

Eloise Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center
(formerly known as Eloise Resource Center)
710 Snively Avenue
Eloise, FL 33880

Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER –Committee Chair, Minerva Gil, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., welcoming all attendees.

Attendance:

Advisory Committee Members present:

- Minerva Gil
- Lee Castillo
- Martha Paul
- Eugenia Barton

Polk County BoCC Staff present:

- Alain Nuñez, CRA Manager
- Cameron Ramsey, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Natural Resources
- Elizabeth Voss, Deputy County Attorney
- Kimberly Gonzalez, Code Investigator, Code Enforcement
- Amy Hernandez, Investigator Supervisor, Code Enforcement
- Christian Valentin, Secretary, Code Enforcement
- Deputy Ricardo Morales, Polk County Sheriff's Office

No. 1 on Agenda: Welcome to Stakeholders

Alain Nuñez, CRA Manager, welcomed stakeholders.

No. 2 on Agenda: Approval of March 8, 2021 Minutes

Committee Member, Eugenia Barton, made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Eloise CRA Advisory Committee meeting minutes, with a second from Martha Paul. All approved.

No. 3 on Agenda: Approval of June 7, 2021 Minutes

Committee Member, Martha Paul, made a motion to approve the June 7, 2021 Eloise CRA Advisory Committee meeting minutes, with a second from Eugenia Barton. All approved.

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No. 4 on Agenda: Old Business

- Update: Information Requested for Possible Projects
 - Restoration of restrooms on park grounds
Alain shared with the Advisory Committee that research and communications with the Parks Division had taken place. Snively Brooks Park is owned by the Polk County School District. Parks Division staff was scheduled to meet with School District staff to see if project is viable. Alain provided a high-level estimate for the costs of the restroom restoration. More detailed estimates will be presented at the next meeting.
 - Soccer Field
Alain shared with the Advisory Committee that research and communications with the Parks Division had taken place. Snively Brooks Park is owned by the Polk County School District. Parks Division staff was scheduled to meet with School District staff to see if project is viable. Alain provided a high-level estimate for the costs of the soccer field installation. More detailed estimates will be presented at the next meeting.

Advisory Committee members gave Alain direction to research if additional projects could be included in Snively Brooks Park. Those possible projects included:

- Enhancing / Refurbishing the walking / exercise trail and exercise stations along the trail.
- Restoration of the Softball Fields.
- Installing a Volleyball Court.
- Repaving the Basketball Court.

Alain will contact Parks Division and bring information at the next Advisory Committee Meeting.

No. 5 on Agenda: New Business

- **Financial Report**
Alain updated the Committee on the year-to-date expenditures made during fiscal year 2020-2021 and informed them of the current fund balance.
- **Vacancy on Advisory Committee Board**
The vacancy on the Advisory Committee Board was addressed. Ms. Diane Rosebrough, Principal of Snively Elementary, was in attendance and expressed her interest to join the Advisory Committee. Alain mentioned to Ms. Rosebrough to meet him after the meeting to explain the process for joining the Advisory Committee, and that appointment would need to be brought before the Board of County Commissioners.
- **End of Term, Minerva Gil**
Ms. Minerva Gil expressed her interest in continuing to serve on the Advisory Committee. Alain mentioned he will submit appointment request to the Board of County Commissioners.
- **Central Florida Development Council (CFDC)**
Mr. Javier Marin, Senior Director CFDC, gave a brief presentation to the Advisory Committee and audience in attendance showcasing the services the CFDC provides to the County, and discussion ensued between Advisory Committee Members regarding the future vision for the Eloise CRA and what role the CFDC could play in assisting. Ms. Brandi Hernandez with Career Source Polk was in attendance and also gave a brief presentation of the services the organization provides, and how Career Source Polk can help in assisting the Eloise CRA's Advisory Committee vision.

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No. 6 on Agenda: Program and Project Status

There are no current ongoing programs or projects to discuss.

No. 7 on Agenda: Requests from the General Public and Opportunity to be Heard

Deputies Morales gave an update on recent law enforcement matters within Eloise.

Additional community related discussion ensued.

A community member asked Alain to investigate the transactional funds that took place for a project that took place within the CRA in either 2009 or 2010. Detailed information was not provided. Alain mentioned he will research in the files and attempt to present the information, if any, he could find during the next meeting.

No. 8 on Agenda: Set date for next Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee set the next CRA Advisory Committee meeting to Monday, December 6, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. at the Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.