



**DRAFT Meeting Minutes
International Drive Community
Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Committee
September 29, 2021**

Members Present: Marc Reicher – Chairman
Melanie Becker – Vice Chairman
Sam Butler – Tangelo Park Civic Association
Daniel Giordano – I-Drive Chamber of Commerce
Chadwick Hardee – At Large Representative

County Staff Present: Lucas Boyce – County Administrator’s Office
Carla Bell Johnson – County Administrator’s Office
Raymond Williams – Public Works Engineering Division
Renzo Nastasi – Transportation Planning Division
Mitchell Glasser – Housing and Community Development Division
Eric Ushkowitz – County Administrator’s Office
Alberto Vargas – Planning Division
Irma Connelly – Public Works Engineering Division

Others Present: Maria Triscari – I Drive Chamber of Commerce

Virtual Attendance: Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget
Frank Yokiell – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division
Lauren Torres - Public Works Traffic Engineering Division
Lavon Williams – Community Action Division
Colleen Lutz – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division
Ray Walls – Orange County Convention Center
David Ingram – Orange County Convention Center
Luann Brooks – I-Drive Business Improvement District

I. Call to Order

Chairman Marc Reicher called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Administrative Items

A motion was made by Mr. Daniel Giordano and seconded by Mr. Sam Butler to approve the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members present.

IV. Financial Overview

Mr. Jay Wallace reviewed the current financial status and projection sheet.

V. CIP Progress Report

Mr. Raymond Williams, Mr. Frank Yokiell and Mr. Renzo Nastasi presented project updates.

Kirkman Road Extension is from Universal Blvd to South Carrier Drive. Segments 1 and 2 are from Universal Blvd to the Southern Interchange Ramps with Sand Lake Rd and within the County jurisdiction. Segment 3 is from the Southern Interchange Ramps to Carrier Drive is within FDOT jurisdiction. Includes the reconfiguration of the Interchange. Construction began September 2021. Utility work is currently in progress. Final completion anticipated to be in Spring 2025.

Sand Lake Road (Apopka Vineland Road to Turkey Lake Road) design is underway. Includes a 10' wide shared use path on south side, continuous eastbound and westbound lanes for right turning vehicles between Rialto Dr and Dr. Phillips Blvd. A traffic signal warrant study at the Fountain and Plaza Venezia was done and a traffic signal was approved. Construction estimated to begin in 2022.

I-Drive Transit Lanes is from Destination Parkway to Sand Lake Road. Project will relieve Convention Center congestion, accommodates I-Ride Trolley and Charter Buses, connector to future Convention Center Circulator. Landscaping package is to be included to address impact. Currently in the process of updating plans, survey, subsurface utility engineering and re-establish easement documents. Construction estimated to begin in 2023 depending on easement donations. This is the first phase of the I-Drive Ultimate Transit Project.

Mr. Frank Yokiell gave update for Pedestrian Safety Enhancements. Hilton Las Palmeras/Universal Blvd and Perimeter Road traffic signals are under construction. Future traffic control – Lake Cay Place, Via Mercado, Tradeshow Road/Kirkman Road Extension.

Mr. Renzo Nastasi gave update for the I-Drive/Sand Lake Road Pedestrian Bridge Study which includes, public involvement/project advisory group, data collection, feasibility analysis, architectural renderings and Right-of-way evaluation. A project advisory group will be established. The rights of way costs are anticipated to be shared with the property owners and work in partnership. Staff will reach out to property owners. HHP and Avcon, Inc. have been selected as the consultants for project.

I-Drive Premium Transit Study incorporates the Transit Lane project. The Study limits are International Dr – Sea Harbor Dr to Sand Lake Rd, Via Mercado – International Dr to Universal Blvd, Destination Pkwy – International Dr to Tradeshow Blvd, Tradeshow Blvd – Destination Pkwy to Universal Blvd, Universal Blvd – Tradeshow Blvd to Sand Lake Rd. Results will incorporate the transit lanes on the Kirkman Road Extension project, Universal Blvd to Carrier Dr. Project is estimated to follow the completion of the Transit Lane project. A work shop was held with the local planning agency and Board of County Commissioners. A recommendation for initial route was made to be Destination Pkwy – International Dr to Tradeshow Blvd. Study is complete and

approved at the BBC Public Hearing on July 27, 2021. Funding was approved in the FY22 budget for project implementation.

Tradeshaw Blvd. is being done in coordination with the Kirkman Rd. extension. This project adds travel lanes, transit and freight capacity, supports convention center access for attendees and operational functions, connectivity with Kirkman Rd Extension and Epic Universe. A lane will be accommodated for trucks only to ease congestion. The study was approved at the BCC Public Hearing on July 27, 2021. A request for proposal (RFP) for Design was advertised September, 3, 2021.

I-4/Sand Lake Road is a new interchange that FDOT will be undertaking. We are taking the opportunity to partner with FDOT to enhance the interchange as a gateway feature. Conceptual plans are completed. Construction/letting is estimated to start 2022. This project will require a maintenance agreement with FDOT, draft funding/maintenance agreement is estimated to be discussed in 2024. Local maintenance responsibilities to be discussed.

I-4/Daryl Carter Pkwy Interchange from Osceola Pkwy to Central Florida Pkwy (Seg.1B). This is part of the Beyond the Ultimate Project. Right-of-Way acquisition is underway. Construction is estimated to start 2023.

VI. Fiscal FY22 Budget Update

Ms. Carla Johnson reviewed the budget approval process as follows;

- July 9, 2021 – I-Drive CRA Advisory Committee Work Session
- July 15, 2021 – BCC Budget Work Session
- August 11, 2021 – I-Drive CRA Advisory Committee Public Workshop
- August 24, 2021 – BCC I-Drive CRA Budget Resolution
- September 9, 2021 – BCC Budget Public Hearing #1
- September 23, 2021 – BCC Budget Public Hearing #2

The Redevelopment Plan Update includes use of the CRA revenue to five key investment areas: Transportation, Affordable & Attainable Housing, Economic Development, Community, Cultural and Institutional Programs, and Beautification and Aesthetics.

Approved FY21-22 Budget totals \$15,406,665 and is broken down into the five key investment areas as follows;

- Transportation - \$11,391,543
- Affordable and Attainable Housing - \$1,475,000
- Economic Development - \$1,150,000
- Community, Cultural and Institutional Programs - \$450,000
- Beautifications and Aesthetics - \$940,122

Staff provided an update of each key area as follows;

TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Renzo Nastasi covered Transportation projects that include regional transit connectivity, intersection improvements, Kirkman Road Extension, International Drive Transit Lanes, International Drive Transit Study, Tangelo Park Pedestrian/Traffic Calming, Destination Parkway, Pedestrian Enhancements, Tradeshow Boulevard, International Drive Signal Communications, International Drive Adaptive Signal Systems. The County will be moving forward with these projects. Total approved Budget for FY21-22 for the Transportation area is \$11,391,543.

Mr. Marc Reicher inquired of an update of a potential scope for a ridership study recommended by members with the FY21-22 Budget. Mr. Nastasi informed the committee that there are some basics that need to be in place before a ridership study takes place. For example, at the very least an alignment is needed, general station locations, social economic data collection, and type of technology that will be used. BCC approval is needed to move forward.

AFFORDABLE & ATTAINABLE HOUSING: Mr. Mitchell Glasser covered programs that include Tangelo Park Housing for all - Housing Repair, Accessory Dwelling Unit and Housing Infill opportunities for the Tangelo Park Community.

There will be a focus on the Housing Repair Program, approved budget for FY21-22 is \$850,000. Staff has reached out to the community, engaged in conversation with Mr. Butler, The Civic Association, and the Baptist Church. Direct mail will also be used to reach out and keep the community informed. A draft flyer was distributed to members present advertising the Home Repair Program. Total approved budget for FY21-22 for Affordable and Attainable Housing is \$1,475,000.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Ushkowitz covered programs that include tourism/hospitality employee training, economic diversification, other programs/projects will be defined based upon upcoming outreach efforts. This area will focus on training facilities, English As A Second Language Courses and providing Child Care. Target date is January 2022. Total approved budget for Economic Development for FY21-22 is \$1,150,000.00.

COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS: Ms. Lavon Williams covered the Tangelo Park Community Center Project. CRA funds will be used for capital improvements. This project will look at the existing County owned facility, replacement of administration building, renovation of gymnasium, replacement of pool and maintenance of the adjacent golf training facility. A kick off pre-design meeting was held. Staff will survey the community to better understand the needs and expectations for the community center. A communication flyer will be created. Modularity will be placed on property as part of the first phase. Estimated time is October-November 2021. The Community Action Division along with the Parks and Recreation Division will be funding the services, programs and resources separately. Total approved budget for Community, Cultural and Institutional Programs for FY21-22 is \$450,000.

BEAUTIFICATION AND AESTHETICS: Mr. Alberto Vargas covered projects that include Tangelo Park neighborhood beautification. The focus will be on neighborhood

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entrance markers, landscaping, street trees, crosswalks, lighting, and sidewalks. Budget for Beautification and Aesthetics for FY21-22 is \$100,000.

Planning process includes initial meetings with community representatives, community surveys and needs assessments, and implementation committee meetings.

Estimated implementation timeline is as follow;

- Project Initiation – November 2021
- Preliminary Planning & Outreach – November 2021-December 2021
- Community Outreach Meetings – December 2021-February 2022
- Recommendations – February 2022
- Documentation – February-March 2022
- Implementation – March-April 2022

The International Drive way finding and signage master plan will look at the International Drive 2040 vision wayfinding recommendation and districtwide directional signage. In Phase 1, 66 signs have been identified for improvements. Approved budget for FY21-22 for the Signage and Wayfinding Program is \$840,122.

Estimated Phase 1 timeline is as follows;

- Design & Construction Plans – August 2021
- Phase 1 Identification – August-September 2021
- Placement Coordination – September 2021-February 2022
- Content and Directional Analysis – November 2021-March 2022
- RFP, Fabrication & Installation – March 2022-May 2022

Design specifications are completed for Phase 1. Ongoing coordination with Utilities and Public Works with planned CIP projects. Total approved budget for Beautification and Aesthetics for FY21-22 is \$940,122.

VII. Other Business

No Other Business.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Marc Reicher adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.