

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency October 19, 2011

- A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Michael Facundo, Chair, at 8:30 A.M.
- B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.
Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:
Michael Facundo, Floyd Crews, Ana Salazar, Kitchell Snow, Eva Deyo, Edward “Ski” Olesky, Jeffery Randall, Carrie Williams, Daniel Rosario, Drew Lee, and Robert Halman.
Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:
James Wall and Julio Estremera.
- Action: A quorum was announced as being present.*
- Others Present: John Ban, Chris Curry and Pam Brown.
Staff: Penny Phillippi, Brad Muckel, Marie Capita, and Christie Betancourt.
- C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves to the Committee.
- D. Announcements.
Ms. Phillippi announced Immokalee’s re-designation as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern by the Florida Governor.
- E. Adoption of Agenda.
Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to accept the Agenda, Mr. Olesky seconded the motion and the Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- F. Communications.
a. The Communications Folder containing the Public Notices was passed around.
- G. Consent Agenda.
a. Approval of Minutes for the CRA Advisory Board meeting 9/21/11.
b. Commercial Façade Grant Monthly Report.
Action: Mr. Randall made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, the motion was seconded by Mr. Olesky and the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.
- H. Old Business.
a. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan – Ms. Phillippi reviewed the bid process for the construction of Phase I of the Stormwater Plan; (1) non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on 10/19, (2) bid opening on 11/10 and (3) bid award 12/13/2011. DRI Round II funds should be awarded 12/13/2011.
Questions for Brad Muckel: What is going to happen with the dirt dug up for the pond? Will the sheet flow of the water be reviewed by the second round of funds? The Committee reviewed the Flood Plain Map requested by Floyd Crews.
b. IBDC Manager Report – Marie Capita, IBDC Manager, reported on the graduation of six new businesses from the Entrepreneur School and WINK TV coverage; provided an update on the progress of the eleven entrepreneurs enrolled in the incubator program; and attendance at the various IBDC workshops.
c. Immokalee MSTU Activity Update – Penny Phillippi discussed the MSTU agenda item approved by the BCC at the September 27 meeting. The CRA is now able to seek a new project manager for MSTU activities.
d. Code Enforcement Highlights – Kitchell Snow, Code Enforcement Supervisor in Immokalee stated that the Code Enforcement office will hold a clean up during October.
e. LDR Workshop – Update – Ms. Phillippi reviewed the questions, notes and comments from the LDR Workshop one by one. She stated that she had met with RWA, Patrick Vanasse and Mulhere & Associates, Bob Mulhere to discuss each of the questions and proposed changes to the language. She provided Committee

Members with the questions, the current LDR language and the proposed language that are pertinent to each question. She also pointed out the questions that would require further research. After the review and discussion, she told the group she will bring the final proposed language to the meeting on November 2, 2011 for Committee review.

- f. IAMP – Ms. Phillippi confirmed to the Advisory Committee that the IAMP will be heard by the BCC on the 13th of December. She asked that members be present at the meeting.
- g. Transportation Updates – Ms. Phillippi informed the group that the upgrade at the intersection of SR 29 and Lake Trafford Road is scheduled to begin on November 10, 2011 and be completed by April, 2012.
The letter from the Golden Gate Civic Association provided by Floyd Crews and the associated maps referencing the I-75 Interchange were discussed. Generally speaking, Mr. Crews wanted to provide the information to the Committee so all would be aware of the proposed roadway activity.

I. New Business.

- a. Executive Director’s Annual Evaluation – Ms. Phillippi reviewed the accomplishments listed on her self-appraisal and on the 2011 Operational Plan. Each member of the Committee was asked to evaluate Ms. Phillippi on the evaluation sheet provided and return the form to Christie Betancourt by Friday, October 21, 2011.
- b. Advisory Committee Vacancy – Ms. Phillippi advised the group that the vacancy on the Committee is currently being advertised and that if they are aware of anyone interested in serving on the EZDA and the CRA Advisory Committee, please ask them to complete the on line form or get in touch with CRA staff for assistance.
- c. CRA Operational Plan Workshop – At the last meeting, by consensus, the Advisory Committee decided to hold their November monthly meeting on the 2nd of November and at the same time holds the Operational Plan Workshop. It has come to CRA attention that the Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly breakfast at 9:00 am that morning. The committee agreed to start the Operational Workshop/Meeting at 10:00 am on that morning, rather than 8:30 am as originally planned.
- d. CRA Annual Report – Ms. Phillippi informed the group that December 21, is the target date to have the annual report complete and back from the printer.
- e. Immokalee Housing Inventory - The Advisory Committee received a copy of the complete Housing Condition Inventory. Ms. Phillippi provided highlights from the Executive Summary stating that the housing stock is in much better condition than in 2004, less garbage refuge in yards, etc.
- f. & g. Ms. Phillippi reviewed the price quotes received from web site maintenance and for marketing for the Immokalee CRA. She selected Pauli Systems for the Web Site and Steve Hart for the Marketing.
- h. Lost Grove Mine - Mr. John Ban made a presentation about the plans to open a new mine in Collier County. He provided background information, possible threats to the environment, various political pressures to both the development and to stopping development. Pam Brown stated that the item will appear on November 3, 2011 before the CCPC and asked that Committee members be present.

J. Citizen Comments.

K. Next Meeting Date. Regular Meeting November 2, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

L. Adjournment. 10:50 A.M