

High School participants

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Present: Fred Thomas (CRA/IMPVC Chairman), Tari Harris (Front Porch),

Staff: Thomas Greenwood, Michele Mosca and Ekna Guevara

Recommendations:

- 1- Cultural Arts Center
- 2- Movie Theater
- 3- Mall
- 4- Indian Museum
- 5- Parks with picnic areas and more trees, open playing grassy fields
- 6- More extreme sports and activities at the parks
- 7- Tri-cultural activity annual celebration
- 8- Performing Arts theater
- 9- Build a committee which can focus on helping the organizations which already help the needy such as; Friendship House
- 10- Offices or group organizations to represent the Haitian and Mexican community

Issues:

1. Parks need to be better maintained
2. Parks need to be bigger
3. Mural is not important or worth investing money into if the buildings around it are not in a good condition

**Please see attached list below of discussion items provided at this workshop by Tari Harris.*

Discussion Items from Recreation and Tourism Sub-Committee IMPVC

Community Assets

Seminole Tribe planning a museum in Immokalee/ Hotel Resort

Seminole Rodeo Grounds

Agricultural Tours – Why were they discontinued?

Clewiston has similar mini-bus tours

Main Street Mural – RCMA Barb Mainster

Lake Trafford Marina

Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch

Corkscrew Sanctuary, only 18 miles south

Ave Maria Oratorio; invite the Master Carpenter or his designee

Dirt Bike Track – request from Parks and Rec.

Afro-Caribbean Culture

African-American Culture

Hispanic-Latino Culture

Harvest Festival

Need Assistance From Board of Collier County Commissioners

Pioneer Museum – Assist with development of scheduled activities

Invite Jack Wert, Convention And Visitors Bur. To speak and give technical assistance

State of Florida – Additional support for tourism, maps, visitors' information

Creation of Success Stories – Marketing tool

Florida Attraction – How to qualify for listing

Lee County African-American Museum, invite to speak to group

Farm Worker Village Dancers – Development

Immokalee Visual and Performing Arts – Now a United Arts Council Member

Special Events Calendar – Immokalee Chamber, P.R., Comm. Development

Action Items

Lake Trafford – Obtain listing with Collier County and AAA

Contact Hotel Associations – Develop packages for guests

Inclusion in other Visitor Marketing Packages, add incentives

Tourist Development Council – Inquire

Start Developing the Immokalee Master Calendar

Include Workforce Development Council – Job Creation Plan, Joe Paterno

Begin Development of Arts District Participants