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Joint meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee and the
Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee Board, September 27,
2017.
Immokalee Community Park
417 North 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142
239-252-4449

A. Call to Order.
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Frank Nappo, CRA Chair and Cherryle Thomas,
MSTU Chair at 8:45 A.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Commissioner McDaniel’s led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

C. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.
CRA Advisory Committee Members Present:
Ski Olesky, Mike Facundo, Dr. Frank Nappo, Yvar Pierre, Anne Goodnight, Linda
Oberhaus, and Andrea Halman (via phone).
CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:
Estil Null and Robert Raines
MSTU Advisory Committee Members Present:
William Deyo, Norma Garcia, Cherryle Thomas and Andrea Halman (via phone)
MSTU Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:
All present.
Others Present:
Leonor Montelongo, Reva Saud, Danny Gonzalez, Gloria Padilla, Anita Jenkins, Jessica
Crane, Michele Mosca, Joseph Brister, Barbara Fussell, Roger Fussell, Patricia Fussell,
Ralph Strader, Michelle Kennedy, Sheryl Soukup, Armando Yzaguirre, Dan Novakovich,
Suzanne Fundingsland, Tom McCarthy, Silvia Puente, Dottie Cook, Nora Aviles, Lincoln
Price, Lauren Banica, Maria Perez, Jolen Mayberry, Enrique Padron, Jenefeness Clark,
Norma Rodriguez, Chris Ambach, and Commissioner Bill McDaniel.
Staff: Debrah Forester, Christie Betancourt, and James Sainvilus.

D. Introductions and Citizens Comments.
CRA Chairman Dr. Frank Nappo introduced himself and welcomed all to the meeting.
MSTU Chair Cherryle Thomas introduce herself and also 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 one change to move Citizens comments under announcements.
Action: Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion for the CRA to approve the Agenda with one
change to move Citizens Comments under F.3. Frank Nappo seconded the motion and it
passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.

Action: Ms. Norma Garcia made a motion for the MSTU to approve the Agenda with
one change to move Citizens Comments under F.3. Mr. Bill Deyo seconded the motion and it
passed by unanimous vote. 4-0.
F. **Announcements.**

1. **Communications Folder**

   Has the public notice for this meeting, CRA/MSTU 2017 Calendar and Small Business Emergency Loan Program flyer. Staff reviewed the communications folder with the board and members of the public.

2. **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.

3. **Citizens Comments**

   Ralph Strader voiced his concern regarding flooding at his resident and the First United Methodist Church located at 303 North 9th Street.

   Barbara Fussell voiced her concern regarding flooding at her resident located at 3203 Westclox Street.

   Joesph Brister voiced his concerns regarding flooding on 3rd Street. He also said that the Immokalee Fire Department has a list of street that flooded during the hurricane.

   Commissioner McDaniel discussed community concerns.

   Michele Mosca also addressed citizens’ concerns and provided boards and members of the public an update of stormwater efforts in Immokalee.

   Patricia Fussell voiced her concern regarding flooding at the same area of Westclox Street.

   Dr. Frank Nappo and Michele Mosca suggested pictures of areas of concern for future grant funded projects.

   Roger Fussell voiced his concern regarding flooding at the same resident on Westclox Street.

   Danny Gonzalez would like debris to be picked up on priority areas such as New Market Road and West Jefferson Street. He also gave an update on LCEC and FEMA.

   Christie Betancourt said that staff has identified priority areas and we will add Roberts Avenue near Boys & Girls Club to the list.

G. **CRA New Business.**

1. **Approval of Minutes** will be done at the next CRA & MSTU Meetings.

2. **Hurricane Irma Debrief (Enclosure 1)**

   Staff provided board a brief pre and post Irma staff involvement.

3. **Collier County Transportation Planning TIGER FY2017 Grant – Immokalee Complete Streets (Enclosure 2a)**

   Staff provided board white paper of TIGER grant for board to review.
4. Letter of Support (Enclosure 2b & 2c)
   Staff provided board with draft letters of support for board to review. Board
   would like for staff to add Hurricane Irma areas of concern within the Project
   Area Map. By consensus the MSTU & CRA boards agreed to send a letter of support for the
   TIGER grant application.

5. Residential Options of FL (ROOF) Presentation - Sheryl Soukup (Enclosure 3)
   Dr. Frank Nappo would like to recuse himself from this Agenda item because he
   is a member of this board.
   Staff provided board a copy of the ROOF program for review.
   Ms. Sheryl Soukup presented board and members of the public a brief
   background of Residential Options of Florida (ROOF). She provided all present a
   brochure with program details.
   ROOF is requesting assistance from the Immokalee CRA for the Independence
   Place project. The benefits to the CRA of assisting with this new affordable
   housing project and the associated support services for adults with developmental
   disabilities are as follows:
   • Help meet the housing and public infrastructure needs and goals addressed in
     the Immokalee Area Master Plan and the Immokalee Component of the
     Community Redevelopment Plan by creating the first supported living home in
     Immokalee. ROOF is collaborating with Immokalee Housing & Family Services
     (IHFS) to develop Immokalee’s first home specially designed for supported living
     for individuals with developmental disabilities.
   • Specifically, the project will help the CRA address Goal #3: To Provide a
     Diversity of Safe and Sanitary Housing for All Residents of the Immokalee Urban
     Area (Adopted IAMP Reference Goal #2: Create an environment within which all
     working, disabled and retired residents, and their immediate families, will have a
     reasonable opportunity to procure safe, sanitary, and affordable housing
     consistent with the desired character of the area as identified in the Immokalee
     Area Master Plan) by providing housing opportunities for Extremely Low-Income
     (ELI) adults with disabilities, even those who rely solely on Supplemental
     Security Income (SSI) for a monthly income of $735 per month.

   Request: The total estimated cost for Independence Place is approximately
   $310,000. Funding from ROOF, IHFS and Florida Housing Finance Corporation
   will fund $279,750 leaving a funding gap, of $30,000 to be used to conduct due
diligence on the site. This would include costs for all associated fees for appraisal,
legal, architectural and/or engineering services, capital needs assessment, wood-
destroying organisms report, HVAC/Blower door test, accessibility assessment,
boundary survey and related development costs. The development budget for the
project is attached. ROOF is requesting that the CRA consider allocation $30,000
to the development of Independence Place.
After discussion board would like for this item to be brought back before the board at the next month for discussion.

H. MSTU Old Business.
   1. Budget FY2017
      i. Funds 162 & 111 (Enclosure 4a & 4b)
         Staff reviewed budget with the board.
   2. MSTU Project Manager Report (Enclosure 5)
      Staff provided board with Hurricane Irma initial damage assessment form for review. At this time, we have allocated $100,000 for Immokalee.
      Cleanup efforts for Collier County are estimated to take between 4 to 6 months. Residents are encouraged to use the transfer site in Immokalee to dispose of debris at no charge.
      Armando Yzaguirre provided board an update on Irma cleanup efforts.

I. CRA Old Business.
   3. Lease – update
      Staff informed board that staff has been displaced from the CRA office since September 10, 2017. Staff is currently operating at various county location in Immokalee. Staff will be using office space on the other side of the building where no renovations are being done. Staff will take a temporary lease to the board for the period of November 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 with a reduced rate of $600 per month. After renovations are complete board will bring back new lease for period of April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019.
      Action: Mr. Frank Nappo made a motion for the CRA to move forward with temporary lease for the period of November 1, 2017 – March 21, 2018 with a reduced rate of $600 per month. Anne Goodnight seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.

   4. 2017 FRA Conference – update
      Staff wanted to make sure board still wanted to move forward with staff and two board members attending conference.
      By consensus board agreed to have staff and board members attend conference.

   3. Ygrene Energy – update
      No update was given.

   4. Immokalee Area Master Plan – Update
      Ms. Anita Jenkins with Community Planning with Collier County said she would like to review public comments and feedback of draft plan that CRA staff was compiling. CRA staff will coordinate with Community Planning staff to discuss upcoming public meetings and review of the draft plan.

   5. Immokalee Stormwater – Update
      Michele said if you have pictures of areas of stormwater concerns in Immokalee please send to her.

   6. Budget FY17
      i. Fund 186 (Enclosure 6)
         Staff reviewed CRA budget with board. Staff will provide new FY 2018 budget at the next meeting.

   7. Commercial Façade Grant – update
      No update was given.
8. Promise Zone – updates
   No update was given.
9. FHERO – RAO – updates (Enclosure 7)
   Staff provided board with a copy of the required County Compliance Reporting
   Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) Memorandum of Agreement.
10. Code Enforcement
    Chris Ambach provided board with ongoing community efforts and informed the
    board that he still has tarps at 310 Alachua Street.
11. Office of Business & Economic Development
    No update was given.
12. Other Agencies
    Suzanne Fundingsland with University of Florida Extension office gave an update
    on the status of their office.
J. Citizens Comments.
   No more comments were made.

M. Next Meeting Date
   Next CRA Meeting October 18, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m. at Immokalee
   Library located at 417 North 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142.
   Next MSTU Meeting October 25, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m. at
   Careersource Southwest FL, 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL
   34142.
N. Adjournment
   Meeting Adjourned @ 10:25 a.m.