

MINUTES

Meeting of the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee on January 16, 2019.
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 9:05 A.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Dr. Frank Nappo led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

C. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum.

Christie Betancourt opened roll call. A quorum was announced for the CRA board.

CRA Advisory Committee Members Present:

Estil Null, Frank Nappo, Yvar Pierre, Linda Oberhaus, Patricia “Anne” Goodnight, Edward “Ski” Olesky, Julian Morgan, Andrea Halman, and Michael “Mike” Facundo (9:16 A.M.).

CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

All present.

Others Present:

Kelly Wilson, Mark Lemke, Andrew Bennett, Justin Lobb, Alexi Cardona, Victoria Peters, Silvia Puente, Michelle Mosca, Lincoln Price, Anita Jenkins, Steven Lopez, William “Bill” McDaniel.

Staff: Debrah Forester, Christie Betancourt, David Berra, and Kayla Boney.

D. Introductions.

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

Dr. Nappo welcomed Naples Daily News reporter Alexi Cardona.

E. Approval of Agenda.

Staff presented agenda to the board for approval. Staff announced that item F.2. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 2) would be removed from Consent Agenda and added under CRA New Business as item H.1 with two action items.

CRA Action:

Action: Ms. Linda Oberhaus made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, item F.2. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 2) is now item H.1. Operations Manager Report. Mr. Ski Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.

F. Approval of Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes
 - i. Joint CRA & MSTU Board Meeting for December 12, 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)

Staff presented the board with the December 12, 2018 Joint CRA & MSTU Board Meeting Minutes, CRA Project Manager Report, Budgets, Upcoming Meetings, and 2019 CRA/MSTU Calendar. The CRA board approved the Consent Agenda as amended.

CRA Action:

Action: Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Estil Null seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.

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 folder included a press release regarding the approval of two grants for the Immokalee Regional Airport.

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. Christie Betancourt welcomed the CRA's new Project Manager, David Berra. Mr. Berra introduced himself as a landscape architect who previously worked with Collier County Parks and Recreation.

Dr. Nappo welcomed Mr. Berra and announced that he looks forward to work being done on Main Street. Mr. Berra states that he looks forward to working on the CRA's current projects. Dr. Nappo asks if anyone has any questions for Mr. Berra.

4. Immokalee Regional Airport (Enclosure 6)

Justin Lobb of the Immokalee Regional Airport gave an update on the Immokalee Airport Master Plan. The airport is currently incorporating feedback from the public and FAA into their draft. Public comment is still available on their website for a limited time. The airport plans to bring their draft before the Board of County Commissioners sometime in March or April. It is expected that within the next five-year period the airport will receive \$20,000,000 of capital investment for various projects. The airport was recently awarded two grants from FDOT for improvements to airport infrastructure.

****Enclosure 6 is attached to the minutes for the record.***

H. New Business.

1. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 2)

Ms. Christie Betancourt presented manger report to board for discussion. She announced that the CRA office is fully furnished and will soon be ready for an open-house tour. Staff invite the board to a tour of the office tentatively set for February 20th, after the CRA advisory board meeting.

Ms. Betancourt announced that the CRA will be applying for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant for current CRA sidewalk development project. The CRA was awarded \$200,000 for the previous cycle. The CRA would like to apply for the remaining amount of the project's estimated costs. Submission for the upcoming CDBG grant will close February 11th at 12:00 P.M. Staff would like board support for the submission of an application for the 2019/2019 CDBG grant cycle.

Staff announced that after the application is submitted, the CRA will submit an After the Fact request to the Board of County Commissioners.

CRA Action:

Action: Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to recommend that the Immokalee CRA submit an application for the upcoming CDBG 2019/2020 grant cycle. Mr. Ski Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 9-0.

Staff announced that there are two applications pending the Commercial Façade Grant Program. One of the applicants is looking into warehouse storage for furniture and will present to the board at a future CRA meeting.

Staff announced updates for the Residential Options of Florida (ROOF) Grant program. The CRA awarded ROOF with a grant for \$30,000. It was noted that ROOF did not begin the project within the 90 days stated in the grant agreement. As a result, the CRA would like to move forward with an amendment to the grant agreement to extend the time given to begin the project.

CRA Action:

Action: Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to approve an amendment to extend the time given in the Residential Options of Florida (ROOF) grant agreement. Ms. Andrea Halman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0. Dr. Frank Nappo abstained from voting as he serves on the ROOF board.

Dr. Nappo announced the opening of the two homes completed by the ROOF project will be held January 27th at 2 P.M. He reiterated that the two homes are still in need of furniture.

CRA staff announced updates on Florida Heartland Economic Region of Opportunity (FHERO). Debrah Forester announced that she attended a FHERO meeting in Sebring on Monday, January 14th. The CRA will participate in an upcoming Skills Gap analysis conducted by FHERO on February 7th from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Topics of focus will be construction and manufacturing, healthcare, and workforce and education. The goal of the analysis will be to determine the skills needed to expand employment opportunities for the residents of Immokalee.

Staff also announced that they will be attending a Rural Economic Summit on February 11th in Orlando, FL. Staff will share updates on Immokalee projects, and will be returning February 13th.

I. CRA & MSTU Old Business

1. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan update

Ms. Michelle Mosca had no official updates for the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan. She provided updates on swale maintenance that will be done in the Lake Trafford area and announced that staff will continue to work with transportation and road maintenance to address road and flood issues in the area. Ms. Mosca would like any concerns regarding road maintenance be directed to her.

2. Immokalee Area Master Plan Update- Collier County Planning Commission Special Meeting to discuss the IAMP on January 31, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at CareerSource

Ms. Anita Jenkins provided updates on the Immokalee Area Master Plan. She announced that the IAMP will go before the board on January 31, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at CareerSource. Ms. Jenkins also announced that she, CRA staff, and Dan Summers of Emergency Management discussed Policy 3.3.4 of the IAMP regarding alternative routes. Emergency Management voiced concern over the inclusion of the term “evacuation” within this policy, as this term is legally associated with hurricanes. As a result, Ms. Jenkins recommended that this term be replaced with “public safety”.

Commissioner Bill McDaniel requested that Ms. Jenkins ask the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) what term should be used to ensure that it is viewed as high priority. Commissioner McDaniel reiterated that the language used should present the alternate routes as a high priority for the community.

Victoria Peters of FDOT announced that she would look into the issues of language and terminology for the alternative routes.

Ms. Jenkins announced the process that will take place for the IAMP. The planning commission meeting is the first step in the process. It then goes to the Board of County Commissioners for transmittal, where it is reviewed by the state. After being reviewed it is returned and given 180 days before the process begins again for adoption. Ms. Jenkins announced that issues that arise can be worked out in the 180 days that follow transmittal. Ms. Jenkins estimates that the IAMP will go before the planning commission for adoption sometime in May.

3. TIGER Grant- Immokalee Complete Street (Enclosure 7)

Staff provided board with updates on the Tiger Grant.

Summary of the TIGER Project:

The project will construct complete streets improvements in Immokalee, Florida, including approximately 20 miles of new sidewalks, a bike boulevard network, a shared-use path, street lighting, bus shelters, a new transit center, landscaping, drainage improvements, and intersection and traffic calming retreats.

Summary of Project’s Estimated Schedule and Milestones (please note these dates may be adjusted as necessary):

Notification of TIGER Grant:	Spring 2018
Coordination with FDOT and FHWA:	On-going
Collier County budget/funding available for match:	October 2018
Planned Completion of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review (by FDOT and FTA):	Winter 2019
Planned TIGER Agreement Execution:	Spring 2020
Planned Start of Project Design/Build:	Winter 2020
Planned Construction Substantial Completion Date:	Winter 2023
Final TIGER Grant Reporting Requirement:	Spring 2027

Commissioner McDaniel requested that TIGER grant updates be an ongoing item on the agenda.

CRA staff announced that they will distribute updated maps.

4. Immokalee Zocalo Plaza Updates

Ms. Christie Betancourt announced updates on the Immokalee Zocalo Plaza. All holiday decorations were removed and placed in the storage pod at Parks and Recreation, as well as a small amount in the CRA Office. Ms. Betancourt announced that the top section of the Zocalo Christmas tree had broken in half due to storm winds. Staff are attempting to have the tree repaired and are looking into the matter with Risk Management. Other updates will be brought to the board in February.

5. Code Enforcement Updates

Steven Lopez of Code Enforcement provided the boards with an update on current open cases. Mr. Lopez announced that the abandoned properties on Eustis Avenue, Palmetto Avenue, and Carver Street will be demolished.

Mr. Mike Facundo suggested that code enforcement cases be referred to the Immokalee Unmet Needs Coalition. Dr. Nappo suggested that local nonprofit organizations work as a connection between the Unmet Needs Coalition and families with open code enforcement cases.

6. Office of Business & Economic Development (OBED)

Lincoln Price of the Office of Business and Economic Development provided an update on OBED pilot sites for landowners. Mr. Price announced that there will be a government contractor round table on April 24th, 2019 at the Naples Accelerator.

7. Other Agencies

Ms. Victoria Peters of FDOT announced that the FDOT tentative work program has been updated and is now available. She also provided updates on local FDOT projects.

Ms. Peters and the boards discussed the repair of light poles located on Main Street. Commissioner McDaniel suggested that funding for the light pole repairs be discussed at the upcoming Budget and Action Plan Workshop. Ms. Peters suggests that the boards submit an application for funding to improve the lights.

Staff announced that the joint CRA and MSTU Budget and Action Plan Workshop will be held Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00 A.M at CareerSource.

J. Citizens Comments.

No additional comments were provided.

K. Next Meeting Date.

CRA will next meet on February 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at CareerSource.

L. Adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:09 A.M.

Dear Valued Customers, Tenants and Stakeholders of the Immokalee Regional Airport:

I am pleased to report that The Board of County Commissioners today approved two grants for more than \$550,000 for upgrades at the Immokalee Regional Airport (IMM). A Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant for \$352,000 is earmarked for design to rehabilitate Runway 18/36, one of two runways at the airport, and an additional FDOT grant for \$200,000 will help cover costs for design and permitting of security enhancements. The existing terminal building was built in 1996, prior to when many aviation security recommendations were adopted. With this grant the Airport Authority will be able to design and permit enhanced security and provide a safer and more secure airport environment.

The two FDOT grants are part of an ongoing initiative to modernize the airport's infrastructure to create a safer and more efficient operating environment for airport users.

Upon completion of the design phase associated with the Runway 18/36 Rehabilitation, the Collier County Airport Authority and FDOT plan to invest nearly \$7.3 million of additional funding to reconstruct the original pavement, which dates back to the airport's activation as an army training base during WWII (1942); construction is expected to commence in late 2019.

Collectively, these vital improvement projects, and their associated construction costs, represent over \$8.5 million of imminent capital investment in the Immokalee Regional Airport, of which 80 percent will be funded by FDOT with 20 percent local/county participation

"These grants are a boon to the Immokalee Airport which will help to boost the economy in the Immokalee area as well as countywide," said Board of County Commissioners Chairman W. L. McDaniel, Jr., District 5.

These projects would not be possible without the continued support of our valued clientele. If you have any questions regarding these two projects, or any other airport matter, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,



Justin E. Lobb, CPM, ACE | Airports Manager

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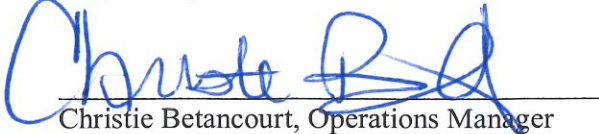
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Certification of Minutes Approval Form

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Approved by:



Frank Nappo, Chair

The Minutes for the January 16, 2019 CRA Advisory Board Meeting were approved by the CRA Advisory Board on February 20, 2019 as presented.

* The next CRA Advisory Board meeting will be held on March 20, 2019 at 9:00A.M. at the Immokalee Community Park located at 321 N. 1st Street Immokalee, FL. Meeting location subject to change.

All meetings will be publicly noticed in the W. Harmon Turner Building (Building F), posted at the Immokalee Public Library and provided to the County Public Information Department for distribution. Please call Christie Betancourt, at 239-867-0028 for additional information. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager, at least 48 hours before the meeting. The public should be advised that members of the CRA Advisory Board are also members of the other Boards and Committees, including, but not limited to: Immokalee MSTU Board, Immokalee Fire Commission, and the Collier County Housing Authority; etc. In this regard, matters coming before the Advisory Board may come before one or more of the referenced Board and Committees from time to time.