

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU Advisory Committees on December 12, 2018.

CareerSource Southwest Florida

750 South 5th Street

Immokalee, FL 34142

239-658-3000

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Frank Nappo, CRA Chair at 8:37A.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Dr. Frank Nappo led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

C. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Christie Betancourt opened roll call. A quorum was announced for the CRA board. A quorum was not present for the MSTU board.

CRA Advisory Committee Members Present:

Estil Null, Frank Nappo, Yvar Pierre, Linda Oberhaus, Patricia “Anne” Goodnight (8:50 a.m.), Edward “Ski” Olesky, Julian Morgan, and Andrea Halman.

CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Michael “Mike” Facundo.

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Present:

Cherryle Thomas and Andrea Halman.

MSTU Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

Norma Garcia and Bernardo Barnhart.

Others Present:

Erin Murphy, Elida Ramirez, Chris Ambach, Silvia Puente, Michelle Tricca, Rose Martinez, Danny Gonzalez, Jorge Perez, Helen Midney, Dottie Cook, Jessica Crane, David Jones, Dennis Carroll, Annie Alvarez, Bill McDaniel, Armando Yzaguirre, Miya Thomas, Victoria Peters, Carrie Williams, Michele Mosca, and Sean Callahan.

Staff: Debrah Forester, Christie Betancourt, Donna Lumbert, Lisa Perez, and Kayla Boney.

D. Introductions.

All public present introduced themselves. All board members introduced themselves to the members of the public.

Collier County Corporate Business Operations – Sean Callahan, Executive Director

Sean Callahan introduced himself as the Executive Director of the Collier County Corporate Business Operations.

Dr. Nappo thanked Mr. Callahan for attending the meeting.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Victoria Peters

Ms. Peters introduced herself and informed all in attendance of the safety gear she brought to protect children and adults who walk at night. The gear included safety vests and reflectors. Ms. Peters also brought a copy of the FDOT Tentative Work Program. The program is scheduled to be adopted July 1, 2019.

E. Approval of Agenda.

Staff presented agenda to the board for approval. Staff noted typo within item G.4. CRA/MSTU Budget & Work Plan Workshop - February 6, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. should read as CRA/MSTU Budget & Work Plan Workshop- February 6, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. A typo was also present in Item I.4.ii.b. Contact-Update, which should read as Contract- Update. Also, item I.1 FDOT update was made time certain at 9:30 a.m.

CRA Action:

Action: *Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to approve the Agenda with changes, item G.4 becoming CRA/MSTU Budget & Work Plan Workshop- February 6, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. and item I.4.ii.b. becoming Contract- Update. Item I.1 becomes time certain at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Linda Oberhaus seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.*

F. Approval of Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes
 - i. Joint CRA & MSTU Board Meeting for November 28, 2018 (Enclosure 1)
2. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 2)
3. Project Manager Report (Enclosure 3)
4. Budget
 - i. Current Budget (Enclosure 4)
5. Community Meetings (Enclosure 5)
6. 2019 CRA/MSTU Calendar (Enclosure 6)

Staff presented board with the November 28, 2018 Joint CRA & MSTU Board Meeting Minutes, CRA Operations Manager Report, CRA Project Manager Report, Budgets, Upcoming Meetings, and 2019 CRA/MSTU Calendar.

Due to lack of a quorum, MSTU could not approve Consent Agenda. The CRA board approved the Consent Agenda.

CRA Action:

Action: *Mr. Estil Null made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Ski Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.*

G. Announcements.

1. Communications Folder

Staff reviewed the communications folder with the board and members of the public. The folder contained the public notice for this meeting and upcoming community event flyers. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tentative Work Plan was added to the folder for review.
2. 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. CRA Staff

Ms. Debrah Forester announced that the Project Manager vacancy position has been filled. The new Project Manager, David Berra, will start January 7, 2019. Mr. Berra will be taking over most construction projects and will be assisting in design review. He will also take part in negotiating a new contract with CRA landscaping consultant as well as completing a new CDBG grant application that will be due in February 2019.

Mr. Danny Gonzalez asked if the new project manager is local. Ms. Forester states that Mr. Berra has worked with Collier County in the Parks Department and is based in Golden Gate Estates.

Ms. Christie Betancourt announced that Kayla Boney had joined the CRA staff as the Administrative Assistant.

4. Upcoming Budget and Action Plan Workshops

Staff announced the dates for upcoming workshops to discuss the budget and the upcoming annual priorities. A date has been set for Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at CareerSource Southwest Florida conference room. The public is invited to attend.

Staff also announced that the CRA Annual Report will be completed at the end of March 2019, followed by the Joint CRA/MSTU Annual Workshop with the Board of County Commissioners. Workshop date is set for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Naples at the Main Campus.

H. New Business.

1. Nominations for Chair and Vice- Chair.

Due to lack of a quorum, MSTU could not nominate the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Nominations for CRA Chair and Vice Chair began. Ms. Andrea Halman made a nomination to appoint Ms. Anne Goodnight as Chair. Ms. Linda Oberhaus seconded the nomination.

Mr. Ski Olesky made a nomination to appoint Dr. Frank Nappo as Chair. Ms. Linda Oberhaus seconded the nomination.

Staff suggested that the board vote for Chair using a ballot vote. The results of the ballot showed five in favor of Dr. Nappo and three in favor of Ms. Goodnight.

CRA Action:

Action: Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to nominate Dr. Frank Nappo as Chair. Ms. Linda Oberhaus seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.

Nominations for CRA Vice-Chair followed. Ms. Andrea Halman made a nomination to appoint Ms. Anne Goodnight as Vice- Chair. Ms. Linda Oberhaus seconded the nomination.

Mr. Ski Olesky made a nomination to appoint Mr. Estil Null as Vice-Chair. Dr. Frank Nappo seconded the nomination.

Ms. Goodnight withdrew her name from nomination for Vice-Chair.

CRA Action:

Action: *Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to nominate Mr. Estil Null as Vice-Chair. Dr. Frank Nappo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

2. The Face of Immokalee- Naples Artist, Michelle Tricca (Enclosure 7)

Ms. Michelle Tricca presented The Face of Immokalee, a proposed outdoor photography installation celebrating the soul of Immokalee. Ms. Tricca pitched this idea at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce meeting on December 5, after which she spoke with Debrah Forester and Christie Betancourt about Zocalo being a potential area to be used for the installation. Ms. Tricca proposes that she scout a small number of individuals to partake in a demonstration to generate community interest. She would then host a community event at Zocalo, where she would take portraits of all who attend and use every individual's photo in a large installation at Zocalo Park.

Dr. Nappo announced that he would like this to be a community project. Staff informed Ms. Tricca that there is a process already in place in Immokalee for mural installation that she would have to follow.

Ms. Tricca announced that in order to proceed with the project, she will need funding to cover costs of materials and installation. She will also need assistance in obtaining permission from building owners regarding use of their walls.

Dr. Nappo requested that a committee be formed to move the project forward including the CRA, Parks and Recreation, Coalition of Farmworkers, Guadalupe Center, Catholic Charities, the Immokalee Branch Library, the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce as well as other community organizations. After the committee is formed, a meeting date, budget, and timeline will be established. The board would like the project to be completed by May 2019.

CRA Action:

Action: *Ms. Linda Oberhaus made a motion to support The Face of Immokalee art installation project. Ms. Andrea Halman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

I. CRA & MSTU Old Business

1. SR29 Main Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement- FDOT updates

Mr. David Jones with FDOT provided updates for the Pedestrian Safety Project. He said in addition to the existing traffic signal on 1st Street and 9th Street you will receive a full traffic signal for vehicles and pedestrians on 3rd Street. An overhead flashing signal for pedestrian crossing will be added between 6th and 7th Street. An overhead flashing signal for pedestrian crossing will be added near 5th Street. Both new overhead flashing signals for pedestrian crossing will be push-to-cross. Dr. Nappo asked how much time is given for pedestrians to cross after pushing the button. Mr. Jones stated that the time to cross is set at an established rate, with additional delay time added. FDOT is working on removing existing flashing lights and replacing them with button-activated overhead flashing signals.

The design for this project is estimated to be completed by February 2019. Construction is estimated to begin in October of 2019.

After staff discussed damaged light poles, Ms. Victoria Peters updated the Boards on Hurricane Irma light pole repair. She said FDOT will start in Collier County in January 2019 beginning in Marco Island. Repairs will then continue through Collier County into Immokalee where 11 poles from 1st Street to 9th are out in Immokalee.

Staff asked David Jones if FDOT can create markings or painted intersections on new crosswalk areas. Mr. Jones stated that FDOT would not cover costs of painted intersections.

Commissioner McDaniel requested that FDOT have their design ready by January 2019.

2. Immokalee Area Master Plan Restudy- Update

Staff requested that the boards attend the Collier County Planning Commission Special Meeting to discuss the Immokalee Area Master Plan. The date for the meeting is Thursday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the CareerSource building located at 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee.

Staff announced that the board approved the Master Plan during the previous Joint CRA/MSTU meeting with additions to Policy 2.1.1: Neighborhood Inventory and Policy 3.3.4: Local Transportation Network Improvements. These additions will be presented at the Collier County Planning Commissioner Special Meeting.

3. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan – Updates

Ms. Michelle Mosca stated she had no new updates for the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan. Ms. Mosca requested that they be included in future planning projects.

4. Contractors Report

i. Q Grady Minor

a. Monuments

Staff provided board a brief update of the survey, design and easement on the monument located at the Farm Workers Village entrance (Panther Crossing) on State Road 29.

ii. A&M Property Maintenance

a. Monthly Report (Enclosure 8)

Staff provided board with October and November maintenance report, November maintenance schedule and services through December.

Mr. Yzaguirre provided board updates on the light pole banners that were broken. 14 banners were broken from Main Street to the Triangle area. Mr. Yzaguirre also stated that he would like a storage unit available for the Christmas decorations, which will be taken down the second week of January. Staff informed Mr. Yzaguirre that the new storage units will be available to store light pole Christmas decorations as well as Zocalo decorations.

b. Contract- Update

Staff informed the board that the contract increase request was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the December 11th BCC meeting.

5. MSTU Advisory Committee

i. Vacancy

Staff informed the board that the MSTU still has a vacancy.

6. Code Enforcement

Mr. Chris Ambach provided the boards with a brief update on the continued improvements Code Enforcement is making in Immokalee. A new fuel pump ordinance has been put into place and Code Enforcement has continued their relationship with the Sheriff's Department.

Board and staff reiterated the great job that code enforcement is doing in Immokalee.

7. Office of Business & Economic Development (OBED)

No one was present from the office of OBED.

8. Other Agencies

Mr. Danny Gonzalez of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce requested that Immokalee receive a portion of Collier County sales tax to develop infrastructure. He also requested that construction on SR 29 be sped up. Mr. Gonzalez thanks Code Enforcement for the great job they are doing in Immokalee.

Commissioner McDaniel thanked Waste Connection for their contribution to the Christmas Gala. He also announced that sales tax funds have already been distributed to other projects.

Ms. Victoria Peters announced that FDOT is moving construction project on SR 29 forward.

Commissioner McDaniel announced that there will be a meeting in February regarding the Airport Master Plan.

Mr. Gonzalez asked the Boards for an update on the TIGER Grant progress. Commissioner McDaniel announced that he would like to provide an update on the TIGER Grant.

Ms. Cherryle Thomas asked FDOT why lights on Jerome Drive were not working. She also asked why Marco Island is first for Irma repairs.

Ms. Peters announced that she will see if the lights on Jerome Drive are on the Irma repair list and will also reach out to the county regarding their condition. In regards to Irma repairs she stated that Marco Island is first due to the severity of damages sustained from the hurricane.

Annie Alvarez of Collier County Parks and Recreation thanked everyone for their assistance with the Christmas parade and gala.

Ms. Cherryle Thomas announced the winners of the Christmas Around the World Parade. The Shelter for Abused Women won Best All Around, the Boys and Girls Club won First Place, Pace Center for Girls won Second Place and Spin City DJ won Third Place.

Staff announced that the CRA will be providing lunch and will be presenting at the Interagency meeting at 11:30 A.M. and invited all board and public to attend to see the highlights the CRA and MSTU have accomplished in 2018.

Staff announced Ms. Linda Oberhaus was the winner of the “What do you know about your CRA?” questionnaire challenge.

J. Citizens Comments.

No additional comments were provided.

K. Next Meeting Date.

CRA will meet on January 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at CareerSource.

MSTU will meet on January 23, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at CareerSource.

L. Adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:22 A.M.



Certification of Minutes Approval Form

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christie Betancourt".

Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Nappo".

Frank Nappo, Chair

The Minutes for the December 12, 2018 CRA Advisory Board Meeting was approved by the CRA Advisory Board on January 16, 2019 as presented.

* The next CRA Advisory Board meeting will be held on February 20, 2019 at 9:00A.M. at the CareerSource SWFL Conference Room located at 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL. Meeting location subject to change.

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