

## MINUTES

Meeting of the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee on February 20, 2019.

CareerSource Southwest Florida

750 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Immokalee, FL 34142

239-658-3000

A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Frank Nappo, CRA Chair at 9:03 A.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.

CRA Advisory Committee Members Present:

Estil Null, Frank Nappo, Yvar Pierre (10:22 A.M.), Linda Oberhaus (9:10 A.M.), Patricia “Anne” Goodnight, Edward “Ski” Olesky, Julian Morgan, Andrea Halman, and Michael “Mike” Facundo.

CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

All present.

Others Present:

Danny Gonzalez, Miya Reyes, Chris Ambach, Ahmed El, Ruth Fehr, Mark Lemke, Alexi Cardona, Annie Alvarez, Dottie Cook, Michelle Mosca, and Victoria Peters.

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.

E. Approval of Agenda.

Staff presented agenda to the board for approval.

***CRA Action:***

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

F. Approval of Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes

i. CRA Advisory Board Meeting for January 16, 2019 (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 January 16, 2019 CRA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, CRA Project Manager Report, Budgets, and Community Meetings.  
The CRA board approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

***CRA Action:***

***Action: Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Estil Null 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 folder included a Senate bill that was filed by the Florida legislature regarding the continuation of Community Redevelopment Agencies. Ms. Debrah Forester announced that the Florida Redevelopment Agency (FRA) will be tracking the status of the bill.

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. 2019 Joint Workshop between the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Local CRA Advisory Boards at 9:00 a.m. on April 2, 2019 at BCC Chambers

Staff announced that there will be a joint workshop between the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Local CRA Advisory Boards at 9:00 a.m. on April 2, 2019 at BCC Chambers.

**H. New Business.**

1. Immokalee Library Presentation

Immokalee Branch Manager Ms. Miya Reyes provided updates on the services provided to the public through the Immokalee Library. The services are provided to any Collier County resident who holds a library card. Services include access to several digital programs such as Job Now an online program that provides the user with resources to find jobs and enhance their desirability as a candidate, HelpNow a program available to students that provides free homework assistance, and Mango, an application that assists users in learning a new language. Several other resources are also available for users to borrow free digital movies, books, and audio books. Bike locks, USB chargers, headphones, and other materials can be checked out of the library as well.

The board provided suggestions regarding outreach and increasing usage of the library resources to the public. The board also thanked Ms. Reyes for presenting and praised the Immokalee Branch Library for providing resources to the community.

***\*Presentation is attached to the minutes for the record.***

2. Advisory Board Renewal Applicant

i. Frank Nappo (Enclosure 6)

Staff presented the board with advisory board renewal application for Dr. Frank Nappo.

**CRA Action:**

**Action:** *Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to reappoint Frank Nappo to the Immokalee CRA Advisory Board. Ms. Linda Oberhaus seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

3. 2018 CRA Draft Annual Report (Enclosure 7)  
Ms. Christie Betancourt announced that the annual report is still open for editing and encouraged the board to review and send her their recommendations. Ms. Betancourt announced that the final report will be received by the board at the end of March.
4. 2019 CRA & MSTU Work Plan Priorities (Enclosure 8)  
Staff reviewed revised Enclosure 8 with the board. Ms. Betancourt requested that each board member prioritize the draft 2019 Work Plan.
5. 2000 Collier County Community Redevelopment Plan Update (Enclosure 9)  
Ms. Debrah Forester announced that updates have been made to the 2000 Collier County Community Redevelopment Plan. Some sections have been updated and an updated appendix has been included. Maps will soon be updated as well. Ms. Forester announced that she would like a recommendation for approval of the amendments as presented.

**CRA Action:**

**Action:** *Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion to recommend that the amendment be approved as presented. Mr. Estil Null seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 9-0.*

**I. CRA Old Business**

1. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan update  
Ms. Michelle Mosca had no official updates for the Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan. Ms. Mosca requested that a meeting be scheduled between the CRA and Stormwater staff to discuss Stormwater priorities.
2. Immokalee Area Master Plan Update - Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday February 21 Collier County Government Campus.  
Staff announced that the next Collier County Planning Commission meeting will be held Thursday February 21 at the Collier County Government Campus.
3. CDBG Grant – FY19 Award – Amendment  
Staff announced to the board that an amendment has been made regarding the 2019 CDBG Grant award. Ms. Debrah Forester announced that CDBG funds will be used for design for the construction portion of the project while CRA funds will be used for design.
4. Main Street – Streetlight Repair update  
Ms. Victoria Peters announced that the Florida Department of Transportation will not provide funding for Main Street light poles for temporary repairs.
5. TIGER Grant – Immokalee Complete Street update  
There were no official updates regarding the Complete Streets Project. Ms. Christie Betancourt announced that she is now participating in biweekly conference calls to discuss updates on the TIGER Grant project.

6. Code Enforcement updates  
Chris Ambach of code enforcement provided updates on code enforcement progress. Mr. Ambach announced that code enforcement has demolished five out of ten scheduled buildings. Mr. Ambach announced that he is also working on addressing the issue of the growing homeless populations that have established camps on several properties.
7. FDOT updates  
Ms. Victoria Peters provided board updates on local FDOT projects and available grant funds.
8. Office of Business & Economic Development (OBED)  
No update.
9. Other Agencies  
Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, Danny Gonzalez provided updates on chamber events and announced that the next Chamber Breakfast meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Lozano's.

J. Citizens Comments.

No additional comments were provided.

K. Next Meeting Date.

CRA will next meet on March 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the Immokalee Community Park located at 321 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St Immokalee FL.

L. Adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:29 A.M.

# Immokalee Library




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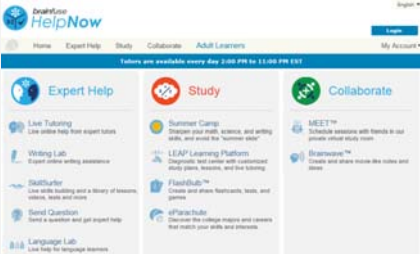
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  - Writing Lab: Expert online writing assistance
  - SkillSurfer: Live skills building and a library of lessons, videos, tests and more
  - Send Question: Send a question and get expert help
  - Language Lab: Live help for language learners
- Study**
  - Business Camp: Discover your path, science, and writing skills, and more for "summer camp"
  - LEAP Learning Platform: Downloadable and online with customized study plans, resources, and live tutoring
  - FlashQuiz: Create and share flashcards, tests, and games
  - ePlanHub: Discover the college process and careers that match your skills and interests
- Collaborate**
  - MEET: Schedule sessions with friends in our private virtual study room
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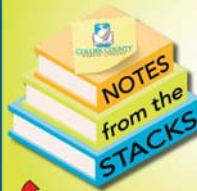
## MORE SAVINGS – MUSEUM PASSES



## IN HOUSE LIBRARY USE RESOURCES:

- Bike Locks
- USB Chargers for iPhone and Samsung Phones
- Headphones

**Collier County Public Library  
Announces "Notes from the Stacks"  
Patron Newsletter**



Collier County Public Library staff are excited to announce our patron newsletter!

Patrons can sign up to receive by email monthly Library inside information on the various happenings in Collier County's ten locations. Look for upcoming snapshots of each library, staff recognition, volunteer recognition, resources, services, programming, search tips, how-to's, new title releases and our ever expanding partnerships.


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**LIBRARY ELECTRONIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



LEAP provides Free one-on-one tech help with a knowledgeable high school student. Contact staff at one of the participating library locations for scheduling information and program details.

**IMMOKALEE PROGRAMMING**

- Weekly Storytime, every Tuesday 10:00-10:30 a.m.
- Additional Programming added monthly
- Teen programming
- Family Programs: Monthly Family Book Club
  - This month's pick: "The One and Only Ivan"

**OUTREACH**

- Monthly High School TAPP Storytime
- Class Visits
- Staff at Annual 2019 Events with other County entities
- Summer Reading Parks Partnership

**PARTNERSHIPS**

- Avow Partnership
  - provides grief counseling first Monday of every Month, 5:00-6:30
- EHEAP Program
- Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, Marco Rubio, Byron Donalds
  - provide meeting space for representatives to meet with constituents monthly
- Provide donated books to various entities within the community.

**Certification of Minutes Approval Form**

Prepared by:



Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager  
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency

Approved by:



Frank Nappo, Chair

**The Minutes for the February 6, 2019 CRA & MSTU Budget and Work Plan Workshop and February 20, 2019 CRA Advisory Board meeting were approved by the CRA Advisory Committee on March 20, 2019 as presented.**

\* The next CRA Advisory Board meeting will be held on April 17, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the CareerSource SWFL, Conference Room located at 750 South 5<sup>th</sup> 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 this advisory Board are also members of the other Boards and Committees, including, but not limited to: Immokalee Local Redevelopment Advisory 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.