03.07 G.5 Immokalee Main Street Overlay Sub-District that will allow prohibitive uses to become eligible conditional uses within the Immokalee Main Street Overlay Sub-district (MSOSD) boundary to incentivize commercial development.

I. BCC Agenda Items for January 2016.

1. Advisory Board Appointments

- i. Bernardo Barnhart
- ii. Chief Paul Anderson
- iii. Maria O’Neill
- iv. Mariela Romero

Staff informed the board that the four applicants should be on the January BCC agenda for appointment.

J. Red Flag Item

1. Oxxe Oil Petroleum Corporation – Time Certain 9:30 AM

Miguel Mayorga wanted to thank everyone for receiving them. He introduced Mr. Fidel Redondo and himself to all present. He told all that he had arrived from Columbia yesterday to translate for Mr. Redondo the president of Oxxe Oil Petroleum Corporation. He appreciated Immokalee receiving them to represent this project to you. Fidel Redondo via translator Miguel Mayorga provided board with a presentation of the company Oxxe Oil Petroleum that he would like to bring to Immokalee. After a Q & A session board would like for staff to work with county staff, community residents, and local farmers to see if a partnership is possible.

**Action:** *Dr. Frank Nappo made a motion that the CRA support the concept Oxxe Oil Petroleum coming to Immokalee and that we propose that Christie Betancourt work with county staff, residents of Immokalee, local farmers to see if this is applicable company and can be done. Search for grants or other incentives. The motion was seconded by Mr. Estil Null and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

Public speaker Pam Brown wanted to discuss an article in the Naples Daily News on November 28, 2015 regarding two groups that have partnered to help advise Collier County and I wanted to know if any of the board members knew about it. She said that the article said that affordable housing and community development in Immokalee may get a boost from two groups that have partnered to help advise Collier County on ways to create a brighter future there. The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders, also known as NALCAB, helps Latino communities attract and generate investment. It recently hired Florida Housing Coalition to help develop strategies for housing and development.

Fred N. Thomas Jr. presented Edward “Ski” Olesky with a photo collage for his 24 years of volunteer service in Immokalee.

Public speaker Danny Gonzalez wanted to speak on the jobs. He said that last week he went to a Board of County Commissioner meeting. He was there about 5 hours and he was the only one there from Immokalee but, it was a good thing that he went because a lot of things that they said bothered him especially our commissioner from District 5. There is a company from California that is going to bring 200 jobs. There is a packing house in Immokalee on Jerome Lane that has been vacant for three years. That would be a perfect place for them to come in. I stood up and said something but it was like nothing. I got up and left. There is a company that wants to come into Immokalee. Is the county really going to push this company to help us find five jobs. So this company is here presenting themselves for jobs here in Immokalee. Where is the county? Is the county really going to help us get this company going? It's been a while since a company has come here to present themselves. This is our job with the chamber, the CRA, and any other organization this is our job to bring jobs into Immokalee. Mr. Gonzalez also said he went to a public meeting for the 30 million dollar park they are building in the estates. How long do we have to wait to get parks here in Immokalee? How long have we been fighting for parks in Immokalee. The park will be 10 miles from here; \$30 million has already been funded and they're going to start in February. We have been waiting for Little League to be developed for years and this one is already being funded our commissioner says one thing here and then does another thing.

Chairman Mike Facundo said that he thinks the county should tap into the 1.4 million compact money and use it to get some economic development here in Immokalee. We could offer some kind of incentive package to Immokalee. Once we have an alliance together of different partners in this community we would like for that money or some of that money to be assigned to Immokalee for economic development. We need to have an alliance and collaboration with the Immokalee CRA, with the chamber, with the other organizations in the community.

Dr. Frank Nappo said that of the 1.4 million we need to designate a percentage of that money. It should automatically go to the Immokalee Fire Department and then a certain percentage come to the Immokalee CRA for economic development because then we are moving on when a new company comes in we can make a deal.

Public speaker Pam Brown had a comment about Bruce Register and the Economic Development Department in Collier County. She wanted to know if they have made communication with the Immokalee CRA asking if there were any areas available for lease or for sale and asking questions from the CRA as far as joint partnership for economic development. Has Bruce Register been over here? Isn't he the one that did the presentation at the county with the gourmet company from California?

Board would like for staff to make communication with Bruce Register and invite him and staff to come to our next meeting to update him on all of the available opportunities here and schedule a field trip with the local chamber, the local banks, the CRA and show him what's available here in Immokalee.

Public Speaker Marvin Courtright said this has been such an interesting day. To establish something in Immokalee we have great potentials. You have a brand-new runway, you have an import/export facility, you're an enterprise zone, and we have everything needed for them.

You have a good opportunity here with these people. Look at it, consider it, and remember it's your game now because we have everything he needs. If they want to do something here they should pay you not us pay them.

Public Speaker Larry Wilcoxin wanted to reiterate a lot of what the gentleman said. We have to have some backbone here and that's one thing I have noticed about when it comes to dealing with issues and Immokalee I a lot of you may not like what the way Mr. Fred Thomas come across because it comes across very forceful but it's because it's his love and passion and so does Mr. Danny Gonzalez. You have to let those individuals on the coast know you mean business. You need to take this to them. They will eventually get tired of seeing your faces, get tired of hearing you're crying and moaning and finally they will do something about it. We have been the red headed step child forever. I listen to what's going on over there. This is my home town my love. All I ask for the CRA to bring it to them otherwise you're going to keep going around in circles and circles. So I understand Mr. Brad's frustration because it would get me frustrated. That's all I ask whatever you have planned for them just give it to them.

K. MSTU Old Business

1. Contractors Report

i. Maintenance Reports – A& M (Enclosure 5)

Armando Yzaguirre from A & M provided board with Enclosure 5 which is a maintenance report for the entire month of November for board to review. He also discussed the Christmas Decorations with the board. Board would like for decorations to be taken down on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

2. MSTU Budget Report

i. Current Budget (Enclosure 6)

ii. PO Report (Enclosure 7)

iii. Expenditures (Enclosure 8)

Staff reviewed MSTU Enclosure 6, 7, and 8 budget reports with the board. Staff said that they will be creating a PO for Richard Tindell (Greenworks) and for a design of sidewalks on West Eustis and on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

3. MSTU Project Manager

i. Cornucopia Banners (Enclosure 9)

Staff provided board with Enclosure 9 which are samples of the cornucopia banner options.

**Action:** *Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to use all the designs provided by staff on Enclosure 9. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Deyo and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 4-0.*

ii. FDOT Projects (Enclosure 10)

Staff provided board with Enclosure 10 which is an email from Trinity Scott regarding FDOT projects.

The email said she met with CRA staff last Wednesday to receive information regarding the project. In that meeting, James advised that they have been working with FDOT on 3 different projects, it was their understanding that David Jones from FDOT was pursuing \$750K to address ADA improvements and safety improvements. She said she ting, I received information from FDOT and it noted a new project that has not been included in the Draft Tentative Work Program that has been presented to the MPO Board.

The project # is 439002-1, SR 29 from North 9th Street to North 1st Street, total project cost \$2,589,845 for FDOT to construct a pedestrian safety improvement in FY 18/19. I have reached out to FDOT to determine the exact scope of this project so I can work with James to determine if the scope covers all of the projects that were originally contemplated.

Ms. Andrea Halman wanted to discuss the Zocalo Maintenance. Staff said that they will set up a meeting with park maintenance staff after the holidays to discuss the maintenance details of the First Street Zocalo Plaza.

Staff also reported that they received permission from Road and Bridges to have a 40 ft storage container placed out there for storage of Christmas Decorations.

MSTU Chair wanted to say that she has been with the MSTU board for 22 years and wanted to let everyone know she will not be the chair person in 2017. We have had a good partnership for the last eight years. We have had a relationship with the CRA and it's the first time we ever got things done so expediently. I just want to go on record with this relationship. MSTU is not broke and the CRA is not broke. This time CRA and MSTU asks for each other's opinion. We collaborate well together. I want to go on record on saying this.

L. MSTU New Business

No new business.

M. CRA New Business

1. CRA Vacancy

Dr. Frank Nappo said he has a number of motions he would like to make. These are recommendations to the Human Resources department. The first motion is I would like the CRA board approve that Christie Betancourt be appointed as the Interim Operations Manager for the CRA while a search goes on for a replacement.

**Action:** *Mr. Julio Estremera made a motion to appoint Christie Betancourt as the Interim Operations Manager until the position is filled. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrea Halman and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

I am going to make a motion hopefully some folks from the county will come again to the January meeting. I would like to have the January meeting begin at the Lake Trafford Pier because there are three things I would like to show folks. 1.) Since they fixed the Naples Pier and they are going to fix Clam Pass I would like for them to come to Lake Trafford to see what condition it's in. 2.) On their way they can see the

cones on Lake Trafford Road that need to be taken down and the drainage and sidewalks that need to be put in. 3.) We can talk a little bit about Little League Rd. in terms of why it has to be extended. If State Road 29 is blocked and you're here you don't get out. So I would like the meeting to start at 8:30 am. This all ties into ecotourism, we have to tie the Seminole Casino, the Robert's Ranch Museum, Pepper Ranch, and Airboats and Alligator's with the TDC (Tourist Development Council) so some of that money comes into Immokalee.

I would like to recommend a search committee for the CRA Operations Manager. The recommendation committee would include the past chair, Mike Facundo, Estil Null, Frank Nappo, Andrea Halman, Julio Estremera, Ski Olesky, Cherryle Thomas, and Chief Paul Anderson. This recommendation search committee would recommend who the CRA hires.

MSTU Chair Cherryle Thomas would like to go on the record saying that the CRA has money to hire the position.

**Action:** *Dr. Frank Nappo made a motion to establish a recommendation committee to participate in the hiring of the Immokalee CRA Operations Manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Julio Estremera and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 8 -0.*

**Action:** *Mr. Bill Deyo made a motion to establish a recommendation committee to participate in the hiring of the Immokalee CRA Operations Manager. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrea Halman and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 3-0.*

2. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan – draft – updates

Staff introduced Michelle Mosca and Jerry Kurtz from the county who are here to talk to the board about the draft Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan.

Mr. Jerry Kurtz thanked everyone for fitting them into the busy meeting. He gave a little bit of history. He has been with the county 17 years doing storm water and previous to the CRA and Brad's arrival we did do some projects here in Immokalee. I also have Robert Wiley here who is a Stormwater engineer project manager as well. We did a big project on SR29 the 29 Canal next to Florida Specialties. We enclosed a big ditch because of erosion and enclosed it in a big covert. We put in the big double pipes down 5<sup>th</sup> Street. We started at the north end where the Immokalee Apartments are. We did it in two phases to Eustis. It took us a couple of years to do that. Then we went down Lake Trafford Road there is a big problem there where a box covert wasn't long enough. So we extended the covert and filled all that in. Another thing that I can recall is that the main entrance of Farm Workers Village where we replaced all the collapsing coverts there.

Dr. Frank Nappo reiterated how important it is to get the area of Lake Trafford Road where the white sticks are fixed immediately. That specific area is a danger for the kids from Lake Trafford Elementary School.

Jerry Kurtz also explained the plans for the future here in Immokalee. With the projects Brad has been doing for the past 7 years he has been following the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan.

What has changed recently is that the county stormwater department is getting funds this year starting in October we now have \$200,000 ear marked to spend in Immokalee. It is not a lot of money but it's a start to get the projects rolling. The plan is still in draft form. So we can take the plan and remove the draft stamp and finalize the plan how we want it and move forward with the final document as a guiding document to go forward with our projects in Immokalee. One of the other things we have been doing is attending the meetings with the Water Management District's Lake Trafford Health Working Group. As we move forward we can expand with that group. We need to make sure that all the water going to the lake isn't going to harm the lake. We are hoping to coordinate to get some land to get a site to build a park, and a storm water treatment pond. We will try to reach out and get grants for these things.

Staff informed the board that we are establishing a partnership with Rural Neighborhood, Collier County Parks & Recreation, County Stormwater Department, South Florida Water Management District, and the CRA. We are hoping to pull our resources together to have enough funding to buy land and develop it for a park and a retention pond. We are meeting with a land owner today to discuss a potential pond site.

Michelle Mosca also commented on our intension for us to try to partner with the local groups and provided a brief of the potential partnerships and funding for the projects.

Mr. Robert Wiley told the board that the county has started a very log project that is called the Stormwater asset inventory program. We are trying to identify every drainage facility that is within the public's realm. We haven't made it to Immokalee yet but we will be in Immokalee within 2016.

Stormwater staff had a Q&A session with the board.

3. Florida Heartland REDI Inc.
  - i. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern Memorandum of Agreement (Enclosure 3a)  
Staff provided board with Enclosure 3a which is a copy of the current RACEC memorandum of agreement for review.
  - ii. FHREDI Bylaws (Enclosure 3b)  
Staff provided board with Enclosure 3b which is a copy of the current FHREDI bylaws for review.
  - iii. Rural Area of Opportunity – Re-designation (Enclosure 3c)  
Staff provided board with Enclosure 3c which is a copy of an example for re-designation.  
After discussion board made a motion to reapply for re-designation of the Rural Area of Opportunity and to have someone from Immokalee represent them at the meetings.

**Action:** *Dr. Frank Nappo made a motion to support the continuation of the designation for the Rural Area of Opportunity. Board would like a CRA representative from Immokalee attend the meetings pertaining to the Florida Heartland REDI Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Julio Estremera and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.*

4. FL State Surgeon General Recognition 2016  
Staff board with Enclosure 4 which is a copy of an application from the Florida State Surgeon General for your review. Deborah Chesna requested that the CRA submit an application for Immokalee recognition.

**Action:** *Dr. Frank Nappo made a motion to submit an application to the 2016 Florida State Surgeon General for recognition for Immokalee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Julio Estremera and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.*

N. EZDA New Business

1. EZDA Quarterly Activity Report 10/1/15-12/31/15  
Staff will provide board with final quarterly activity report next month.

O. CRA Old Business.

1. Adopt –A – Road Program – update  
No update was given.
2. LDC Amendment – update  
No update was given.
3. Promise Zone Application – update  
No update was given.
4. Historical Marker for Jane Brown Graveyard – 1380 Roberts Avenue (Enclosure 11)  
No update was given. Item was tabled.
5. CRA Budget Report
  - i. Current Budget (Enclosure 12)  
Item was tabled.
6. CRA Project Manager Report (Enclosure 13)
  - i. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan – update
7. Advisory Board Vacancies
  - i. IFAS ex-officio  
Pam Brown announced she put in an application to join the board.
8. Code Enforcement – update  
No updates were given.
9. Immokalee Chamber of Commerce – update  
Danny Gonzalez the chamber president said that his main concern is the communication with the commissioners. We all need to work together.
10. SWFWDB – update  
No update was given.
11. Housing – update  
No update was given.
12. Law/Fire Enforcement – update  
Chief Paul Anderson gave the board an update of the Immokalee Fire Department. He also said that the Professional Fire Fighters of Immokalee local union is making a public service request for the gaming pact money from the Immokalee Casino and a breakdown of where the money has been spent.

13. IFAS extension

Vanessa Bielema wanted to clarify what her position was Sustainable Food Systems Agent. I was going to work closely with the accelerator when it was set to open in Immokalee. My job position has changed since the accelerator was put on hold. If the project comes back I will be assisting with it.

P. EZDA Old Business.

None.

Q. Citizen Comments:

No Comments.

R. Next Meeting Date: CRA & EZDA Meeting will meet on January 20, 2016 at 8:30 AM and the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU will meet on January 20, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. at the Lake Trafford Marina.

S. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM