

Eloise Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center
710 Snively Avenue
Eloise, FL 33880

Monday, June 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Lee Castillo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Attendance:

Advisory Committee Members Present:

- Lee Castillo, Chairperson
- Eugenia Barton
- Martha Paul
- Diane Rosebrough
- Minerva Gil

Polk County BoCC Staff Present:

- Delia Jouppi
- Kelsey Dukesherer
- Elizabeth Voss
- Boris Rodriguez
- Christia Johnson

Polk County Sheriff's Office Staff

- Deputy Jordan Owens

Public:

- Robert Castillo

No. 1 on Agenda: Welcome to Stakeholders

Committee introduced their selves, Delia Jouppi, CRA Manager, welcomed stakeholders and introduced newly appointed CRA Assistant Manager, Kelsey Dukesherer

No. 2 on Agenda: Requests from the General Public and opportunity to be heard

No one had anything to address.

No. 3 on Agenda: Approval of March 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Lee Castillo Made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Minerva Gil

No. 4 on Agenda: Old Business

Snively Brooks Park Restoration Projects went through the Polk County agenda process on May 3, 2022 and was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the Eloise CRA Board. Parks and Natural Resources is handling the project.

Delia let the board know the Park was approved through the BOCC Board. They asked if the work was to be done during the summer, we said yes. Christia Johnson let them know that it would be problematic if it was not done during this summer.

No. 5 on Agenda: New Business

Review list of other local CRA projects for ideas on new projects that Kelsey Dukesherer put together. Went over what other City CRAs are doing to come up with ideas. We looked at affordable housing, but Elizabeth Voss said it is not in the Eloise CRA Plan. The board talked about changing the plan, but we had just done that in 2018. Let the board know if they came up with anything just e-mail us and we will investigate it.

Had an open discussion about projects

Board Member brought up that they had metal trash cans down the road, that way people could throw the trash away. And someone would come pick up them up and dump them.

Brought up 8th and 9th Street being blocked by school buses. That something must happen to the school buses blocking the traffic. Diane Rosebrough explained how the school releases the students and the problem only is for about 15 minutes. They brought up there is an empty lot, why cannot the school buses use that. Deputy Jordan Owens explained that buses can not pull onto any dirt or grass because they can sink.

Would like to know if the CRA can buy the lot and pave it for the buses? Elizabeth would have to investigate it. The school uses it now for parents to park in, there are only 5 parking spots in front of the school. The staff park in the back. Car riders go out back, walkers go out the side door and the bus riders go out the front door.

Lee Brought up the left turning lane into Highway 17, the turning lane ends up blocking the main lane that goes straight.

Wanted us to research repainting of the road and additional signage about the road merging, also the turning lane, also, the business façade project.

Look into the WIFI Big Belly Trash Can and the metal trash can.
Brought up sidewalks that another CRA did.

No 6 on Agenda: Financial Report

Had to excuse not having it ready. Informed the board of a major project that just got finished up at 4:30pm. Will have to e-mail it to them.

No 7 on Agenda: Set dates for the next two Advisory Committee Meetings

Committee set the next CRA Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center

Committee set the last meeting of the year - CRA Meeting Monday, December 5, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at the Johnny and Freda Brooks Resource Center

Delia brought up, that Alain and she were talking about new pictures for the website. The park might be a good time for new pictures to show what the CRA has done.

Diane brought up to Deputy Owens about the Sheriff's office not informing the community and the school about the fugitive.

Boris brought up Summer Program starts June 6.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.