

**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency Immokalee Local Redevelopment Advisory Board on February 19, 2020.

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Immokalee, FL 34142  
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A. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Frank Nappo, CRA Chair at 9:00 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, Patricia “Anne” Goodnight, Andrea Halman, Francisco “Frank” Leon, Edward “Ski” Olesky, Yvar Pierre, Mark Lemke, and Michael “Mike” Facundo (9:07).

CRA Advisory Committee Members Absent/Excused:

All members present.

Others Present:

Victoria Peters, Carrie Williams, Silvia Puente, Robert Wiley, Dottie Cook.

Staff: Debrah Forester, Christie Betancourt, 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 G. 4. Annual Workshop was added. Item I.2.i. should be Carver Street instead of Carson Road.

**Action:** *Mr. Ski Olesky made a motion to approve the agenda with changes. Ms. Anne Goodnight seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. 8-0.*

F. Approval of Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes

i. Joint CRA & MSTU Advisory Board Meeting for January 15, 2020 (Enclosure 1)

2. Operations Manager Report (Enclosure 2)

3. Project Manager Report (Enclosure 3)

4. Budget Reports (Enclosure 4)

5. Community Meetings (Enclosure 5)

Staff presented the board with the January 15, 2020 CRA Meeting Minutes, CRA Operations Manager Report, CRA Project Manager Report, Budgets, and Upcoming Meetings.

**Action:** *Ms. Anne Goodnight made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ski Olesky 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, the 2020 Calendar for the CRA and MSTU meetings, Meals of Hope flyer, and a copy of the Budget & Work Plan presentation.

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 Budget & Work Plan update

Staff reviewed the Budget and Workplan section that was presented at the February 13, 2020 Special Meeting with the board. A breakdown of the recommended CRA projects, MSTU projects, and Joint CRA and MSTU projects were discussed as follows:

CRA Projects:

- Redevelopment Plan update (Includes a charrette of 9<sup>th</sup> Street Property)
- Carver Street additional funds
- West Eustis Avenue Match funds
- Neighborhood Focus Area (Pick an area to work with Growth Management to help)
- Main Street Initiative (Find a target area on Main Street)
- Demolition Program (Help Code Enforcement with removing unsafe structures)
- Stormwater (Help with implementation for new projects)

MSTU Projects:

- Monuments (SR 29)
- Lighting Assessment (Areas of concern 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Lake Trafford Road)
- Reconfiguring light poles (blue poles)
- Tiger Grant/ other area maintenance
- Design Streetscape on Main Street
- Designing of West Eustis Ave Sidewalk Project

Joint Projects:

- Zocalo (Kiosk)
- Main Street Improvements
- First Street Improvements
- Holiday Decorations (Asking for five-year bid)

#### 4. Annual Workshop

Staff announced that the Annual Workshop with the local advisory boards and the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. All board members and public are asked to join. Board members will have a roundtable discussion with boards and public will have 3 minutes to comment.

#### H. CRA New Business.

##### 1. Stormwater Management, Robert Wiley (Enclosure 6)

Mr. Robert Wiley with Stormwater Management informed the board of the current Stormwater projects. They were recently awarded a grant for North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, this project is due to start construction in October of 2020. It is fully funded and will include a storm drain on the western side of Roberts Avenue across 2<sup>nd</sup> to Main Street. There will also be a back flow preventor.

The other project is utility relocation that will include treatment locations, and a path that will go from Little League Road to Tippins Terrace. This will give them a chance to enclose the ditch that is currently there, put in pipes so that a pathway can be placed over it to make a sidewalk. Design proposals are due to go out this month with construction to start after October 2020.

The last project is the Arrowhead Tract 3, this area is to have a pump installed to pull out water during dry season to cover areas that need water. An engineer should be on board by spring and if they stay on schedule construction could start as early as November 2020. Mr. Wiley announced that he will come back to keep the board acquainted with these projects.

##### 2. 2019 Draft Annual Report (Enclosure 7)

Staff informed board that the Annual Report is in draft form due to changes that must be made to stay compliant per new requirements. Additional information will be added, and a final draft will be presented at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be added to the board agenda on March 24, 2020.

#### I. CRA Old Business

##### 1. Immokalee Area Master Plan updates

Staff informed board that the Master Plan has gone through and a copy can be provided to anyone who needs one.

##### 2. CDBG Grant update

###### i. Carver ~~Carson~~ & South 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Staff informed board that this project is currently at 90% plans. There has been a delay because of an existing project by a homeowner that is not complete. Until their completion our project cannot get 100% plans. Staff will keep board informed of the progress.

###### ii. West Eustis Avenue

Staff informed board that they submitted the application for the grant for the West Eustis Phase III. The After the Fact Application submittal request will go before the Board of County Commissioner on February 25, 2020.

##### 3. Tiger Grant – Immokalee Complete Street updates

Staff announced that the Tiger Grant is moving forward, and a lighting plan will be done.

## 4. Code Enforcement update (Enclosure 8)

Staff presented the boards with a listing of open cases from December 2019 through January 2020 as listed on Enclosure 8. Staff will let boards know when and where the next community cleanup will be. Staff will also invite Albert English and Mark Lindsey to address the road maintenance issues, see if they can identify a listing of which roads are scheduled for maintenance.

## 5. FDOT updates

Ms. Victoria Peters updated the boards on the several projects that FDOT has going on. Some questions had been asked as to the gas lines. This is being done by TECO, they are propane and natural gas lines, these are going in as back up lines. The SR29 and Gator Slough project is 90 days into construction and is on schedule. The Main Street project is scheduled to start construction on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the project manager is Josephine Mack.

## i. Panther Crossing Bridge Replacement (Enclosure 9)

Staff presented the board with a copy of the letter to be signed by CRA Chair Dr. Frank Nappo in reference to the Panther Crossing Bridge as presented in Enclosure 9.

## 6. Office of Business &amp; Economic Development (OBED)

No update

## 7. Immokalee Culinary Accelerator

No update

## 8. Other Agencies:

Ms. Ann Goodnight reminded everyone of the March 5<sup>th</sup> Groundbreaking of the new Fire Station at Ave Maria at 10:00 a.m.

Staff also reminded board and everyone in attendance of the upcoming Economic Development Strategic Plan meeting on March 13, 2020.

J. Citizens Comments.

No Citizens Comments

K. Next Meeting Date.

CRA will next meet on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at Immokalee Community Park located at 321 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Immokalee, FL

L. Adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:32 A.M.



**Certification of Minutes Approval Form**

Prepared by:

Christie Betancourt

Christie Betancourt, Operations Manager  
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency

Approved by:

Frank Nappo

Dr. Frank Nappo, Chairman

**The Minutes for the February 13, 2020 Joint CRA Advisory Board and MSTU Advisory Committee Special Meeting and the February 19, 2020 CRA Advisory Board Meeting were approved by the CRA Advisory Board on June 24, 2020 as presented.**

\* The next meeting will be a CRA Advisory Board meeting and will be held on August 19, 2020 at 9:00 A.M., location to be determined.

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.