A. Call to Order.
   The meeting was called to order by Estil Null, CRA Vice-Chair at 9:00 A.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
   Estil Null, CRA Vice-Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Josh Leadingfox opened with 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 (by phone), Yvar Pierre, Patricia “Anne” Goodnight, Edward “Ski” Olesky, Francisco Leon, and Andrea Halman.

CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:
   Michael “Mike” Facundo

Others Present:
   Lisa Loren, Liz Soriano, Josh Leadingfox, Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Cunningham, Andrew Bennett, Miya Reyes, Sylvia Puente, Laura Burns, Surale Phillips, Michele Mosca, Chris Ambach, Victoria Peters, Connie Aguirre, Anita Jenkins, and Bill McDaniel.

Staff: Debrah Forester, Christie Betancourt, Julian Morgan, and Monica Acosta.

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. Staff announced changes to the agenda. Item H. 4. Lake Trafford Marina was added. Item I. 3. Is time certain for 10:00 a.m. Item I. 4. i. should be Carver instead of Carson.

Action: Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to approve the agenda with changes. Ms. Ann Goodnight seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.

F. Approval of Consent Agenda.
   1. Minutes
      i. CRA Advisory Board Meeting for June 19, 2019 (Enclosure 1)
      ii. Special CRA Advisory Board Meeting for August 21, 2019 (Enclosure 2)
   2. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 3)
   3. Project Manager Report (Enclosure 4)
   4. Budget
      i. Current Budget (Enclosure 5)
   5. Community Meetings (Enclosure 6)
Staff presented the board with the June 19, 2019 CRA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, August 21, 2019 Special CRA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, CRA Operations Manager Report, CRA Project Manager Report, Budgets, and Community Meetings.

The CRA board approved the Consent Agenda with a minor correction to the June 19, 2019 CRA Advisory board Meeting Minutes.

June 19, 2019 Minute correction shown below:

**Action:** Ms. Anne Goodnight made a motion to approve a Commercial Façade Grant for Lozano’s Mini Mart located at 102 New Market Road for the maximum grant award of $20,000. Ms. Mr. Ski Olesky seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.

**Action:** Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a minor change to the June 19, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Andrea Halman 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, the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance support letter, the Seminole Casino Hotel sponsorship letter, the Big Bus event flyer, and upcoming community event flyers.

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**

   Julian Morgan was presented as the new Project Manager for Immokalee CRA.

4. **CRA & MSTU Draft Advisory Board Meeting Calendar (Enclosure 7)**

   Staff presented draft annual meeting calendar for board to review. After discussion board had minor corrections and would like to continue to meet at alternative sites three time annually. A final draft will be presented at a future meeting.

H. **New Business.**

1. **Collier County Arts & Culture Strategic Plan**

   Ms. Laura Burns, Executive Director with the United Arts Council of Collier County and the Chair for the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan Task Force and Ms. Surale Phillips, Cultural Planning Group presented slides and went over the objective to help the Immokalee Community grow in the aspect of Arts & Culture. One of their goals is to lay the foundation for finding funding for the many things that want to be done here in Immokalee as well as Collier County. There are several websites that the public was encouraged to use in order for their voices to be heard on this topic. A community survey will be sent to community members as part of the county’s Arts and Culture Strategic Plan process.

*Presentation is attached to the minutes for the record.*
2. Immokalee Fire Control District

Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Cunningham spoke on behalf of the Immokalee Fire Control District to address the board and make a request that a support letter be drafted to help them with their application to request for appropriations from the state. Their current fire station was built over 30 years ago and is not currently in compliance with the current hurricane codes. They do not have the funding to construct a replacement facility and their budget is extremely tight. They were able to purchase property and prepare architectural design and engineering of the new station through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. If they are successful in obtaining state appropriations to construct the new station, construction would begin in late 2020. The estimated cost for construction of the building is five million dollars. Board agreed to provide a letter of support to the fire district to apply for state appropriation funds.

**Action:** Ms. Andrea Halman made a motion that the CRA board provide a letter of support to the Immokalee Fire Control Districts Request for State Appropriation fund in order to construct a new fire station in Immokalee. Mr. Francisco Leon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.

3. Advisory Board vacancy (Enclosure 8)

Staff mentioned the vacancy to the CRA Advisory Board to the board and members of the public present. If they know of anyone interested, they are welcomed to apply.

4. Lake Trafford Marina

Mr. Ski Olesky informed the board of the problem with the cast netters. He would like to see them banned, the cast netters are taking fish and some stay on the bank of the lake which end up being easy food for the alligators. The fear is that a child will get harmed by the alligators. Commissioner McDaniel has this item set to present to the Collier County Board at their next meeting. A letter of support for Mr. Olesky will also help in his presentation.

**Action:** Ms. Anne Goodnight made a motion that the CRA Advisory Board provide a letter of support to Mr. Olesky to ban the cast netters at Ann Olesky Park. Mr. Estil Null seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 6-0. Mr. Olesky abstained from voting.

I. CRA Old Business

1. 2019 FRA Conference (Enclosure 9)

Staff presented the information for the 2019 FRA Conference and explained to the board that two members usually accompany staff. The board was asked to let staff know who was interested in attending. Andrea Halman will be attending, and Dr. Frank Nappo will also attend if no other board member is interested.

2. Immokalee Stormwater Master Plan update
   i. CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Application

Ms. Michele Mosca with Stormwater Management announced that the deadline for their application changed from August 31st to October 31st, the extension was due to Hurricane Dorian. She also stated that the Request for Proposal for the west end of Lake Trafford with the option for the flat space will be out for bid in October or November.
3. Immokalee Area Master Plan updates
   i. Letter of Support
      Staff would like for board to approve a letter of support for the October 17, 2019
      Collier County Planning Commission and the December 10, 2019 Board of County
      Commissioner for the adoption of the Immokalee Area Master Plan.
   ii. Collier Area Transit (CAT) Proposed Transfer Station in Immokalee
      Ms. Michelle Arnold with Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancements addressed
      the board by phone. Ms. Arnold provided a brief overview of the project and the
      pending conditional use application to allow a transfer facility in a residential area.
      The proposed project would also include the ability to have a food truck to provide
      food services to the passengers. She is seeking letters of support for conditional use
      and food truck concept at the transfer facility in the Tiger Grant area. She will be
      speaking with the County Attorney to change wording in the IAMP to include verbiage
      for allowing the transfer station and food truck during the adoption hearing schedule.
      She will need a separate letter of support to take to the Hearing Examiner, the Collier
      County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners for final
      adoption of the IAMP.

Action: Ms. Anne Goodnight made a motion that the CRA Advisory Board provide a letter of
support to Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) Division for the conditional use at
the Transfer facility in the Tiger Grant Area. Ms. Andrea Halman seconded the motion and it passed by
unanimous vote. 7-0.

Action: Ms. Anne Goodnight made a motion that the CRA Advisory Board provide a letter of
support to Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) Division to add accessory use
language to the IAMP for a food truck at the Transfer facility in the Tiger Grant area. Ms. Andrea
Halman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 7-0.

Action: Ms. Anne Goodnight made a motion that the CRA Advisory Board provide a letter of
support to the Collier County Planning Commission and to the Board of County Commissioners for the
adoption of the Immokalee Area Master Plan. Mr. Francisco Leon seconded the motion and it passed by
unanimous vote. 7-0.

4. CDBG Grant
   i. Carver & South 5th Street
      Staff presented the board with the updates on Carver & South 5th Street. The CRA
      received a total of $676,365 of HUD funding allocation for CDBG projects. The
      Immokalee Sidewalk 2018 Improvement Project will allow the CRA to complete
      sidewalk improvements along a portion of Carver Street & South 5th Street. The CRA
      has allocated $100,000 for design this fiscal year and $60,000 for construction in the
      next fiscal year. The total project cost is estimated at $860,000. Depending on cost
      estimate the CRA may have to use additional funds to complete the project.
This project is part of a sidewalk implementation program in Immokalee, which will provide many benefits including safety, mobility, and healthier communities. The sidewalks will make the community more attractive to potential businesses to come to the community, thus will increase job opportunities. The project is currently under design, weekly progress reports are being submitted, the environmental review for this project was completed on August 14th, 2019, and the project construction is expected to be completed by October 2020.

5. Main Street – Update
   i. Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project
      Staff presented the board with updates on the SR 29 (Main Street) from North 9th Street to North 1st Street (Project #439002-1), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) partnered with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) to program a project on SR 29 in Immokalee due to a history high bicycle and pedestrian crashes and activity. The purpose of the project is to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety and consists of installing two RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons), signing and pavement marking improvements, reconstruction of the lighting system, constructing a new signal at 3rd Street, drainage improvements, and sidewalk enhancements. The project is estimated at 1.98 Million. The FDOT Project Manager for this project is David Jones. The project schedule is as follows:

      • 100% design completed in May 2019.
      • Out for bid by October 2019.
      • Award the contract to the contractor by December 2019.
      • Construction will begin within 60/90 days after awarded contract.
      • Expected completion by September 2020.

6. TIGER Grant
   i. Updated schedule (Enclosure 10)
      Staff presented the board with an updated schedule for the TIGER Grant. Planned construction start date is May 2022, planned construction substantial completion date is December 2023, and the TIGER Grant closeout requirement is September 30th, 2025. The delay in construction was due to pending environmental studies.

7. Code Enforcement Updates
   Mr. Chris Ambach announced that his office is now fully staffed with five investigators. This is very important as they will be moving forward with educated sweeps every month to address health and safety issues, open cases for weeds being too high, and trash issues. The staff is trying to be proactive, they will come out and survey specific areas to help facilitate with the educated sweeps. He was also happy to announce that the road side sales are no longer an issue, but they will continue to do weekend checks. His staff has also been working on the demos of dilapidated mobile homes where the abandoned homes are being used by homeless and drug users.
8. **FDOT Updates**
   Ms. Victoria Peters updated the board on the Main Street project, scheduled to start in April 2020. The other project, Gator Slough to SR 29 roundabout, has an executed contract but construction is not scheduled to start until the end of the year. The delay is from some utility items that needed to be addressed. She did state that there will be a public meeting at IFAS Extension on Thursday, October 10th, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. she encouraged everyone to attend.

9. **Office of Business & Economic Development (OBED)**
   No update.

10. **Immokalee Culinary Accelerator**
    No update.

11. **Other Agencies**

    **Immokalee Airport**
    Mr. Andrew Bennett did not have any new developments but answered some questions on current procurement on the runway rehabilitation.

    **Immokalee Library**
    Ms. Sylvia Puente invited everyone to attend the Family in Pictures USA screening at the Library on Saturday, September 21st, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. She also announced that there is a part time position available at the Library.

    **Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancements**
    Ms. Liz Soriano with announced that there will be four new shelters and an additional thirty bus stop locations. She will be providing a list to staff for reference.

    **Immokalee Unmet Needs Coalition**
    Ms. Lisa Loren introduced herself as the new coordinator. She wants to continue being a presence for Immokalee not just for disasters but to help the community grow. She will be looking and applying for any and all new grants to try and expand the help that they provide.

    **Immokalee Water & Sewer**
    Ms. Anne Goodnight also announced that the Executive Director at the Immokalee Water and Sewer is retiring so they will have a vacancy. If anyone is interested, they should contact Human Resources.

J. **Citizens Comments.**
   No Citizens comments.

K. **Next Meeting Date.**
   Joint CRA & MSTU will meet on October 23, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at CareerSource SWFL located at 750 South 5th Street Immokalee FL.

L. **Adjournment.**
   Meeting Adjourned @ 11:11 A.M.
Today’s Agenda
Welcome and Introductions
Overview of Planning Process
- Research and engagement
- Plan development
- Timeline
Planning Exercise: Current and Desired State
Meeting Summary/Next Steps

We want to...
- Ensure inclusive community vision
- Elevate Collier County as an arts and culture destination
- Strengthen arts and cultural opportunities for all of Collier
- Inventory current arts and cultural assets
How we will do it...

Community Engagement (Sept - Nov)
- Open Community Survey
- Community Forums
- Discussion Groups
- Individual Interviews
- Cultural Asset Mapping
- Lots of other research

Drafting the plan...

Plan Development (Nov - Jan)
- Draft Plan
- Community Review and feedback
- Revisions and Refinement
- Implementation Plan
- County approvals
- Launch and Celebration!

Discussion:

Current State
Desired State

Discussion Guidelines

Creative thinking
Solutions-oriented
Be brief, please!
Be open to different opinions
Current State: Collier County NOW.

Where/what are your favorite places and activities? (for yourself, your family, and visitors?)

What makes Collier unique? What is special?

What we heard here in August - Current

• Strong popular events/destinations
  - Cattle culture, stories and drive
  - Dias de los Muertos
  - Christmas
  - Agri-tourism anchors, tours
  - Museum
• Immokalee community is a culture of "yes", collaboration and support
• Talented young people, strong interest in creative clubs, dance, fashion
• Cultural richness, artisans
• Food culture, farm culture, Accelerator
• Perception and reality don’t match (external/internal)
• Long on ideas, short on funding to make them happen
• Need: Local leader, coordination, like satellite hub of UAC
• Need: Funding for new events, continuation of successful events
• Need: More mural projects, involving school kids

What we heard here in August-Desired

What will be different?

• More vibrant streets/downtown, walk/bikability, reasons to visit
• At in public places, interventions through infrastructure
• Boost of community pride, shared sense of place
• Art that reflects our culture
• Arts and culture used for connections with health and well-being
• Events that attract visitors, outdoor concerts series
• Destination Art Markets/food products that showcase diverse cultural traditions, maker wares
• Changed media conversation about the area
• Equitable transportation, access to Naples arts/culture
• More connected communities through the arts
• Artist residency programs

Desired State: Collier County FUTURE.

What is missing?

What do you want to see in your community that is not there now?

What will be different in Collier when this plan is a success? (Describe for us).
Summary & Next Steps

Thank you!

How to participate

Share survey:

Sign up for updates UAC Page:
https://www.uaccollier.com/programs/strategic-plan/

Like/Share/Tag social media sites:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Colliers-Future-in-Arts-Culture-1061026438761738/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/collierarts/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/CollierArts
Certification of Minutes Approval Form

Prepared by: 

Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency

Approved by: 

Dr. Frank Nappo, Chairman

The Minutes for the September 18, 2019 CRA Advisory Board Meeting were approved by the CRA Advisory Board on October 23, 2019 as presented.

* The next meeting will be a joint CRA Advisory Board and MSTU Advisory Committee and will be held on November 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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