

# 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, December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Eugenia Barton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., welcoming all attendees.

**Attendance:**

Advisory Committee Members present:

- Lee Castillo
- Martha Paul
- Eugenia Barton

Polk County BoCC Staff present:

- Alain Nuñez, CRA Manager
- Boris Rodriquez, Recreation Coordinator, Parks & Natural Resources
- Elizabeth Voss, Deputy County Attorney
- Deputy Ricardo Morales, Polk County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Jordan Owens, Polk County Sheriff's Office

**No. 1 on Agenda: Welcome to Stakeholders**

Alain Nuñez, CRA Manager, welcomed stakeholders.

**No. 2 on Agenda: Welcome New CRA Advisory Committee Member(s)**

Alain notified those present that during the October 5, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners re-appointed Minerva Gil to the CRA Advisory Committee for the term beginning July 11, 2021 through July 10, 2024, and appointed Diane Rosebrough to the CRA Advisory Committee for the term beginning December 6, 2021 to December 5, 2024.

**No. 3 on Agenda: Approval of August 30, 2021 Minutes**

Committee Member Eugenia Barton made a motion to approve the August 30, 2021 Eloise CRA Advisory Committee meeting minutes, with a second from Martha Paul. All approved. Motion passed.

**No. 4 on Agenda: Appoint CRA Advisory Committee Chairperson**

Committee Member Eugenia Barton nominated Lee Castillo to serve as the CRA Advisory Committee Member Chair from December 6, 2021 through December 5, 2022, with a second from Eugenia Barton. All approved. Motion passed.

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## No. 5 on Agenda: Old Business

- Update: Information Requested for Possible Projects at Snively Brooks Park
  - Restoration of restrooms on park grounds
  - Soccer field installation

Alain presented to the Advisory Board that Parks Division staff had communicated with the School District regarding the interest of doing refurbishment projects at the park, and that the School District was amenable to the projects. Alain went on to present three quotes. The first was for \$ 12,427 for the cost of refurbishing the restrooms. The second and third quotes were for the cost of installing the soccer field. One was for \$ 150,000 for a soccer field with bermuda turf, irrigation, and a well for the irrigation. The other was for \$ 80,000 for a soccer field with bahia sod with no irrigation. The latter was the recommendation of Parks' staff since this will be a recreational field for the community and that there are regulation fields in nearby Wahnetta Park.

Eugenia Barton made a motion to approve and recommend the restoration of the restrooms for the amount of the provided quote of \$ 12,427, with a second from Martha Paul. All approved. Motion passed.

Eugenia Barton made a motion to approve and recommend the installation of the soccer field with no irrigation and bahia sod for the amount of the provided quote of \$ 80,000, with a second from Martha Paul. All approved. Motion passed.

Alain went on to explain the next steps in the process for these two projects. He explained that existing agreements with the School District will be reviewed by staff to see if a new agreement would be necessary, or if the projects could take place under the current agreements. He also explained that an agreement will likely need to be done between the Parks Division and the Eloise CRA Board regarding reimbursement of funding for the projects.

- Re-paving of Walking Path
- Replacement of walking path exercise equipment

Alain explained that the projects involving the walking path were still waiting for finalized quotes before they can be presented.

- Volleyball Court

Alain brought back a question from the Parks Division regarding the type of volleyball court the Advisory Committee was interested in pursuing. The Parks Division needed to know whether the court would be sand or paved. The committee members discussed and decided it should be a sand court.

## No. 6 on Agenda: New Business

There was no new business discussed.

## No. 7 on Agenda: Program and Project Status

There are no current ongoing programs or projects to discuss.

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**No. 8 on Agenda: Requests from the General Public and Opportunity to be Heard**

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

Additional community related discussion ensued.

**No. 9 on Agenda: Set date for next Advisory Committee Meeting**

Committee set the next CRA Advisory Committee meeting to Monday, March 7, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.