

**IMMOKALEE MASTER PLAN & VISIONING COMMITTEE/
CRA ADVISORY BOARD JOINT MEETING**

November 29, 2006
Career and Service Center of Collier County-Immokalee
750 South 5th Street
Immokalee, FL 34142
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES
Joint Meeting
Immokalee Local Redevelopment Advisory Board
and
Immokalee Master Plan and Visioning Committee

A. **Call to Order** Chair Fred Thomas, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

B. **Roll Call**

CRA/EZDA members present were Ana Salazar, Bernardo Barnhart Bob Soter, Eva Deyo, Ira Malamut, Denise Blanton, Captain Tom Davis, and Fred Thomas, Jr. A quorum for conducting business was present.

Others Present included Raymond Holland, Jacqueline Toemmes, Carrie Williams, Tom Jones, Dr. Gary Jackson, Gene Hearn, Koko DeLisi, Patrick Utter, Bill Klohn, Tom Taylor, Dennis Perry, Thais Kuoman, Dr. Arthur Rubens, and Kurt Easton.

Staff present: Noah Standridge and Tom Greenwood

C. **Adoption of Agenda** Approved with addition to item E upon motion by Bob Soter and second by Eva Deyo.

D. **Adoption of Minutes** Minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved upon motion by Eva Deyo and second by Ira Malamut. Denise Blanton voted in opposition.

E. **Communications**. A communications folder was distributed. Fred Thomas distributed a draft set of goals and objectives which he prepared for economic development. They were referred to Kurt Easton of RMPK Group.

F. **Old Business**

1. **CRA 2006-00: Immokalee Master Plan/LDC Overlay Update**

a. **Economic Analysis Report (Task 4): Presentation of Report by Dr. Gary Jackson of FGCU**. Copies of the final draft report were distributed. Dr. Jackson presented a power point presentation of the key elements of the report and findings and projections. The report was coordinated with the Economic Development Council of Collier County and is intended to provide data for the development of detailed and practical goals, objectives,

and policies for economic development in Immokalee. Because the November 14 issued draft revisions to the Immokalee Area Master Plan was issued prior to the release of the economic analysis study, some rework of Goal #6 in the Draft revisions and the Florida Tradeport/Immokalee Regional Airport will need to be modified to reflect some of the new information. It was pointed out that the IAMP will act as the “driver” for the update to the Immokalee Overlay district in the LDC, the update to the Redevelopment Plan, and update to the Strategic Plan for the Enterprise Zone. After further discussion, the Acceptance and approval for payment of the Economic Analysis Report was approved unanimously upon motion by Essie Serata and second by Eva Deyo.

b. Draft Master Plan Revisions (Task 6.3): Presentation of Report and Discussion of Task 6.0 of Contract RMPK Group. Kurt Easton with RMPK Group gave a brief power point presentation concerning the master planning process in Immokalee. The following major points were covered:

- Final draft report needs to incorporate comments received by RMPK Group through December 8. Comments given to RMPK Group included those from the Housing Subcommittee, Tom Greenwood, Tammie Nemecek, Mike Bosi, and Fred Thomas. Those present were asked to provide their comments to Tom Greenwood no later than December 8 for transmittal to RMPK Group.
- Once final draft report is prepared, it will be circulated internally for technical review with county government, the EDC, etc.
- RMPK Group agreed to translate the goals, objectives, and Policies of the Draft Master Plan into Spanish and Creole in simple language for ease of review by the Hispanic and Creole communities. The maps will remain in English.
- All Immokalee documents completed and future documents can be accessed on the RMPK Group web site and most will be available on the Collier County Web Site/Comprehensive Planning/CRA/Immokalee Restudy/Documents.

After further discussion the Advisory Board took action to accept the Draft report, provided all changes, additions, corrections, clarifications, Etc. are made by RMPK Group, upon motion by Denise Blanton and second by Bob Soter.

c. Implementation Strategies (Task 15) This item was not discussed and no action was taken.

G. New Business

1. CRA 2007-02: New Horizons Youth Services, Inc.; New Residential Program in Collier County-Collier Academy. This item was tabled for discussion during the December 20 regular meeting.

H. Citizen Comments

Bill Klohn of MDG Capital Group stated that the Essential Service Personnel Group of Collier County has selected his firm to construct 150 units of affordable workforce housing near the coast of Naples. He gave an update to the Arrowhead development in Immokalee which will place an additional 208 units of apartments into use in December and another 96-100 new single family detached into use. They want to

construct another 288 units of multiple family.

I. **Next Joint Meeting Date** (December 20 at 8:30am)

J. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

*The next joint IMPVC and Immokalee Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 20, at 8:30 a.m.

** The next IMPVC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 5:30 p.m has been **cancelled**.

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 Ekna Guevara, Planning Technician, at (239) 659-5749 for additional information. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact Ekna Guevara, Planning Technician at least 48 hours before the meeting. The public should be advised that members of the Immokalee Master Plan and Visioning Committee and the CRA Advisory Board are also members of other Boards and Committees, including but not limited to: EZDA/Community Redevelopment Advisory Board, Immokalee Fire Commission, and the Collier County Housing Authority, etc. In this regard, matters coming before the IMPVC and CRA Advisory Board may come before one or more of the referenced Boards and Committees from time to time.