MINUTES
Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee on March 15, 2017.
Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch
1215 Roberts Avenue, Immokalee, FL 34142

A. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Frank Nappo, CRA Chair at 8:39 a.m.

B. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
Dr. Frank Nappo led the Pledge of Allegiance and Joshua Rincon with Bethel Assembly of God, opened up the meeting with a prayer.

C. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.
CRA Advisory Committee Members Present:
Ski Olesky, Estil Null, Andrea Halman, Paul Anderson, Dr. Frank Nappo, Cindy Lozano, Mike Facundo, and Yvar Pierre.
CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:
All present
Others Present:
Kristi Bartlett, Danny Gonzalez, Michele Mosca, Lincoln Price, Silvia Puente, Joseph Mucha, Patti Calderon, Anne Goodnight, Robert L. Raines, Josh Rincon, Loura Lozano, Sandra Lozano, Anita Jenkins, Justin Lobb, Juan Aviles and Commissioner Bill McDaniel.
Staff: Christie Betancourt, James Sainvilus and Terry Rosalez.

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

E. Approval of Agenda.
Christie Betancourt presented agenda to the board for approval. Agenda was approved with no changes.

Action: Estil Null made a motion for the CRA to approve the Agenda with no modifications. Ski Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote 8-0.

F. Approval of Minutes.
1. February 15, 2017 CRA Advisory Committee Meeting (Enclosure 1)
   Christie Betancourt presented minutes to the board for approval. Minutes were approved with no changes.

Action: Estil Null made a motion for the CRA to approve the minutes for February 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Frank Nappo and it was approved by unanimous vote 8-0.

G. Announcements.
1. Communications Folder
   Staff reviewed the communications folder with the board and members of the public. Folder contains the public notice, CRA Annual Report, Lipman 5k Run, Celebrate Immokalee Flyer, Immokalee Culinary Accelerator Groundbreaking, and the Lighthouse of Collier, Inc. Center for Blindness & Vision Loss.
2. Meetings and Public Comment speaker slips
   Staff reiterated the public 3 minute speaker slip policy. The board will give more
time if deemed necessary.

3. CRA Annual Workshop – April 4, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. @ BCC Chambers
   CRA staff invited all the board members and members of the public to attend the
   annual workshop.

4. CRA Executive Director
   Staff announced that Michelle Arnold will no longer be the Director for the CRA.
   An Executive Director will be hired to oversee both the Immokalee CRA and the
   Bayshore Gateway Triangle CRA and possibly a third newly created CRA.
   County staff is currently in the process of taking in applications for the positions.
   CRA Staff will let the board know when the transition occurs.

H. CRA New Business.
   1. Advisory Board Applicants
      i. Robert L. Raines (Enclosure 2)
         The board will hold on to Mr. Raines’ application and once a position
         becomes available he will be appointed as a CRA Advisory Board
         member.
      ii. Patricia Anne Goodnight (Enclosure 3)
         Action: Dr. Frank Nappo made a motion for the CRA to appoint Patricia Anne
         Goodnight as a member to the CRA Advisory Board. The motion was seconded
         by Ski Olesky and it was approved by unanimous vote 8-0.

   2. CRA Lease
      CRA staff will present lease options and updates at the next CRA meeting in
      April.

   3. Commercial Façade Grant
      i. Lozano Restaurant (Enclosure 4)
         Lozano’s Restaurant has completed their façade project and have
         obtained certificate of occupancy. Request for $20,000 grant
         reimbursement will be submitted by CRA staff.
         The Lozano family thanked the board and staff for all their help.
      ii. The Royal Companies
         A representative from the Royal Companies will be presenting at the
         April meeting. They are requesting a Commercial Facade Grant for the
         Winn-Dixie Plaza.
      iii. Policies and Procedures (Enclosure 5)
         Christie presented the Commercial Façade Grant policies and explained
         that this is what is in place and available at this time.
         CRA staff will meet with Commissioner McDaniel for any suggestions
         to improve the façade grant program. She requested that board review
         the program packet and provide staff with input so staff can make
         changes and take revised program to the BCC.

   4. Legislative items (Enclosure 6)
      i. HB 13 - Community Redevelopment Agencies (Enclosure7)
      ii. SB 1770 Community Redevelopment Agencies
CRA staff has been advised by Tim Durham and Brandon Reed to be aware of what’s going on with the bill.

**Action:**  
*Dr. Frank Nappo made a motion for the CRA to request that Commissioner Bill McDaniel address the Collier County CRA’s concerns for House Bill 13 and Senate Bill 1770. The motion was seconded by Ski Olesky and it was approved by unanimous vote 8-0.*

5. Florida Heartland Economic Region of Opportunity (Enclosure 8)  
FHERO is doing a write-up and a short film of what Immokalee has to offer and we want to provide information on the economic development. Justin Lobb will provide information about what is going on at the Immokalee Regional Airport for Christie to submit. Ski Olesky will provide a brochure for the Lake Trafford Marina/Airboat Tours. If you have links for your business it would be a great help if you can provide them to us. Any other suggestions are welcomed.

I. CRA Old Business

1. CRA Annual Report Financials (Enclosure 9)  
Christie presented the final draft of the financials for the 2016 Annual Report. Annual Report hasn’t been finalized minor changes will be made. Final draft will be sent by email to all board members.

2. Immokalee Area Master Plan  
Anita Jenkins said two planning positions were approved to help keep them on track. She would like for board and staff to start looking through the Master Plan that was given a couple months ago to have written recommendations on changes to policies and goals. Suggestions have started coming in already. Lincoln Price has provided a draft one pager and would like to add those changes as well.

She said that staff would like for board to have the draft IAMP plan reviewed and provide comments by September 2017 when we start reviewing. We want to have changes when they come to present to the community. Anita said that Kris Van Lengen and she will be the leads on the project and the planners that were hired will be in the background making changes to the plan. We are going to use the Master Plan that your community came up with and recommended previously.

3. Immokalee Stormwater – update  
Michelle Mosca reported that staff is on track to complete the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan by the end of this year. She provided an update on the negotiations with the Colliers over property for retention ponds. She also said they are applying for a block grant to get the funding to purchase it; they are willing to wait to see if they are awarded the funding. There has also been interest on a property that is located on State Road 29 for a pond as well. We are still actively looking at property in the Lake Trafford area for a pond and hopefully ease flooding issues.

4. MSTU Project Manager Report (Enclosure 10)  
James reported that the:
- Seasonal banners.  
  They have been removed and replaced with the other banners.
- Holiday Decorations  
  The MSTU board is looking into purchasing more holiday decorations and banners.
• Christmas Tree
  The MSTU board is looking to increase the Christmas tree by 3 or 4 feet this upcoming year.
• Immokalee Sidewalk Improvements status.
  o On 3/27 a revision was done on the schedule for design by ABB Inc.
  o On 2/15 the project was cleared by environmental for the commitment of Housing & Urban Development/Community Block Grant (CDBG) program funds.
• Lighting report
  James gave a status report for on all the knock down poles.
• Trash Cans
  CRA/MSTU staff will meet with Progressive before meeting with the MSTU board.
• Landscape Architect
  On March 7th Q. Grady Minor performed on-site observations of the MSTU areas with A & M and MSTU project manager.
• Landscape Maintenance- (Monitoring irrigation system)
  HydroPoint is scheduled to do a presentation to the MSTU board on March 29, 2017. Motorola will be scheduled for a presentation next month. Hunter could be a third option.
• 2017 MSTU Operational Workshop
  James went over the rankings and what the priorities outcomes were.
• FDOT Main Street Improvements Project
  FDOT is working on Design. Irrigation is not included in plans.

5. Budget (Enclosure11a, 11b, & 11c)
  Christie presented the budget for funds 186, 162 and 111 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

6. Code Enforcement
  Joe Mucha provided board with an overview of the ongoing community efforts. He said the issues with the flea markets, pallets, and the dumpsters have been resolved or are being worked on. The lighting issues at Winn Dixie and Lake Trafford Drive Thru has been addressed. LCEC is working with Lake Trafford Drive –thru about their issue. Christie will look into a community clean up for commercial businesses. She will see if it can be coordinated with the CRA, MSTU, Sheriff’s Office, Chamber of Commerce, and Code Enforcement. It will be brought up at the next CRA meeting.

7. Office of Business & Economic Development
  Lincoln Price gave a brief overview on the OBED efforts. He said that a French government mission is interested in Agri-Business (Prickly Pears). Another mission from France will be here the end of April and their interests and focus will be on information technology and manufacturing. Lincoln would like to invite the CRA/MSTU to be a part of the Reverse Trade Show Fair April 28 - 2017.
He also mentioned that Kristi Bartlett is the person in charge of the Fast Track permitting process for businesses and Karla Llanos works with the Zoning department and is available to assist with any issues in Immokalee. He said that OBED will be applying for a planning grant for the campus from USDA and the plan is to have a facility that is 150,000 square feet.

8. Other Agencies

Collier County Airport
Justin Lobb gave an overview the Immokalee Regional Airport. He said that there has been a recent restructuring of fuel pricing which will allow them to be more competitive. AWAS the weather observation station is now active on the website; local news outlets use the information to monitor the weather. They are in the process of restructuring staff at the airport to two part-time positions. This will help with extending the hours during the day and on weekends. The Master Plan is under way, taking a little longer than they thought. Get input from the community members to see what else they would like to see at the airport. The data will be compiled by their consultants and used for the Master Plan. At 60% Justin will have them come and do a presentation at the CRA meeting. They are about 60% design for the Bravo taxi-way, construction is set to start in the fall.

Naples Chamber – Economic Development
Kristi Bartlett would like assistance with connecting with business contacts in Immokalee.

Dr. Nappo asked if Lozano’s could host a meet and greet to help Kristi with getting contacts.

Danny Gonzalez said yes that would be available through the Chamber. He’s already been in contact with Kristi about some business contacts. He would like to announce the Immokalee Chamber events, Celebrate Immokalee March 24 - March 25 at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum (Roberts Ranch).

Estil Null said the Chamber needs volunteers for the Celebrate Immokalee event. In regards to the meet and greet if it could be a luncheon instead of a breakfast because businesses are usually busy in the mornings.

Immokalee Library
Silvia Puente said that the surveys have been completed and as soon as she gets the results she will share at the meeting.

Board of County Commissioner
Commissioner McDaniel has been selected to be on the board of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (transportation committee) and also joined the Promise Zone Steering Committee as well. A collaborate effort with Immokalee, Labelle, Moore Haven, and Clewiston to get Wi-Fi. He also said that the project for State Road 82 and State Road 29 has been moved up to 2018-2019.
Immokalee Fire Department
Chief Paul Anderson would like to announce a Rodeo for the Explorer Youth Program in Davie, FL on November 3-4. He would like to see if that is something that can be done in Immokalee in the near future.

J. Citizens Comments.
An open discussion was held on the Immokalee Area Master Plan (restudy plan), the New Market Road Sidewalk Project, and Code Enforcement staff shifting locations.

Ms. Andrea Halman complained to Joe Mucha on the landscape conditions of the Immokalee Post office and Trafford Isles property.

Dr. Frank Nappo would like to have the next meeting at the Museum again.

K. Next Meeting Date. Next CRA Meeting April 19, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m. Careersource Southwest FL, 750 South 5th Street at, Immokalee, FL 34142.

L. Adjournment Meeting Adjourned @ 11:04