

**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Joint Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee, and the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee on April 20, 2016.

Immokalee Library

417 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Immokalee, FL

(239) 657-2882

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Nappo, CRA Chair and Cherryle Thomas MSTU Chair at 8:30 AM.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Mike Facundo, Estil Null, Ski Olesky, Andrea Halman, and Frank Nappo.

Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Joseph Mucha, Cindy Lozano, Martha Williams, Jim Wall, and Julio Estremera.

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Present:

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

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Norma Garcia.

Others Present: Bessie Reyna, David Wheeler, Derell Burr, David Jones, Michelle Arnold, Mariela Romero, Everett Loukonen, Randy Cash, Richard Tindell, Patti Calderon, Silvia Puente, Vanessa Bielema, Danny Gonzalez, Steven Lopez, Juan Serna Herrera, Armando Yzaguirre, Paul Anderson, Pam Brown, Jack Johnson, Trinity Scott, Jonas Marvelous, Amanda Townsend, Michele, Mosca, Lorraine Lantz, Fred N. Thomas, Corine Williams, Maria Garcia Pizarro, Mike Sheffield, Omar Deleon, Beth Brainard, and Joann Ramey.

Staff: Christie Betancourt and James Sainvilus.

C. Introductions. Chairman Frank Nappo introduced himself and welcomed all to the meeting. All other board members present and members of the public introduced themselves.

D. Announcements.

1. Meetings and Public Comment speaker slips

CRA staff reiterated the public 3 minute speaker slip policy. The board will give more time if they feel it necessary.

2. Communications and Customer Services Division- Mike Sheffield and Maria Garcia Pizarro.

Mr. Sheffield and Ms. Garcia Pizarro introduced themselves and provided the board and public with an overview of what they do for the county. They also provided board and public with their contact information.

CRA Chair Dr. Frank Nappo would like to see if it's possible to have access to public meetings housed at Horseshoe Drive and at the Main Campus. We would want to be able to interact in the meeting as it is going on maybe by phone hook up, web or by facebook. Mr. Sheffield said that they would look into the possibility of having the set up. Pam Brown, Jonas Marvelous, Fred Thomas also provided comments to Mr. Sheffield.

3. Immokalee Branch Library – Amanda Townsend  
Amanda Townsend from Collier County Public Services Division discussed with the board the concerns regarding the Immokalee Branch Library Saturday hours and the literacy program.  
Dr. Frank Nappo provided board and public with a brief history of the communities concerns. He said that the board would like to have a meeting with library staff to include the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Immokalee Civic Association, the Immokalee CRA, and the Immokalee MSTU to talk about what kind of programs we would like to see and what months are better than others. It doesn't have to be a 12 month operation what we would like to do is discuss what the community wants and needs are.  
Ms. Townsend would like to offer three ideas 1.) Our new library director has new and exciting ideas and is very much interested in seeing libraries being reenvisioned. 2.) As an in-between solution we can start to have these dialogs and the community center is also opened on Saturdays. 3.) In the fall the library system will be doing comprehensive community assessments and going out and doing focus groups all over the county.  
Mr. Fred Thomas reiterated how important it is to have the library opened on the weekends. He suggested that if it's a budget issue we should try to use volunteers to staff the weekend hours.  
MSTU Chair Cherryle Thomas also commented on the importance of literacy programs for children of all ages.  
Mr. Null and Patti Calderon also provided comments to Ms. Townsend.
4. Immokalee Code Enforcement staff  
Code Enforcement staff introduced themselves and gave board brief updates on their coverage areas and community involvement. Steven Lopez and Juan Serna Herrera provided their contact information and the main number (239-252-2440) for complaints.  
MSTU Chair Ms. Cherryle Thomas would like to go on the record requesting assistant for a citizen in Immokalee whose property has been used as a dumping site for tires. They have about 50 tires that need to be removed. Code staff said they would look into helping the property owner.  
Mr. Marvin Courtright wanted to know if code enforcement had any responsibility or authority at the Immokalee Airport. Mr. Courtright has security concerns for the Immokalee Airport. Code staff said they don't have any security responsibility for the airport maybe the sheriff's department does.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Staff presented agenda to the board for approval. Agenda was approved as presented.

**Action:** *No action was taken by the CRA due to a lack of quorum.*

**Action:** *Mr. Lucy Ortiz made a motion for the MSTU to adopt the Agenda. Mr. Bill Deyo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 4-0.*

F. Communications.

1. Public Meeting Notice
2. Community Events
3. Articles

CRA staff reviewed the communications folder with the boards. Staff passed around the folder for all public to review.

G. Approval of Minutes.

1. Approval of Minutes for the Joint March 16, 2016 CRA & MSTU Advisory Committee Meeting. (Enclosure 1)

**Action:** *CRA March 16, 2016 minutes were tabled due to no quorum present.*

**Action:** *Ms. Lucy Ortiz made a motion to approve the minutes for the Joint March 16, 2016 CRA/EZDA & MSTU Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrea Halman and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. 4-0.*

H. BCC Agenda Items approved March 2016

1. 2015 Annual Report  
Staff reported that the 2015 Annual Report was approved by the board in March.
2. Collier County Community and Human Services Division FY 2016-2017 grant application  
Staff also reported that the two CDBG grants that staff requested after the fact permission to apply for were also approved.

I. BCC Agenda Item for April 2016

1. Lozano's Restaurant – Commercial Façade Grant (Enclosure 2)  
Staff provided board with a copy of Enclosure 2 which is an executive summary requesting that the CRA approve the application and recipient agreement for the Immokalee CRA Commercial Façade Improvements Grant Program for reimbursement of \$20,000 for façade improvements to Lozano's Restaurant located at 405 New Market Road. This item will go before the board on April 26, 2016. Staff informed the board that the complete package was in the communications folder. Staff also showed all present a color rendering of the before and after of what Lozano's will look like.  
Danny Gonzalez from the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce and employee of Lozano's Restaurant has concerns about how New Market Road looks. He said that a lot of cars are being sold from private properties. He also said that one particular property owner is using his property as a used car lot. Mr. Gonzalez said that he also called Family Dollar corporate office on the landscaping on New Market road. The property needs to be maintained. He also has concerns on New Market Road business that have pallets that are a fire hazard.  
Code Enforcement said they just received the case on the cars being sold on New Market road yesterday and they have scheduled a site visit.

J. Red Flag Items.

K. MSTU New Business

1. FDOT Presentation – David Jones – Immokalee Main Street Improvement Project (Enclosure 3)  
FDOT staff introduced themselves.  
James Sainvilus gave a brief history on the Main Street Improvement Project and the Pedestrian Safety Study.  
Staff provided board with Enclosure 3 which was the powerpoint presentation provided by Florida Department of Transportation. FDOT staff said that the design for this project will begin this year. Construction will start in the beginning of FY 2019. FDOT staff conducted a brief presentation to the board.



### Scope of Project

- Traffic signals at N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and N 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- New highway lighting through the corridor
- New crosswalk at N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Pedestrian channelization in the median
- ADA, signing, and pavement marking upgrades

### N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Existing Midblock

- 1,390 crossings over eight hours
  - Intersection ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the High Pedestrian Crash List
- Recommendation: Install a traffic signal

### N 7<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection

- 441 crossings over eight hours
- Students using area to cross SR 29
- High number of bike/ped crashes

Recommendation: Install a traffic signal and remove midblock to the east of the intersection

**N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Intersection**

■ 326 crossings at intersection and 343 crossings midblock between N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Recommendation: Install a midblock crossing with RRFB



Pam Brown had a concern with a light being put at the designated areas. Flashing lights are possibly a good idea. She also said that we need to educate the people here in Immokalee.

Patti Calderon had concerns with the signs currently on Main Street and with the traffic signals being proposed for Main Street. She wanted to know why are we willing to put two more traffic lights on Main Street and can't put one at the intersection of Westclox and SR29.

Dr. Frank Nappo also voiced his concern on the intersection of Westclox and State Road 29.



After much discussion between the board, CRA staff, FDOT staff, and the public board will meet and coordinate with

L. CRA New Business

1. Naples Pathways – Beth Brainard (Time Certain 10:00 AM)

Beth Brainard introduced herself and briefly gave a background on what the Naples Pathways Coalition does. Ms. Brainard said that they are an advocacy group that works for safe bikeable walkable communities. The Naples Pathways Coalition group works throughout Collier County and advocates and educates the people about bike, pedestrian, and motorist safety. She said they have almost 400 members and can reach over 2,000 people who are interested in these issues. Ms. Brainard said that their group is here to help you.

Ms. Brainard held a Q&A session with all present and provided their website information [www.Pathwayscoalition.org](http://www.Pathwayscoalition.org).

Dr Frank Nappo would like to see a board member or a public citizen from Immokalee join and attend the Naples Pathways Coalition. He also said that on May 4, 2016 at noon he would be touring Ms. Brainard the areas of concern for Immokalee.

Ms. Brainard said that she would like to invite all to a Pathways Coalition meeting being held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM at South Street Café in Naples. The purpose of the meeting is to identify the problems for Bike Ped safety in Collier County.

2. Immokalee Accelerator – Dr. Goodman

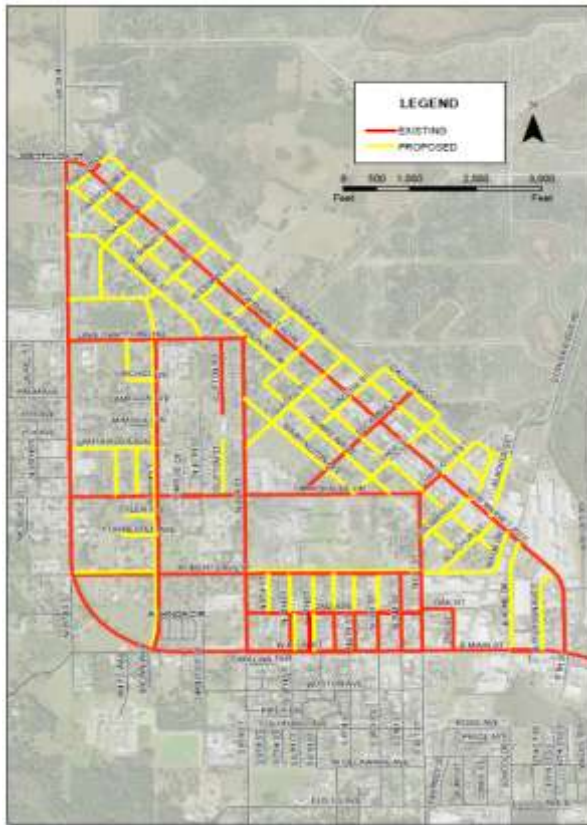
Dr. Goodman was not present.

3. Transportation Planning TIGER FY2016 Grant – Growing Connections to Create Mobility Opportunities in Immokalee (Enclosure 4)

CRA Chair Frank Nappo asked Trinity Scott to discuss Lake Trafford Road before she began her presentation of the TIGER Grant. She said Lake Trafford Road and the bollard situation there is a big difficult problem to fix. What our department has been talking about is that their needs to be an interim solution and a long term solution to address the safety concerns. Our long term solution is we need to get a pond site and pipe in drainage ditches so we can put proper shoulders and sidewalks on that roadway and that's money and also getting through the permitting issues. Our operations folks have come out and they have come up with an option that would be to remove temporary curbing with the bollards and to put in a 9 inch concrete curb in addition they would look at trying to pave an addition two feet on the north side of Lake Trafford Road. She said that she is currently working with the school to see if this is something they are okay with.

Ms. Scott also briefly discussed the New Market road sidewalk project and the possibility of a vacancy of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC). She said it would be good if we had someone from Immokalee on the board.

Staff provided board with Enclosure 4 which is an overview of the TIGER Grant. This project is designed to grow the existing pedestrian network by providing new facilities to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians where none currently exist. By expanding the small network of pedestrian and bicycle routes it will more than double the number of current facilities in the area and provide enhanced options for transportation to education, jobs, and other essential services for residents of Immokalee.



**Project Location**

- o The Growing Connections to Create Mobility Opportunities in Immokalee will add sidewalks, pedestrian and transit features, enhancements and facilities to many roads in this area of Immokalee including:
  - o Madison Ave. W
  - o Jefferson Ave.
  - o Adams Ave.
  - o Washington Ave.
  - o Roberts Ave.
  - o Jerome Dr.
  - o S 9<sup>th</sup> St.
  - o Stockade Rd.
  - o Alachua St.
  - o Broward St.
  - o Charlotte St.
  - o Dade St.
  - o Flagler St.
  - o Glades St.
  - o Hendry St.

i. Letter of Support (Enclosure 5)

Staff provided board with Enclosure 5 which are draft letters of support to be included in the TIGER grant. Both the CRA and MSTU chair signed the letters.

\*\*\*Due to time constraints Michelle Arnold, Director of Transit and Neighborhood was moved up on the agenda she was going to speak under citizen's comments.

Ms. Arnold introduced herself and she also introduced her Senior Planner Omar Deleon. Mr. Deleon discussed some of the efforts that they are working on with public transit. He said that they want to improve the look of the bus stops. We want to make it clear and helpful to the community.

An initiative we are trying to do with CAT in Immokalee is we want to find ways to better connect with the community. We would like to set up a meeting to look at a map of Immokalee to see what areas of this community need to be serviced.

M. MSTU Old Business

1. Contractors Report

i. Maintenance Reports – A& M

Armando Yzaguirre with A&M Property Maintenance provided board with a presentation of lawn maintenance for the beautification area. Mr. Yzaguirre said if you want to do anything with Main Street while you are waiting for the Main Street Improvement Project you will need to get the irrigation fixed and that will cost you about \$8,000.

\*\*\*Due to time all items were tabled to the next meeting.

2. MSTU Project Manager

3. Adopt – A – Road Program – update  
MSTU

N. CRA Old Business

1. CRA Annual Workshop – April 5, 2016 – update

2. Land Development Coe Amendments

i. Email from Richard Henderlong – LDC Amendment – 5.05.08 Architectural & Site Design Standards – CCPC hearing (Enclosure 6)

ii. Section 5.05.08 – Architectural and Site Design Standards (Enclosure 7)

iii. Cross Reference to Section 5.05.08 (Enclosure 8)

3. CRA & MSTU Operational Plan Workshop dates

4. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan – update

5. Priority List for County Manager Leo Ochs (Enclosure 9)

i. CAC March 28, 2016 Meeting – update

ii. MPO April 8, 2016 Meeting – update

6. Immokalee Pioneer Museum – update

7. Advisory Board Members

i. Orientation

ii. Advisory Board vacancies – update

iii. Orientation



8. CRA staff vacancy – update
  9. CRA Project Manager Report
    - i. Commercial Façade Grant Applicants –update
    - ii. Sweat Equity Grant Applications
  10. Code Enforcement – update  
Mr. Steven Lopez gave report under announcements.
  11. Other Agencies
    - i. Immokalee Chamber of Commerce – update  
Mr. Danny Gonzalez announced that the Harvest Festival Event and the 5K run that will be held on April 23, 2016.
    - ii. SWFWDB – update
    - iii. Housing – update
    - iv. Law/Fire Enforcement
    - v. IFAS Extension
- O. Citizen Comments:  
Pam Brown wanted to inform the board and the public meeting held last Monday regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan for Collier County. She would like for the residents of Immokalee to comment. She also said that our master plan is fourth in line to be reviewed.
- P. Next Meeting Date: CRA & the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU will meet on May 18, 2016 at 8:30 AM at the Immokalee Library
- Q. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM