

MINUTES

Immokalee Local Redevelopment Agency September 21, 2011

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Carrie Williams, Vice Chair 9:00 A.M.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Present:

Floyd Crews, Ana Salazar, Jeffery Randall, Robert Halman, Lt. Drew Lee, Carrie Williams, Edward "Ski" Olesky and Kitchell Snow.

Advisory Committee/EZDA Members Absent/Excused:

Michael Facundo, Eva Deyo, Dan Rosario, James Wall, Julio Estremera, and Melissa Martinez.

Action: A quorum was announced as being present.

Others Present: Steve Hart, Chris Curry and Tom Vergo.

Staff: Penny Phillippi, Brad Muckel, Marie Capita, and Christie Betancourt.

C. Introductions. All present introduced themselves to the Committee.

D. Announcements.

Ms. Phillippi announced two important meeting scheduled for the 23rd of September: the PCA referencing the Immokalee Walkability Study and the EDC Strategic Planning Workshop. Lt. Drew Lee announced that the Sheriff's Department will implement a Pedestrian and Drivers Education Program in October.

E. Adoption of Agenda.

Changes to the Agenda: Remove Item H.g. a duplication of H.c.

Action: Mr. Crews made a motion to accept the Agenda with the change as noted; Mr. Olesky seconded the motion and the Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

F. Communications.

a. The Communications Folder containing the Public Notices and various news articles.

G. Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of Minutes for the august 17, 2011 CRA Advisory Board meeting.

b. Commercial Façade Grant Monthly Report.

Action: Mr. Randall made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with change, the motion was seconded by Mr. Olesky and the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

H. Old Business.

a. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan – Brad Muckel, Project Manager, provided an update on the attempt to ascertain ownership of the right of way (ROW) of all parcels impacted by the project. He stated an Executive Summary has been sent to the County Attorney and that a detailed map is being developed to document that the BCC has been maintaining the ROWs for the past 20 years.

He reviewed the hold up on release of the RFP, expecting to have the bid awarded by October now that Purchasing requirements have been satisfied.

Mr. Muckel then discussed the fact that the CRA was not awarded the \$4 million requested from DEP however, they suggested the project be broken down into smaller units, designed and permitted and they would consider funding those projects. He stated that the new DRI \$2. Million will be forthcoming if not sent to Maine to address the recent floods.

Floyd Crews requested that the CRA obtain a copy of the new FEMA Floodplain maps and bring them to the next meeting.

b. IBDC Manager Report – Marie Capita, IBDC Manager, reported that the new Entrepreneur School started and has eleven new entrepreneurs enrolled; the IBDC has six businesses enrolled and participating in the program; the Section 3 has been

completed and approved by U.S. HUD; and the receipt of 10 donated computers from the Suncoast Credit Union.

- c. Immokalee MSTU Activity Update – Penny Phillippi provided the list of 3 current projects to the committee; she discussed the MSTU agenda item to be heard by the BCC at the September 27 meeting, specifically that the ordinance would need to be changed in order for the County Manager to be able to designate the CRA Director to administer and manage the MSTU.
- d. Code Enforcement Highlights – Kitchell Snow, Code Enforcement Supervisor in Immokalee stated that Phase 1 of a study of the status of existing mobile home parks in Immokalee had been completed. The report references the status of whether or not the mobile home park is “Legal” non-conforming or “illegal” non-conforming, etc. He stated that the Code Enforcement office had removed 167 tons of trash from Immokalee to date. There will be a cleanup in October. He also asked if the CRA could in some way recognize Christie’s Dad who is a stalwart volunteer during all of the clean ups to date in Immokalee.
- e. LDR Workshop – Update – Ms. Phillippi provided a quick synopsis of the LDR Workshop of last Thursday. She stated that she would compile the comments and suggested changes and will provide those to the Advisory Board at the October Meeting.
- f. IAMP – Ms. Phillippi asked if the Advisory Committee wished to take the IAMP to the BCC on the first meeting in December. She informed the Committee that the DCA has extended the period for approval until the end of December. She reminded the Committee that the Advisory Board’s recommendations of the April 20, 2011 meeting, i.e., the removal of Policy 6.1.7, all references to Policy 6.1.7 and several other recommendations from the draft Master Plan was never conveyed to the BCC.

Action: Mr. Crews made a motion to take the Draft IAMP to the BCC the first BCC Meeting in December and to include the recommended changes as proposed by the Advisory Committee on April 20, 2011. Ms. Ana Salazar seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

- g. Item g removed from agenda.
- h. Milagro Place Update – Ms. Phillippi and Mr. Muckel updated the Advisory Committee on the status of the request to assist the Empowerment Alliance with \$9,000 to complete the punch out list at Milagro Place. It has not gone to the BCC, is still with the County Attorney’s Office.

I. New Business.

- a. Collier County MPO Letter – The Committee reviewed the MPO letter that was a result of the letter sent by the MSTU. The request was three fold: 1) when will work begin on the “Loop Road” (response – 2031-2035); 2) recommendation that the New Market Road be used as an interim measure (response – the recommendation will be passed on to FDOT; and 3) a recommendation to reduce Main Street to 2 lanes and reduce the speed limit (no response). The MPO did provide an update on the timing of the three sidewalk projects for Immokalee; and the Walkability Study underway for Immokalee.

Floyd Crews requested that staff invite FDOT to the next meeting to discuss the Heartland Express and the loop road. Also invite environmentalist.

- b. Advisory Committee Absenteeism – Ms. Phillippi states that Ms. Melissa Martinez had missed too many meetings according to the By-Laws and need to be replaced.

Action: Mr. Randall made a motion to declare the position vacant and to recommend to the CRA to promptly fill the position; Mr. Olesky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- c. CRA Operational Plan Workshop – Ms. Phillippi stated that the time has arrived for many of the annual activities of the CRA, i.e., the Operational Plan, the Executive

Director's Evaluation and the Annual Report. 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. The workshop will be from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm at the SW Florida Works and a lunch will be provided. The advisory Committee requested that the Collier Health Services, the MSTU Advisory Committee, the airport Board and Park and Recreation Department.

- d. CRA Annual Report – Ms. Phillippi asked the Advisory Committee if they preferred January or March to present to the BCC. All were content with January, in conjunction with the Bayshore Gateway CRA.

J. Citizen Comments.

K. Next Meeting Date. Regular Meeting October 19, 2011 at 8:30 A.M.

L. Adjournment. 10:30 A.M